

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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## Archdiocese of Liverpool Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass online only Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm

This year we will be holding the Archdiocese of Liverpool Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass online only. Please do not attempt to attend in person. It will be held remotely and broadcast on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 7.00pm from Our Lady's RC Church, Lydiate. Our Celebrant will be Fr Des Seddon. You will be able to watch using the Facebook link below (no Facebook account is needed, simply click on the link below.) Feast Day Mass Facebook Page link <https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Liverpool-Feast-of-Our-Lady-of-Lourdes-Mass-106532301406114> or You may watch using the CSTV link for Our Lady's Church. [Our Lady's, RC Church, Lydiate Merseyside - Southport Rd, Lydiate, Liverpool, England \(churchservices.tv\)](https://www.churchservices.tv). Echoes of God. A 7 week look at Old and New Testament Scripture on Mondays at 7 - 8pm on Zoom starting on 18 January 2021. Using David McLoughlin's scripture sessions that start with Exodus and end with St Paul's Letters, an opportunity to read, reflect and share facilitated by Pastoral Associates. Registration and materials (free) at [www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk) The sessions should take us beyond this lockdown.

**Fish with Mark.** God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view at [www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk). Voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper. Pastoral Associate Update: I am noticing signs of spring as I go on my walks now and vaccinations are moving apace – my 89-year-old mother had hers in the big Epsom centre this week and said it was so well organised and is full of gratitude and admiration to the NHS, as we all are! Hope is in the air.

**We begin our "Echoes of God" series on Monday** – it's not "heavy" and will see us through this lockdown (we hope) and beyond: register on the website. As a Pastoral Area we are combining our Justice & Peace resources in organising a Modern-Day Slavery Zoom with input from Sr. Imelda Poole (see the Tablet article 5/9/2020) on Tuesday 9 February – St Josephine Bakhita's feast day. This touches us all in some way and would be great to have the support of the Liverpool South parishioners in becoming more aware or what we can do to help combat this. Any ideas for a Pastoral Area Lent/Easter project appreciated. "Once you choose hope, anything is possible" from Christopher Reeve (former superman actor). God Bless - stay safe, stay well - Helen

**PARISH UPDATE:** Given the gravity of the second strain of the covid-19 virus, all of our parishioners and those who visit St. Anthony of Padua Church are requested to be extra vigilant and adhere to the guidelines that are in place by following the directives of the stewards. It is obligatory for everyone visiting the Church to sanitise hands and wear a face-covering. In order to create a safe environment in Church much organisation has been required. Fr. Kevin is grateful for the help he has received in keeping the Church open and safe but as happened last weekend, the majority of stewards found themselves self-isolating. Mass will continue on Sundays and to accommodate those who do not attend on Sundays, weekday Mass will be on Monday and Tuesday **only**. The friars at the friary are self-isolating, so you are kindly requested to submit all enquiries by telephone or email. Please do not call to the friary as you will not be able to speak with a priest. Arrangements have been made that all emergency calls will be answered.

**Stewards:** Anyone wishing to volunteer as a steward is asked to contact the friary by email and to leave a contact phone number/email. Mrs. Annemarie Lowther will co-ordinate the stewards for each Mass. Your phone number/email will be passed on to her and she will make contact with you. Again, this is a ministry that our young parishioners can undertake.

Please remember: .... that if there are no stewards.... then there will be no Mass.

**Anti-bacterial Spray:** Grateful thanks for your very generous donations of cleaning products. These will help immensely with keeping the church sterile.

**Recently deceased:** Mrs. Maura Lawlor (Brodie Ave), Milan Horvat (Croatia), Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (Glasgow), Bishop Vincent Logan (Dunkeld, Scotland), Kieran Kavanagh.

**Public Mass times:** Sunday: 6pm Vigil; 8.00, 10.00, 12.00 Monday & Tuesday: 12.00  
Wednesday-Friday Church closed

**Church Masses by Fr. Kevin**

16. Vigil	6.00 pm	Donors Intention
17. Sunday	8.00 am.	Clare Thornton Wrigley rip (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	10.00 am.	Peggy O’Keeffe rip (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	12.00 noon	Parishioners
18. Monday	12.00 am.	Rina Gradwell rip (LD)
19. Tuesday	12.00 noon	David Wike rip
20. Wednesday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b> <i>Pro Se Ipso</i>
21. Thursday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b> <i>Pro Se Ipso</i>
22. Friday	12.00 noon	<b>Church Closed</b> <i>Pro Se Ipso</i>
23. Vigil	6.00 pm	Sue Mullholland rip
24. Sunday	8.00 am.	Patricia Tonge rip
	10.00 am.	Joan & Henry Loughlin rip
	12.00 noon	Parishioners

**Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David**

16. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
17. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention
18. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
19. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
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21. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
22. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
23. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
24. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

**Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent**

16. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
17. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention
18. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
19. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
20. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
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**Masses Received.**

AB Intentions, Eva Firkins rip (BR), Rina Gradwell rip (LD), Joan & Henry Loughlin rip (A), Pino Matassi & Paulo Carolli rip (A), David Wike rip, Sue Mullholland rip, Kieran Kavanagh (LD).

