

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 2020



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(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

Parish Sunday Mass times will be at 6.00pm (Saturday), and on Sunday at 8.00, 10.00 and 12.00. **Weekday Mass continues to fulfil the Sunday obligation.**

UPDATE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE.

The following directives regarding the pandemic restrictions have been issued.

Communion to the Sick: from Friday, 25th September 2020, home visits are no longer permitted, so Holy Communion is not allowed except in the case of the last Sacraments.

The following limits will take effect on **Monday, 28th September:**

Baptisms: 6 people can only be present (the rule of 6 applies.)

Weddings: 15 people can only be present in the Church.

Funerals: The number remains at 30 (although a vigil service is limited to 6 people). For this reason, prayers cannot be offered in the home of the deceased the evening prior to a funeral if more than six people are present.

Parish guideline: Funeral Masses in Church [with a maximum of 30 people] and Services at the Crematorium or by the graveside will be scheduled in the afternoon.

The QR TEST and TRACE Barcode has been posted in the Church. You will need to download the latest Covid-19 App. Please scan it as you enter the Church. If you do not possess a smartphone, please give your contact details to the steward on duty. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

MARRIAGES IN 2021: To be on the safe side, marriages in 2021 will take place after Easter week (from 12th April). If you are planning on getting married or have a wedding to be rescheduled please contact Fr. Kevin to confirm the date. The usual policy applies – one wedding per day.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI on October 4th is a solemnity for the friars and will be celebrated next Sunday. The tradition of blessing animals on this day will take place at a later date when it is safe to do so.

FR. DAVID continues to make good progress following his recent hospitalisation. He is unable to attend Church on Sunday mornings due to the current restrictions. As soon as is possible, Fr. David he will be back for the *meet and greet*. Grateful thanks for your prayers.

FR. VINCENT is keeping well and takes care of the nutritional needs of the community as well as chauffeuring the friars to their medical appointments. He has responsibility for planning the Mass Intentions. We are especially grateful as your Mass offering helps with the daily upkeep of each friar. If you wish to have a Mass offered, please place an offering in an envelope with the intention written clearly on the envelope. Please include a first and second choice date for the Mass and a phone number in case either date is unavailable. Address the envelope for the attention of Fr. Vincent. He tries to schedule Mass as close to the date requested.

FR. KEVIN: Well, what can be conveyed.....his leg hasn't fallen off just yet [how disappointing for many to read this]!! As for the jogging around Sefton Park in lycra [well that's still an unpleasant sight to behold]. The friars very much appreciate the observations made regarding his recovery especially the comments from retired medical personnel in the parish. An active doctor who recently called into the friary took Fr. K's blood pressure and found it has reduced considerably since June. The doctor was also very happy to hear that the retired nurses are keeping Fr. K on his toes (or leg). and the doctor *only* called in for a certificate!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited faith leaders to join him in Assisi for a day of prayer and as a mark of respect to other faiths it has become a tradition continued by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. On October 3rd 2020, Pope Francis will visit our friary (the Sacred Convent) in Assisi. The service is likely to be broadcast on CTV, Vatican Television Service due to Covid-19 restrictions. It can also be followed online on the *Vatican YouTube channel* from 1.50pm (GMT). The Holy Father will arrive Assisi at 2.00pm. A private Mass will be celebrated after which he will sign the encyclical "*Fratelli tutti*" (continued below)....

VENERABLE CARLO ACUTIS: 3rd May 1991 - 12th October 2006 [aged 15] will be beatified in Assisi next Saturday 10th October. The new Blessed will be a model for young people. We ask his intercession to bring an end to these tragic and most challenging times. {Extended article on Carlo Acutis next weekend}.

WELCOME into the parish community Orla Weir who was baptised this weekend.

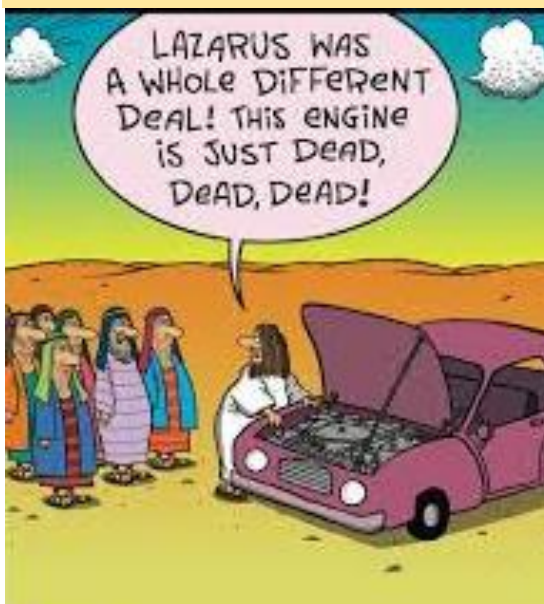
Please remember in prayer the children who will be baptised in the coming weeks.

