

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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**Christmas Mass 2020:** The 6pm (children's Mass), 9pm and 10am Mass for Christmas are full. Limited places are still available at the 8.00 and 12.00 Masses.

**Christmas Greeting Cards:** See last page for details

**Pastoral Associate Update:** As we approach the end of the liturgical year it has been a time of disquieting news reports, uncertainty, but also some tangible hope, as the vaccines seem to be imminent. I have finally caved into pressure from my sons and will be acquiring a cat – so changes for us (and Klaus the cat) entering into a different home future too! The Pastoral Area Advent Service has involved many schools, a few pets and parish communities with parishioners of all ages participating. It will be on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel on Sun 20 Dec at 4pm: do contact me an email if you can help – readers and announcers needed! h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or 07449 633977.

Our Synod proposals are online with a form facility to capture your proposal choices. The results are anonymised (email is required only in order to send you a copy of your choices) and will be sent to your Parish Synod Member. Links to the proposals are also there: please do connect to help your synod members discern. Two zoom meetings next week hosted by St Wilfrid's, Garston are open to any who wish to participate in discussing proposals for Themes 1 & 2 on Wednesday 25 Nov at 7:40pm and Themes 3& 4 on Thursday 26 Nov at 7:30pm finishing by 9pm. Links online at [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020). Cardinal Michael will be sharing Advent Reflections in the Light of *Fratelli Tutti* on Mondays at 7pm beginning on 30 Nov: Info on the J&P website. "We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future." Franklin D Roosevelt. Happy Feast of Christ the King especially for our wonderful young people who keep inspiring us, and keep us smiling! God Bless, Helen

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School Admissions to Reception in September 2021.** If you or anyone you know has a child who is ready to start school in Reception next September [2021], please look at the school website <https://www.stanthonyofpadua.co.uk/> in the section **Key Information Admissions to Reception**. Here you will find the supplementary faith form and a Video / Virtual tour of our school. There will be a zoom meeting shortly for parents and they can register their interest in this by contacting the school office on 0151.724-3233

**St. Mary's College, Crosby:** Entrance examination on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Register now for September 2021 admissions. Contact St. Mary's on 0151.924 3926 or [www.st.marys.ac](http://www.st.marys.ac)

**Recently deceased:** +Joseph Burke.

Mass times: November 2020 (To be said in the friary during lockdown).

28. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Bridgette Atherton rip (BR)
29. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	
30. Monday	12.00 noon	John Angus Philip rip (A)
01. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Terry Foley rip (Anniversary)
02. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Donald Joseph Philip rip (A)
03. Thursday	12.00 noon	Special Intention
04. Friday	12.00 noon	Marjorie and Joe Thompson
05. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Successful cancer treatment
06. Sunday	8.00 am.	Fr Patrick Kelly rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	

**Masses Received.** Marie Cole rip, Scott Family & Friends, Christopher Crookhall rip, Successful Cancer Treatment, Mona Cooper rip (BR), Thanksgiving (Healthy recovery), November Pious List.

*Saint of the week,*

*Saint Andrew Apostle.*

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He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, Israel, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. He was martyred in Patras, Achaia [Greece] in AD 60.

As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times in the Orthodox churches he is called the "First Called" or "The First Chosen". St. Jerome records that Andrew's relics were taken from Patras ( Pátrai) to Constantinople (Istanbul) by command of the Roman emperor Constantius II in 357. From there, the body was taken to Amalfi, Italy (church of Sant'Andrea), in 1208, and in the 15th century the head was taken to Rome (St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City).

He became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands. In September 1964 Pope Paul VI returned Andrew's head to Pátrai as a gesture of goodwill toward the separated Christians of Greece.

He is the Patron Saint of Fishermen

## Sunday Readings for the First Sunday in Advent.

### First reading

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

*Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

*Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

*Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

*Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

### **We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.  
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Mark 13:33-37**

### **If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thought for Today.** "Stay awake!"

Twenty-nine centuries ago, the Greek poet Homer wrote what was really a thriller. It was about a king, Odysseus, who went from his island home to the wars and was away for nineteen years. His wife, Penelope, feared he was dead, though hoping he was still alive, and meanwhile she was pestered by extravagant young noblemen who each wanted to be her second husband. But one “rosy-fingered dawn” (to quote Homer) Odysseus did come home, over the “wine-dark sea”, and smuggled himself into his own palace as a stranger. The one who recognised him was his old nurse. She was washing his poor feet, and came across a scar that she knew only too well. She raised her eyes to his face, and knew without doubt that the king was home again. What followed was not pretty – the wiping-out of the young noblemen and their corrupt companions, and the restoration of justice.

