

# St. Anthony of Padua

## Parish Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2020



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**Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday:** 9.30am – 11.30am  
(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr. Emanuele Gatt OFM Conv. (Malta), Fr. Roger Camilleri OFM Conv. (Malta) Mary McKenna, Angela McGrath; Joseph Gonsalves,

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Fourteen young parishioners have expressed a desire to be confirmed, thus acknowledging that they will take responsibility for their faith as young adults. Due to the current restrictions in place, it is uncertain when the programme for Confirmation will begin. All candidates, whether he/she attends a Catholic or non-Catholic school must register with Animate Youth Ministries at <https://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/>

**RCIA** programme for adults will continue next year. Any adult who wishes to be received into the Catholic Church is asked to contact the parish office.

**200 Club** was established in the last century as an early form of the lottery. It is so called because there are usually 200 members. Many of the original members have passed away, left the parish or cancelled their membership, so there is always room for new members. Membership of the 200 club costs £12.00 per year (£1.00 per month). Please consider joining the 200 Club.... Who knows, you too might be a winner!

**Bell Tower:** Examination of the upper area of the bell tower revealed that a disturbing amount of debris had accumulated over the years. Due to the health and safety reasons, specialist cleaners will attend the task. This will be a temporary solution to an obvious serious matter. Remedial works will be carried out in March 2021.

**November List:** During November, we pray in a very special way for those who have passed away. November Lists will be attached to the newsletter. Please print (complete) and return to the parish office with your offering. If you have no printer, please write the names on a sheet of paper and return to the parish office at the earliest. Mass will be offered [several] times during the month for those enrolled in the Altar List of the Dead.

**First Communion Certificates for 2019** are available for collection from the parish office.

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October – there will be no 12.00 Mass.**

**WEEKDAY MASS will be suspended on the following dates: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER – All Souls Day.** Mass will be offered at 12.00 and 7.30pm. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is an opportunity to remember in a special way deceased family members, friends and parishioners.

**POPPY APPEAL:** Poppies are available on a table at the back of church. Please place your donation in the wall box.

**WELCOME** into the parish community Emily Patterson who was baptised this weekend.

## Mass times: October 2020

24. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Donors Intention
25. Sunday	8.00 am.	Donors Intention
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
26. Monday	12.00 noon	Successful Cancer Treatment
27. Tuesday	12.00 noon	St Anthony of Padua (Thanksgiving)
28. Wednesday	12.00 noon	No Public Mass today.
29. Thursday	12.00 noon	Leila Garricrek rip (A)
30. Friday	12.00 noon	St Martin de Porres (Thanksgiving)
31. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Greta Lyons Landry rip (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
01. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Pro seipso

## Masses Received.

Greta Lyons Landry rip (A), Peggy Cain (BR 100th), Seamus McManus and Family rip, Kathleen Price rip (BR), Successful Cancer Treatment, Leila Garriock rip (A), St Martin de Porres (Thanks), St Anthony of Padua (Thanks), John Montgomery rip (8th A), Terry Worthington rip (A).

### Church Humour:

I'm not turning my clock back  
because the last thing we  
need in 2020 is an extra hour of it.



### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Feast.

Saint Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana.

Saint Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

## **Sunday Thought for the day. "You must love your neighbour as yourself."**

Can anger be a good and positive reaction for the Christian? This question seems to go against Anger can be a sign of love when it is a feeling which arises when we see injustice against another person. In this way, it represents a connectedness with those who suffer, to those who are victims, and is a sign of the need for justice to be re-established. At the same time, anger needs careful reflection because it may be coming from unresolved personal issues.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear that God's anger will flare up because the widow and the orphan are treated harshly in society. The people of Israel, through their historical experience of slavery in Egypt, were very conscious of the sufferings of people who were oppressed and needed liberation.

At the same time, as their economic and social status improved in the Promised Land, there was the danger of forgetting their roots and the experience of slavery. The prophets called them back to this experience and reminded them of the experience of being slaves. They were called to extend justice to the poorest in society and especially to those who had no protection or rights.

The widow and the orphan were especially marginalised since they had no male figure to protect them. The justice of people was to mirror the justice of God who was always concerned for the poor and weak in society.

Love is a very difficult word to understand these days. It has many different meanings. Often it can mean passionate, sexual, erotic, romantic love. Sometimes it can mean affection like the love of a dog or a pet. The dog responds with faithfulness and fidelity, usually for reward. It can also refer to friendship between men or women.

Love in the Gospel means self-giving love concerned totally for the other rather than self. Love of neighbour can be described as creating the conditions, which enable others to be themselves and achieve their full potential. It is a love leading to action, which respects, enhances, sees the best in the other, helps, acts justly and seeks only the good of the other person.