New Church Mass times: September 2020

26. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Bernard Bowen
27. Sunday	8.00 am.	Catherine Rawlinson
	10.00 am.	Thanksgiving to St Gerald
	12.00 noon.	Parishioners
28. Monday	12.00 noon	Successful cancer treatment
29. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Joe Thompson rip (BR)
30. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Peter Roughley rip
01. Thursday	12.00 noon	Elizabeth Bate rip
02. Friday	12.00 noon	Ronnie McGhee rip (LD)
03. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Recovery from illness
04. Sunday	8.00 am.	The Friars (Feast day – St Francis of Assisi)
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Derek Garland rip (LD)

Masses Received. Ronnie McGhee rip (LD), Derek Garland rip (LD), Joe Thompson rip (BR), Recovery from illness, Mona & Lawrence Cooper rip, Hughes Family (deceased), Eileen Lemon's Intentions.

Church Humour:



Sunday 27th September 2020

St Vincent de Paul

He was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity.

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

St Michael; He is mentioned in the Apocalypse as the leader of the heavenly host. He is a patron of soldiers.

St Gabriel; He appears in the book of Daniel to explain some of the prophet's visions, and was also the bearer of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St Raphael; In the Book of Tobit, he is the angel who heals Tobit of his blindness. His name means *God heals*.

Sunday Thought for the day;

"Make your own the mind of Christ Jesus."

One Sunday morning a young mother skilfully managed to steer her brood through the organised chaos of breakfast, washing and dressing. The transfer from house to car took even more determination, but eventually in the face of opposition from the smallest member of the household, she got the family to Mass in one piece. As usual, her face reddened on entry into the pew.

"Why did they always have to be the family that arrived late despite all her good intentions?" On leaving the church she got chatting to an older couple who were selling raffle tickets for the church repairs. They casually suggested that she might like to impress upon her children the importance of the day by arriving that little bit earlier. Perhaps even saying a prayer with them in the car ensuring that the little darlings enter the church with the appropriate reverence.

Managing to bite her tongue she quickly left and vowed never to return to that particular church of old fogies who clearly were out to make life difficult for her and would not accept her children. It was obviously family unfriendly, and anyway, when was the last time they dealt with three of these little terrors? Yet as the week wore on she began to reflect on why she made such great efforts. The answer was that she needed Jesus in her life. She thanked him for the gift of faith, a gift she wanted to pass on to her children.

Some of the congregation might get on her nerves now and again but that should not stop her from coming to the Lord's table. Arriving late the next Sunday she felt embarrassed. Yet somehow that familiar feeling reminded her that she was back in God's house and among friends.

The philosopher Socrates once said that a life not reflected on is no life at all. In today's gospel, Jesus is asking us to reflect on our lives and see if we have been trying to build up his kingdom. We will know this by the lack of conceit among us. We walk in his kingdom when our actions lead others to believe that living in love is possible.

The author of the letter to the Philippians lets us know what the kingdom might look like. In a normal grouping of people there will always be personality clashes, petty rivalries and a certain degree of ambition. The task of any Christian community is to gradually overcome those initial differences, building up trust by the love we share among us. If we rely on our own resources this will be impossible.

Any progress we make in virtue will not be of our own making but is gained for us by the cross of Christ. The proper attitude then is not one of pride but one of gratitude and humility.

Jesus welcomes sinners into his kingdom, saving his condemnation for the Pharisees in their hardness of heart. They are too stubborn to see that they are being called to conversion. In their arrogance they believe they have the fullness of the truth and have no need of any new prophets, or messiahs for that matter. But to those who know their need for forgiveness, those who have

fallen but are trying to turn their lives around, Jesus offers the possibility of redemption from past mistakes.

We all spend much of our lives looking after those who have been given to us, our spouses, and our children. It is through this self-giving that we follow the example of Jesus. We come together in the Eucharist, to share our faith, and to draw strength from God and each other. Of course, it can sometimes be difficult to admit that we are in need of help. But by reflecting on our lives we could all say, like the young mother in our story, that we need the strength of Jesus.

She came to understand that her initial feelings may not have been the right ones and was open enough to change her mind. Is there anything in our lives that needs to change if we are to be faithful to the example of Christ?

We often fail each other and fail ourselves in word and deed. But we can take courage from the message of Jesus that the first in the kingdom are those we might consider the least. It is never too late. Saint Augustine, who spent many years far from Christ, finally admitted his need for forgiveness.

