

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

32nd Sunday of the Year

8th November 2020



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Parish Office: Closed until November 22nd

(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

RECENTLY DECEASED: +Christopher Crookall, +Bernadette Pielow, +Janet Clarke, +Jack Hagan, +Catherine Rawlinson, +Pat McCoy, +Maurice Bee.

CAFOD: the Family Harvest Fast Day coronavirus appeal raised £180. Thank you for your generosity and please keep our global family in your prayers.

Blessing of the Graves will take place this **Sunday, 8th November from 3.00pm in Allerton Cemetery** and on **Sunday 15th November from 3.00pm in Springwood Cemetery**. Please arrange with Fr. Kevin if you would like your family grave blessed. If your family grave is located in the greater Liverpool region: please notify Fr. Kevin with the name of the cemetery, the section, the grave number and the name[s] of the deceased.

Christmas Mass Bouquets will be available from the friary. Individual Mass will be offered for each Bouquet requested. The offering for the Mass is £6.00 (including the card).

Christmas Cards are due to arrive on Monday 16th November. Boxes of cards (16 per box) can be ordered and these will be ready for collection at the friary or if you prefer delivery, this can be arranged.

FUNERALS are the only liturgies permitted in Church during lockdown with a maximum of 30 mourners in attendance. Volunteers will be needed to sanitise benches [only] after each service. No wiping of benches required. If you are free to assist, please contact Fr. Kevin.

Church Closure: As instructed by the Government and the Archdiocese of Liverpool the Church of St. Anthony of Padua closed for public worship on Wednesday. It is indeed a sad moment for the parish community but we all know that it is for the good of everyone's health.

Congratulations to Danielle Leather~Cole and David Myers who were married in Saint Anthony of Padua on Wednesday.

St. Anthony's Devotion: Novena prayer is attached with this week's newsletter.

Phase 2 of Lockdown: The Parish office is closed until November 22nd. All enquiries can be made by email {see above}. All meetings with a friar will be by appointment only.



Remembrance Sunday

The Poppy

Flanders is the name for the western part of Belgium and it saw some of the bloodiest fighting of the First World War. The area was completely devastated with roads, trees, buildings and most forms of natural life being obliterated. Where once there were homes and farms there was now a sea of mud. Yet it was here that men continued to live and fight. One other thing did survive. When the warm weather came, poppy seeds germinated in the disturbed ground and provided a splash of colour, perhaps bringing a sign of hope or of new life to those poor souls who inhabited this awful place.

Harry Patch, who died in July 2009, “didn’t do” Remembrance Day. His day of remembrance was 22 September 1917, when he was wounded and his 3 best friends were killed. Difficult for most of us to understand fully, but perhaps we could use today’s moment of silence to reflect on the tragic events of the First World War and of the events worldwide that have continued to thwart God’s message of love since that time.

John McCrae, serving as a doctor with the Canadians, was moved to write “In Flanders Fields”

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
Though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

***The Act of Remembrance consists of the following:
The Exhortation is recited:***

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them; nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

The Two Minute Silence is observed.

The Kohima Epitaph is recited:

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Prayer.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those people
who have died in active service.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life, peace and hope,
now and for ever.

All. Amen.

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

07. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Daniel Mellon rip (A)
08. Sunday	8.00 am.	Greta Lyons Landry rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	-
09. Monday	12.00 noon	Catherine Rawlinson rip (LD)
10. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Pat McCoy rip (LD)
11. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Successful Cancer Treatment
12. Thursday	12.00 noon	Christopher Crookall rip
13. Friday	12.00 noon	Bernard Bowen rip
14. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Bernard (Barnie) Ward
15. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	-

Maurice Bee rip (LD)

Masses Received: Bernard Bowen rip, Bernard (Barnie) Ward, Donor's Intention (Get Well), Matty Dunne rip, Catherine Rawlinson rip (LD), Christopher Crookall rip x2, Arthur Devine rip (A), Josie McVey (sick), John Mulhern (end of life), Frances Peers rip (A), Clare Thornton Wrigley rip (A), Annie Montgomery rip (A), Successful Cancer Treatment, Pat McCoy rip (LD), Maurice Bee rip (LD)

Church Humour:

No Nativity this year.

1. Because the Three Wise Men face a travel ban.
2. The shepherds have been furloughed.
3. The Inn keeper has shut under tier 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings.
4. Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen.
5. As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.

11th November - St Martin of Tours

He was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (approximating to the western half of modern Hungary) in about 316 and was educated at Pavia in Italy. He was baptized, left the army and after spending some time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast, founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary.

Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. In his actions he gave an example of what a good shepherd should be. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died in 397.

The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

Readings from today's Mass.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64(63):2-8

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42-44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Sunday Thought for the day. "Five of them were foolish, and five were sensible"

Arranged marriages are common in different parts of the world, but these usually take place in their own cultural and extended-family context. Even so they are still controversial in the eyes of many.

Christians, on the other hand, believe marriage is about making a free choice, out of love, exercising individual responsibility, before witnesses and in a solemn and dignified manner. The couple winning the wedding competition face great difficulties if they want their marriage to work. They were not able to freely choose; they had to rely entirely on the judgement of others in a matter that should have chiefly involved themselves; and they needed to prepare fully, as a couple, before they undertook the solemn commitment that is marriage.

The readings and prayers of the Mass at this time of the year begin to anticipate the end times, when Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. So the theme of being prepared for the Second Coming is perhaps the most obvious in today's story of the ten bridesmaids. But other themes are present too. As the couple thrown headlong into marriage, the gospel bridesmaids all have to deal with the same issues of preparation, personal responsibility and free choice, and some of them deal better than others.

Look at the story as Jesus tells it. The kingdom of Heaven is often compared to a wedding or a banquet, where it is a pleasure and a privilege to be invited to attend, and an occasion for sadness and regret to be excluded. We see from the start that five of the bridesmaids are foolish, and five are wise, so we look for the attitudes and behaviour that distinguish the silly from the sensible. And we do not have far to look.

One group plan ahead, prepare themselves, taking responsibility for their actions, choosing to expend their energy on being ready for the bridegroom. The other group do not plan ahead; instead of taking responsibility for their needs, they rely on others to supply what they lack; they choose carelessly, and pay the price. Jesus appears not to focus on the unwillingness of the wise to help the foolish, but on the way in which the foolish are in a predicament of their own making.

So the foolish bridesmaids learn the lesson, but they learn it too late. They buy oil for their lamps and return to the wedding feast, only to find that the doors are closed against them.

The other side to the story is seen in the reward of the wise, who are admitted to the feast, enjoying the fruits of their wisdom. As the wedding feast is the kingdom of Heaven, so the bridesmaids are those who are prepared, have resourced themselves appropriately, and have taken responsibility for their own destinies.

As St Paul teaches in today's second reading, where we are in relation to the kingdom of God is of eternal significance, and to have faith is to be prepared for the wedding feast, whenever we are summoned by the groom.

Our quest is not a solitary quest: we are here for each other. So we prepare together to meet the Lord. We encourage each other with words of faith, so that our resolve is strengthened and we take full responsibility for our actions. And we choose the kingdom.

Rather than being frightened by the possibility of our exclusion from heaven, we are encouraged by the invitation we have already received, and the assurance that so many who have gone before us in faith are already enjoying the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Bidding Prayers

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Tim

8th November 2020

Lord, we your children to whom you have offered the gift of eternal life, bring our prayers to thee

1. Lord, we are reminded in today's gospel that we know neither the day nor the hour when You call us to your divine presence. We pray that we always remain aware of this and be prepared to meet You joyfully when You call us.
2. We pray that, like the wise bridesmaids in today's parable, we keep the light of the gospel forever burning so that we and those who come after us will see the true light and follow Jesus into the Lord's banquet in Heaven.
3. During this month of November, when we especially remember our beloved dead, we thank the Lord for the love, goodness and care they have bestowed on us

throughout their lifetime and pray that they may enjoy the just rewards which our Loving Father has promised his faithful in Heaven.

4. We remember all who gave their lives in two World Wars, may the memory of their sacrifice and of the grief of their friends and families prompt us all to pursue peace.
5. We pray for the United Nations that it may be an effective instrument of peace in the world.
6. We pray for all those who are enduring mental stress and hardship due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown, that in their darkest moments the love and care of friends and neighbours may bring them relief and peace of mind
7. We pray for the people of the United States that, at this time, they are blessed with peace, tolerance and unity of purpose for the betterment of all its citizens.
8. We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.
9. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Catherine Rawlinson, Christopher Crookall, Bernadette Pielow, Janet Clarke, Jack Hagan, Pat McCoy, Maurice Bee and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Terry Worthington, Susan Disley, Michael Crawley, Greta Lyons Landry, Harry Wright, Terry McNicholas, Joan McGuinness, Eileen Higgins, Kathleen Boyle, Alan McCulloch, Elizabeth & Catherine Wylie, Dieter Muller, Charles McVeigh, Christina Mulhern, Elizabeth Kelly, Margaret Bridgeman and Michael Monahan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

God of Love, renew our hearts, inspire our love, and transform our actions so that we be true to the message of your Son. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 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.