Jesus tells us to stay awake, because the master of the house is coming back; and by this he means that he, Jesus, is coming back. The day will come when we raise our eyes to his face and recognise him. He loves us too much to stay away for ever. When he does come, it will be too late to make preparations and clear up the mess. For better or worse, the king will be home again. It will be a moment of intense happiness for us, but also cause for a certain apprehension, because he is coming as judge. He will judge individually – that will happen when we die – but he will also pronounce judgement on the world and the human race. The appalling things we seem to be unable to control, like human trafficking and drug trafficking, like genocide and the abuse of children, like destruction of the environment and the creation of millions of refugees... all these things will come under his scrutiny. “You didn’t stay awake,” perhaps he will say. “You carried on as though I was never coming back. Well, here I am.”

After the delivery of the last judgement, no one will be able to say, “Oh, but that’s not fair!”, because it will be fair. There will be no place for political argument or shifting of the blame; crime on a cosmic scale will be identified and judgement will be made. Isaiah describes it in our first reading today: “We were all like men unclean... We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.” Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel were spoken on the Mount of Olives, overlooking Jerusalem. If his words sound alarming, even threatening, the threat was in the first place to the holy city and the Temple. This threat came true not long afterwards, when the Romans sacked and destroyed Jerusalem. The early Christians saw this as a sign that the last judgement was imminent. Well, the moment will come when the last judgement is now. We are so used to imagining it in the dim and misty future: one day it will be upon us.

The moral of the tale is: we are to take responsibility for planetary issues, not just small-scale personal ones. We cannot close our eyes to the state of the earth and what is happening on its surface. We are called to raise our voices and demand decency and justice, and proper stewardship of the world’s resources. We do this because we are not just insignificant insects in a global setting; we are, as Isaiah says, the clay with which the Lord fashions his masterpiece, men and women, the human race, capable of better.

St Luke relays the same teaching of Jesus, about the master returning home from a wedding and finding his servants awake and ready to open up and receive him. The master will be so pleased, says Jesus in this version, that he will sit all his household down at table and wait upon them. That’s the good side of the last judgement; the Lord who is judge is also the Lord who loves us

beyond measure. Today we can pray to this Lord of love, asking him to help us to stay awake, to be sorry for our failings in the past, to care about the things that really matter. In the words of today's Psalm: "And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name."

## **Bidding Prayers**

## **First Sunday of Advent**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

"Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand." On this first Sunday in Advent and conscious of your love for each one of us, we place ourselves and our prayers entirely in your hands.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May they lead by their personal good example and be shining lights of hope in our troubled world.
2. Let us pray for all those concerned in the creation, testing and distribution of the promised vaccines against Covid-19. May their efforts bring an end to the pandemic.
3. Let us pray for everyone who, during the lockdown, has faced job insecurity and who may be struggling to cope at this present time. May they find peace of mind and practical solutions to their difficulties.
4. Let us pray for all those who are struggling with mental health issues as a result of the coronavirus restrictions. May they discover the support and recovery that they need in order to live a full and happy life.
5. Let us pray for the many refugees and asylum seekers who are willing to risk their lives in the search for security and freedom. May they meet with compassion and understanding in their time of crisis.
6. Let us pray for ourselves and all those whom we know and love as we start our Advent journey towards Christmas. May we follow the Star of Bethlehem and allow Jesus to be born in our hearts.
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 Tom Walsh, Frank Conifer, Wyn Clarke, Terry Foley, Eddie Carr, Sue Kendall, Joan Jones, Mary Oakes, Sharon O'Driscoll, Brian O'Hare, Margie O'Sullivan, Martin Scahill, Giuseppe Sant, John Sant, Eileen Higgins, John Angus Philip, Donald Joseph Philip. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Loving Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to stay awake to your care for us and for our world. Help us to make this Advent a truly love-filled experience for many people as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Amen.

*Please pray for the sick.*

Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young, Annie Ward and Robert deAsha.

