

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August 2020



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**200 CLUB:** Renewal date for subscription to the 200 Club is September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Subscriptions can be posted through the friary letterbox.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES** from the 6<sup>th</sup> September will be at 9.30am and 11.00.

There will be no weekday Mass in Church next week from the **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Baptisms this weekend:** Ralphie Glover and Poppy May.

**First Communion Masses** will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am, 1.45pm and 4pm; and on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 and 2.00pm. Help will be required to sanitise the Church after each First Communion Mass. If anyone is free to volunteer, please contact Fr. Kevin on 724-2109. Young volunteers are very welcome.

**Children's Liturgy:** for the safety of the children, *Little Church* is postponed until further notice. The children are still encouraged to attend the children's 9.30am Mass. The Look worksheet will be published from next week.

**Confessions** will be available in St. Anthony's Chapel on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request at the friary; please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

**Pastoral Associate Update:** As we enjoy the final bank holiday of the year perhaps we also have an opportunity to reflect on the months we have spent in this peculiar time of lock down. Some of us may have spent more time in our gardens or taken time to enjoy the outdoors, reconnecting with the natural world around us. Tuesday 1 September is the Day of Special Prayer for Creation, and now more than ever, it is a chance for each of us to reevaluate our individual relationship with our environment locally and globally. It is many people doing small things that will make a big change. A selection of Creation Time resources are on the website including a copy of Pope Francis' encyclical: *Laudato Si. "The earth is our environment to protect and the garden to tend to"* Pope Francis. God Bless, Helen. (Pastoral Associate, Liverpool South Pastoral Area).

**CENSUS FORMS** are available at the back of Church. It is the only way we can keep a record of parishioners since cold calling is no longer a viable option.

## Church Masses:

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| 30. Sunday    | 9.30 am.   | Beryl Colette Messenger rip  |                                   |
|               | 11.00 am.  | Loretta Jones rip.           |                                   |
|               | 6.00 pm.   | Parishioners                 |                                   |
| 31. Monday    | 12.00 noon | Successful cancer treatment  |                                   |
| 01. Tuesday   | 12.00 noon | Sr Theresa rip               |                                   |
| 02. Wednesday | 12.00 noon | No Parish Mass Today         | Thanksgiving -St Anthony (Friary) |
| 03. Thursday  | 12.00 noon | No Parish Mass Today         | John Joseph Leonard (BR-Friary)   |
| 04. Friday    | 12.00 noon | No Parish Mass Today         | Thanksgiving (M) Friary           |
| 05. Saturday  |            | No Parish Mass               |                                   |
| 06. Sunday    | 9.30 am.   | David Wilson (Good recovery) |                                   |
|               | 11.00 am.  | Parishioners                 |                                   |

**Masses Received.** Fr John Ealey (Birthday), David Wilson (Good recovery), Mariamma rip, Sr Theresa rip, Successful cancer treatment, Rev Fr James Higham rip, Joseph Edwards rip (LD).

## Church Humour:



Another "Ar Ay"

## Saint of the week: St Edmund Arrowsmith (1585-1628)

He was born at Haydock in Lancashire. His father was a yeoman farmer and his mother was a member of an important Lancashire Catholic family. At the age of 20 he left England and went to the English College at Douai to study for the priesthood.

He was ordained in Arras on 9 December 1612 and sent on the English mission a year later. He ministered to the Catholics of Lancashire without incident until around 1622, when he was arrested and questioned by the Anglican Bishop of Chester. Edmund was released when King James I of England ordered all arrested priests to be freed. He joined the Jesuits in 1624.

In the summer of 1628, he was denounced to the authorities. He was put on trial and sentenced to death for being a Roman Catholic priest in England. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Lancaster on 28 August 1628. His final confession was heard by Saint John Southworth, who was imprisoned along with Edmund.

## Thought for the day; "The way you think is not God's way." (Matt 16:23)

A teacher is talking to a class of children. "Look around you," she says. "See how many things you can see in the classroom that are coloured red." For a minute or two, the children look around intently, trying to find as many red objects as they can.

"OK," says the teacher, "now tell me what you have noticed." Straight away the answers come flooding out: books on the shelves; the red marker pen on the teacher's desk; the fire alarm bell; Jo's sweater. Each of the children is keen to find something new.