Is this sort of love humanly possible? At first it might not seem possible but it can only be lived with God's help and assistance. The Gospel calls for continual striving to love like this but it does not expect perfection. It is reassuring that the saints were always very aware of their failing to live as God called. This is always an ideal, for which the Christian can hope.

It is often said that love begins at home. There is a truth in this. Learning to respect and love at home can be most difficult, especially when families change, teenagers mature and readjustments have to be made. Love is always concerned for the good of another and this eventually means giving another freedom, which can be painful.

Each person has to live his own successes and mistakes. Love allows this to happen and is ready to welcome home. The father of the prodigal son must have suffered much when his son went away. Whilst he welcomed him home, he must have felt pain and joy when he returned. The commandment to love can be very difficult.

Love is never satisfied. If love begins at home, then it has to extend outside the home, even to the very margins of society. Who are the weakest and poorest in society? Who are the ones like the orphan and the poor in Jewish society? The asylum-seekers?

Those fleeing from their homeland because of persecution? Love demands that we respect them and extend justice to the stranger and foreigner in society. This may need conversion as we overcome prejudice and stereotypes. Welcoming others and speaking up for others will often meet resistance and scorn; faithfulness to the Gospel calls for perseverance in witnessing to the truth in love. Faithfulness to the Gospel will always be rewarded.

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## **Bidding Prayers**

**30th Sunday of the year**

**25th October 2020**

God of love, Jesus gave us the commandment of love: to put you before everything and to love our neighbour in the same way and to the same degree that we care for ourselves. Today we come before you, offering you our hearts and our prayers for ourselves and for all those who are in need at this time.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders as they work to bring hope to a world which has been turned upside down and traumatised by the effects of the global pandemic: may their inspiration give us the courage and strength that we need at this time.
2. Let us pray for all politicians and everyone involved in local and national governance: may they exercise wisdom, understanding and thoughtfulness in order to bring about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.
3. Let us pray for us all as we try to control the spread of the coronavirus through whatever means are available to us: may we protect the vulnerable, care for the sick and have compassion on those who are experiencing the frustrations of lockdown.
4. Let us pray for families struggling to cope with difficulties which seem to have no straightforward answers: may they find the peace and practical solutions which they need.
5. Let us pray for families who have become ever more closely united as a result of the difficulties they have experienced during the past few months: may their love for each other grow stronger and more meaningful.
6. Let us pray for everyone who has experienced job insecurity as a result of the coronavirus: may they experience peace of mind and find hope amid their uncertainty.
7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Fr. Emanuele Gatt OFM Conv. (Malta), Fr. Roger Camiileri OFM Conv. (Malta), Joseph Gonsalves, Mary McKenna, Angela McGrath and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Ignatius Tierney Fr. Richard Gruza, Greta Veronica Lyons Landry, Collette Feenan, Larry Burrell, Carmen Sanchez, Cassie Rooney, John Perry, Bernadette Mary Clark, Frances Peers, Margaret Keating, James Fox. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we ask you to hear our prayers and, in your great love, help us to spread your love in our world. Amen.



Sunday 25 October 2020  
 Matthew 22:34-40  
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus tells us we must do two things – love God with all our hearts, souls and minds, and love others like we love ourselves.

## LOVE IS THE ANSWER



Can you find the right path that leads to Jesus?

Jesus loves us all very much.

### The greatest commandment

Can you fit the words into the grid?

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### Love others

Jesus teaches us that we need to love others just like we love ourselves.



Can you spot the 6 differences between these children?

There is no difference in how we are going to love them both!

### I can love when I...

Loving others means doing the right thing, even if we don't want to. Find some different ways we can share love with other people by starting at the arrow and following the spiral.

Help out at home. Share my toys and books. Help someone who is upset someone. Help someone who is stuck at school. Say sorry when I have upset someone. Ask someone to play. Make friends.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for telling us how important it is to love God and others. Teach us how to love so that we can always be like you. Amen.

LOVE GOD HEART  
 MIND NEIGHBOUR SELF

Answers: Spot the difference: the children have different coloured backpacks, socks, shoes and one has a pocket, ribbon and watch.

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NOVEMBER LIST

“Remember, Lord, your servants who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.  
Grant to them and to all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of light and peace.”

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Please return this list to the Friary with your family name and address.  
It will be placed before the altar of the church and those whose names are written here  
will be remembered before God at Mass each day.

Your offering may be placed in this envelope. Amount £\_\_\_\_\_

### **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 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.