Please pray for the sick: Margaret Barrow, Moira Billinge, 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 (child), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington. and John Young.

Children worksheet ~ next page



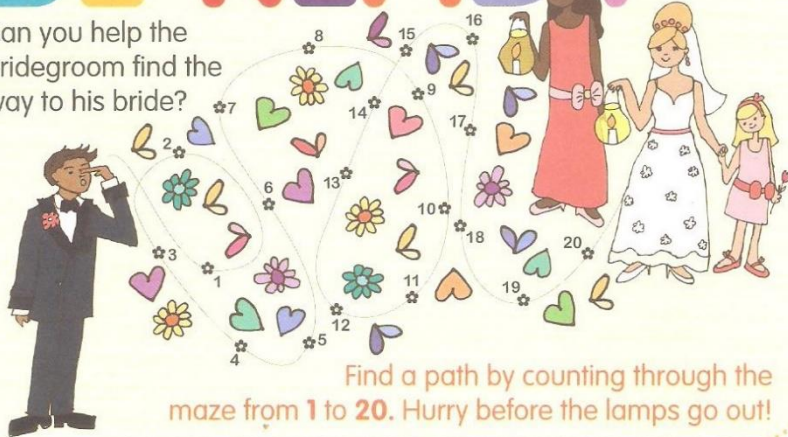
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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

BE READY

Can you help the bridegroom find the way to his bride?



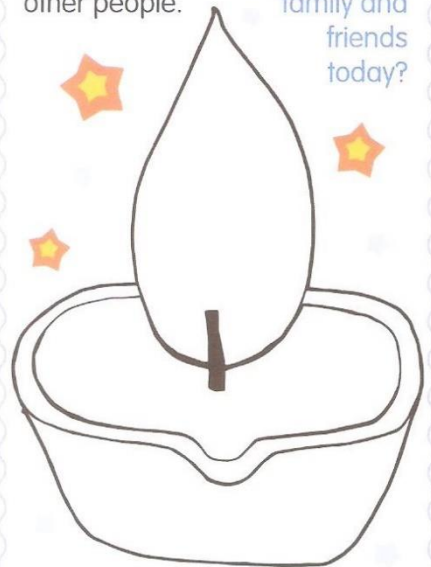
Find a path by counting through the maze from 1 to 20. Hurry before the lamps go out!

Ten bridesmaids take their oil lamps and go to meet the bridegroom. **Five** are foolish and don't bring any extra oil. Their lamps go out before the bridegroom arrives and they miss the party going to get more oil. The **five** well-prepared and wise bridesmaids enjoy the celebrations!

I am wise

We can get our hearts ready for Jesus by loving other people.

How will you share God's love with your family and friends today?



Draw yourself being kind and caring inside this lamp. Light the flame when you have actually done what you are hoping!

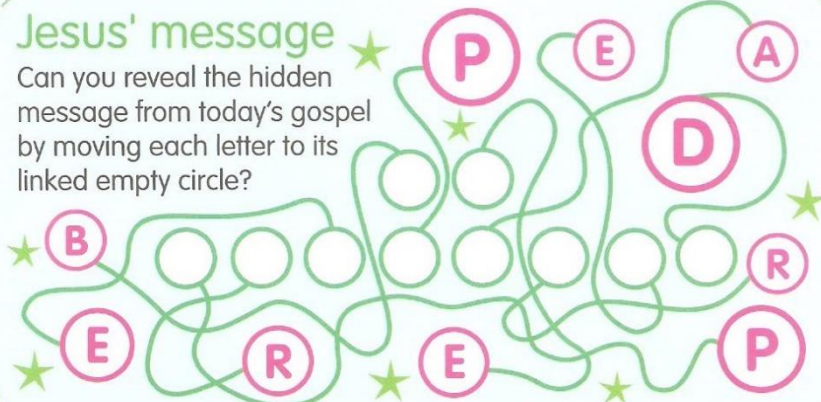
Which bridesmaids?

Can you discover which **five** of these bridesmaids are wise and have the extra oil?



Jesus' message

Can you reveal the hidden message from today's gospel by moving each letter to its linked empty circle?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to be prepared to meet you. I give you my heart every day. Amen.

Answers: Jesus' message: Be prepared. Which bridesmaids: a, b, e, f, g.