After a few minutes, the list seems to be exhausted. "Now", says the teacher, "I want you to close your eyes." The children do so, waiting for their memories to be tested. There is a pause. "Now", says the teacher, "keep your eyes closed. And tell me the things that are coloured green." This time there is silence. The children have been concentrating so much on things that are red that it's hard to think of anything different.

Last Sunday, we heard how Peter finally recognised Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God". At last the longed-for Messiah had come. The Jewish people had been waiting for centuries for the Lord's anointed to come and deliver them. The popular expectation was that he would be a great political leader, who would subdue the enemies of Israel and guide the nation to an era of peace and prosperity. Jesus' response to Peter's insight was to call him blessed, to call him the "rock", and to talk about the keys of the kingdom.

We can only imagine how Peter must have felt. The Messiah's kingdom was coming, and he, Peter, the fisherman, was to have an important role in it. What would this mean? His mind must have been filled with many things as he contemplated the future in the light of this revelation.

But the Jewish people, especially the religious leaders, failed to recognise Jesus as the Christ. He was not the Messiah they were looking for. Their expectations were filled with the image of the political leader, the royal figure of power and might. They thought they knew what the Messiah would be like; and they couldn't see him in this poor son of a carpenter from Nazareth.

In a sense Peter fell into the same trap. He could accept Jesus as the Christ. But once he had done so, his mind was filled with all the usual preconceptions of what the Messiah would be like, what he would do, how he would be the powerful leader of Israel. And so, when Jesus began to speak about the need for him to suffer and to die, it simply did not fit in with the way Peter was thinking. The popular image of the Messiah had filled his mind, and he found it impossible to think of him in a different way. Jesus had to begin to teach his disciples a new way of looking at things. It would take Peter a long time to realise the truth of his teaching.

As we live in the world today, our minds are filled with many things. As we grow and develop in faith, some of our attitudes and perceptions can change. But it's still true that many of our views are swayed by the prevailing beliefs of the society in which we live. And so we tend to see happiness and fulfilment in terms of material success, wealth, and worldly status or influence. It's hard to accept that there is another way.

This is a truth that Paul recognises. He calls us to use our minds, our intellects, to live as "thinking beings". But he teaches us too not to be conformed to the world around us, not to be bound and restricted by the world's thinking. We are to allow the gospel to free our minds to "discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do".

Jesus had to show his disciples that the way of God is different from the way of the world. The Christ, the chosen one of God, would face suffering and death as he followed God's way. It may be hard at times for us to see that the way of the cross is the better way. But if we want to follow Christ, we have to be willing to walk that way.

Lord God, every day of our lives is an invitation to follow you in all of the ups and downs, joys and sorrows which we are likely to meet on our journey. We come before you with our prayers, knowing that you love us more than we can possibly imagine.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he challenges us to a more compassionate lifestyle, that his words will not fall on closed hearts and will find a generous response.
2. We pray for governments engaged in making major decisions which will affect the lives of those whom they are called to serve, that their decisions will be guided by wisdom and justice.
3. We pray for the people of California as they battle devastating wildfires, that emergency workers might be kept safe and that those whose lives have been turned upside-down by the fires will find the support and courage that they need at this time.
4. We pray for the people of Belarus in their search for freedom and democracy that their quest will be without bloodshed and violence.
5. We pray for children returning to school, for their teachers and families, that they will be safe from infection, that the new academic year will be one of hope and joy and that those who need specialised care and attention will find it.
6. We pray for young people who are preparing for further education or who will be joining the workforce that their new paths might be joy-filled and supported by wise mentors.
7. We pray for all those who are facing unemployment or job insecurity, that they will find positive solutions to their difficulties
8. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Margaret Ann Ennis, Joseph Edwards and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Donald O'Meara, Fr Bede Chaberski, Murad Ghorbal, Mary Teresa Green, George Fitzgibbon, Loretta Jones, June Foyle, Esene Longworth, Tom Middleborough, Patricia Hughes, Moya Jones, Bernadette Bell, Winifred Clarkson, Bert Sutherland, Brian Finnigan, Debra Pinna, Peggy Duffy and Paulino Lopez. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
9. Let us pray for a moment for our own personal petitions.

Loving Lord, hear our prayers which we make in the name of your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who live and reign with you now and forever. Amen.

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## **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 neighbours. We pray especially for 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.