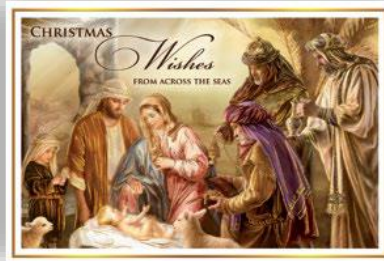
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Christmas Cards

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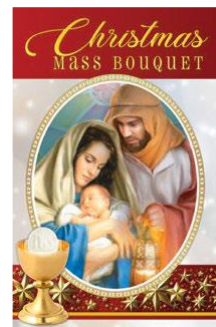
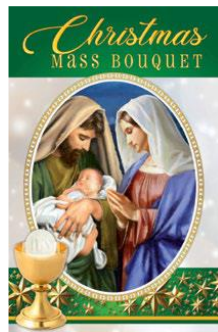
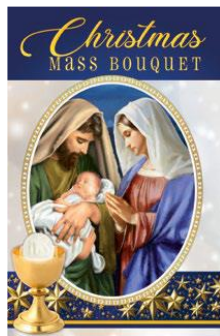
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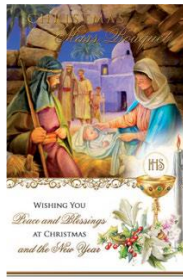
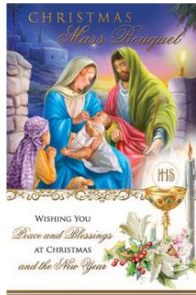


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# LOOK

Sunday 29 November 2020  
Mark 13:33-37  
1st Sunday of Advent

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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

Jesus wants his friends to be ready to welcome him. Jesus tells a story about a man who leaves his servants in charge while he is away travelling. They will be ready to welcome their master home, whatever time of the day or night he comes back. Jesus' friends are getting ready to welcome him too!

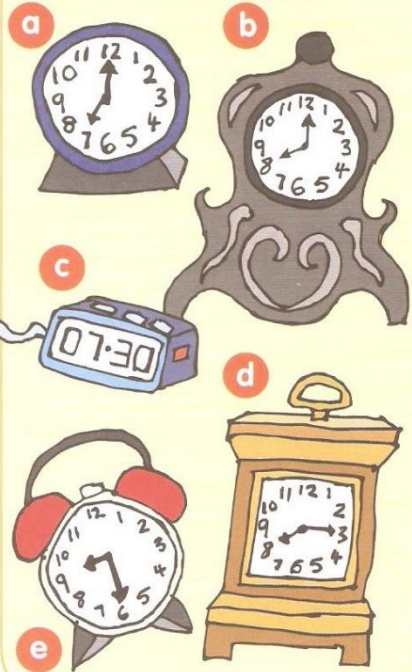
## STAY AWAKE!

Help the master find his way home.



### Wake up!

What time in the morning do these clocks show?



### Our tasks

The master left his servants in charge. Each has their own job. God has given all of us jobs too.

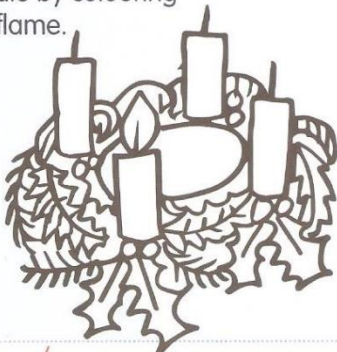
Follow the spiral to see some of the tasks God has given us.



Draw yourself doing one of these things in the centre.

### Advent wreath

Colour **three** candles **purple** and one **pink**. Light this week's candle by colouring the flame.



Find the following words:

The wr \_\_\_\_\_ (htea) is a never ending c \_ r c \_\_\_\_ (lei) of evergreen \_ e \_ v \_\_\_\_ (sale) because God's \_\_\_\_\_ (velo) will never \_\_\_\_ (ndel), with c \_ d \_\_\_\_ (nasel) for the f \_\_\_\_ (ruo) weeks of A\_v \_\_\_\_ (endt) to show Jesus brings \_\_\_\_ gh\_ (liit) to our dark w \_ l \_ (dro).

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for promising to come to us. Help us to be ready to welcome you with open and loving hearts. Amen.

Answers: Advent wreath: wreath, circle, leaves, love, end, candles, four, Advent, light, world. Wake up: a = seven o'clock, b = eight o'clock, c = quarter past eight, e = half past nine.