He later penned the words: "Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new." No one is beyond the power of Jesus and his redeeming love. He proves that love by pouring his life out for us on a cross.

Bidding Prayers

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Loving Father, you love us regardless of our ups and downs in listening to you and obeying your Will. Confident of your immeasurable love, we bring our prayers before you.

1. Let us pray that Pope Francis and all religious leaders will themselves find the personal health and support that they need as they work to inspire hope and joy in people who are finding life a struggle at this present time.
2. Let us pray that governments across the world will listen to each other and cooperate in the global search for solutions to the problems caused by Covid-19.
3. Let us pray that people will find security and hope in the days ahead in spite of their job insecurity and financial difficulties as a result of the coronavirus.
4. Let us pray for people who are sick, isolated and perhaps vulnerable and for the frontline carers who support them that they will find reasons to laugh in spite of their challenges.
5. Let us pray for students, teachers and parents for whom the start of the new academic year is also a time of anxiety, that they will experience the hope and encouragement that they need in their journey towards the future.
6. Let us pray for all those who are working to nurture respect and care for the environment will succeed in building peace in our beautiful but often broken world.

7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Edmund O’Gormon, Fr. Thomas Grassman, Fr. Fritz O’Kelly, Fr. Bonaventure Sceberras, Fr. Gebhard Braungart, Mary Smallwood, Anne Hughes, Sue Hunt, Patrick Walsh, Margaret Mary Daly, Martin O’Brien, Josie O’Gorman, Lionel Mooney, Peter Maher, Stella Visser O’Brien, David Hamilton and Allan Minney. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

8. We pray for a moment for our own personal petitions.

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us in everything that we say, think and do. Amen.

Prayer during the Coronavirus crisis.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbors. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.

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From the Vatican News Service

“*Fratelli tutti*”: Pope Francis will sign a new encyclical after Mass celebrated in the Basilica of St. Francis on 3rd October 2020. The ceremony will take place without the faithful present, in respect of the current health situation.

In a statement released on Saturday, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, said the encyclical is entitled *Fratelli tutti* on **fraternity and social friendship**. The title, whose official English-language version has not yet been released, is a reference to the writings of St. Francis: “Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save His sheep bore the suffering of the Cross” (*Admonitions, 6, 1: FF155*).

The Holy Father will arrive in Assisi in the afternoon of October 3rd (3.00pm Italian time – 2.00pm GMT) where he will celebrate Holy Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis, which will be followed by the signing of the encyclical. The visit will take place in private, without the participation of the faithful. (These occasions are usually broadcast on the Vatican YouTube channel).

Assisi Waiting with Gratitude

In a statement, the Bishop of Assisi, Mgr. Domenico Sorrentino, said the town awaits the Pope’s visit with “emotion and gratitude”. He went on to say, “While the world is suffering a pandemic that makes so many people’s lives difficult, and makes us feel for brothers and sisters in pain, we cannot but feel the need to become above all brothers and sisters in love.”

“This gesture of Pope Francis,” concluded the Bishop, “gives us new courage and strength to ‘restart’ in the name of the fraternity that unites us all.”

Central to Magisterium

The title of the Pope’s new encyclical recalls a central theme of his magisterium. On the evening of his election to the papacy on 13th March 2013, Pope Francis first greeted the world with the words *fratelli e sorelle* – “brothers and sisters”. The theme of fraternity is also present in his constant embrace of migrants, epitomized in his pastoral visit to Lampedusa.

His signing of the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi in 2019 marks one more example of Pope Francis' dedication to promoting fraternal love.

Children’s worksheet – next page



My name is _____

I WILL HELP!

Which son?

Which is the **FIRST** son and which is the **SECOND**? What did each son say?

Which son actually did what his father wanted?
 The _____ son

Jesus tells the story of a man who had two sons. He asks each son to work in the vineyard for the day. The first son says, "NO, I will not go" but then decides he will go and help. The second son says, "YES, I will go" but then doesn't. Actions, not words are what matter.

Spot the difference

Teagan's mum asked her to tidy her bedroom. At first she said "Yes" but did not do it. Later, after thinking better of it, she tidied up.

Can you spot ten differences?



Grape message

There are five bunches of grapes hidden around the sheet. Each bunch has a word on it. Put the words in the right order to find an important message.

I will help

Although he said he wouldn't help, the first son has changed his mind. Help the son do what his father asked and go to work in the vineyard.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to say "yes" and mean it when people ask for help. Help me to put my words into action. Amen.

Answers: Second Son said "Yes". First Son said "No" but did what his father wanted. Spot the difference: sock, book, bricks on floor, bed crumpled, pillow, Teagan, picture, curtain, shirt and hanger, wardrobe door, Grape message: Say yes and help people.