## **Thought for today. “Come and see.”**

The ways we are called and how we respond are unique to each of us. If we look at our last two popes and their first feelings about being called to the priesthood, we find quite different stories. Benedict XVI recalled playing at making altars and celebrating Mass with his brother from an early age. Pope Francis, though coming from an equally devout background, took a different route. It was not till he was in his late teens that a conversation with a trusted priest friend led to him considering the idea of a priestly vocation. In fact at the time he was considering proposing to his girlfriend! Even then, the pathway was not straightforward. His father was pleased at the thought of the priesthood, but his mother, perhaps with the premonition mothers often have about the demands that would be made, was not keen at all. He was then taken gravely ill with an infection to the lung and underwent a serious operation. His first attempt at a vocation was with the local diocese, and it was only gradually that he discovered his true home with the Jesuits: quite a complicated path, but reassuring to us as we try to sort out what God is asking of us in our lives.

Of course, God’s call to us is not restricted to the priestly or religious life. By baptism we were all called to follow Christ as priests, prophets and kings. That calling can be worked out in the choices we make of our careers, our partnerships and our friendships. Each of our paths is unique; the only thing we can be certain of is that God will be asking something of us.

John’s version of the calling of the disciples is concerned with how we grow in faith and so become disciples. As in today’s first reading, about the calling of Samuel, it is a process. First of all John the Baptist passes on two of his disciples to Jesus, repeating his declaration from the time of Jesus’ baptism that this is the “lamb of God”, the one who takes away the sins of the world. The disciples move towards Jesus but address him as “Rabbi”, a respected teacher. Jesus has turned towards them, and they ask him where he lives as a way of discovering where he gathers his teaching groups together. They want to learn. He invites them to come and see. They then spend the day with him, as a result of which Andrew is able to tell his brother Simon that they have found the Messiah. Jesus is not just a teacher. He confirms this by his recognition of who Simon is, where he has come from and who he will be.

In John’s Gospel, faith is at times expressed as a coming to Jesus and seeing in depth is compared with being blind or missing the point. This is how we too grow in faith. If we come to Jesus and spend time with him, we too may go beyond thinking of him as just a teacher and come to see him as the Messiah and more. But it is always Jesus who leads us; it is he who names us and reveals our true selves to us as he does with Peter.

To discover our true calling and how to be a disciple we are called to follow the same pattern described in John’s account. We may not come from an appreciation of the Old Testament and the knowledge his disciples brought. That does not matter. We bring ourselves, with whatever our particular strengths and weaknesses may be. We can know that we are invited to come to Jesus himself and spend time with him. This may be time spent in prayer, in learning about him, in just giving time to being with him. It is this gift of ourselves that will allow us to grow in our understanding of him and also of what he has in store for us.

We may not be the rock Jesus calls Simon Peter to be, but we will have a significant role to play. Our close acquaintance with Jesus, our living with him, our allowing him to touch our lives is what will lead us into both understanding and action. If we find it difficult to believe God has this special interest in us, we can also help each other discover our callings.

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## **Bidding Prayers**

Loving God, Jesus called us to follow him, to discover his home amongst us, living in our hearts as your Word, spoken into our humanity. We offer you our prayers, knowing that you hear even our unspoken longings.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders may they inspire hope and peace during these days of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus and its effects on the global community.
2. Let us pray for governments and decision-makers during the pandemic may wisdom, justice and compassion guide them towards bringing about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.
3. Let us pray for our NHS and all health care workers and volunteers may moments of personal peace and hope accompany their generous struggle to support others.
4. Let us pray for everyone who is anxiously waiting for a medical diagnosis and treatment at this time may they experience the courage and support that they and their families need.
5. Let us pray for the people of the United States as they look towards the inauguration of a new President during the coming week may they rediscover unity and healing in the days that lie ahead.
6. Let us pray for the people of Scotland after the deaths of two bishops this week may Archbishop Tartaglia and Emeritus Bishop Logan be enjoying the fullness of eternal life.
7. Let us pray for all those who are mourning the death of a loved one may they be filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection.
8. In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Rina Gradwell and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Joseph Russell, Patricia Ross, Keith Waud, Clare Thornton-Wrigley, Kevin Fay, Ve Philips, Anthony McArdle, Mary Doyle, Lillian Crane. Fr Anthony Foy, Henry & Joan Loughlin, Pino Matassi & Paulo Carolli rip (A), Michael Killip, Angela and Tony Lightbound. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us and all those whom we know and love. Amen.

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*Please pray for those who ask for prayers.*

Arthur (baby), Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Robert deAsha, 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, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Lee McNeil, 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, Noah (teenager), Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young.



Sunday 17 January 2021  
John 1:35-42  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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

Two of John's disciples follow Jesus to his home so that they can learn from him. What Jesus teaches them is so powerful that they go and tell others to follow Jesus too.

# LEARN FROM JESUS

Jesus invites the two disciples to come and see where he lives.

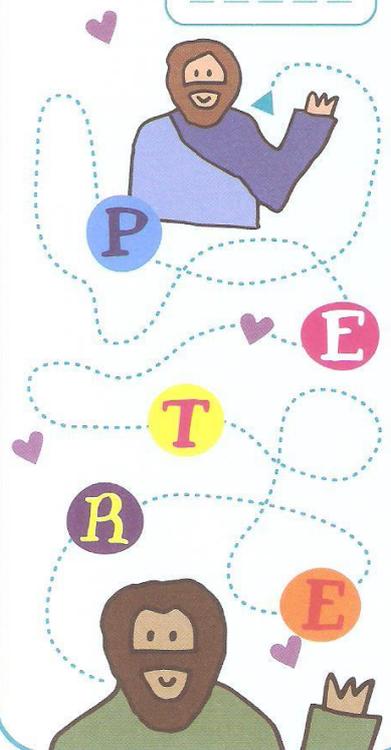
Can you help them find the way to his home?



## A new name!

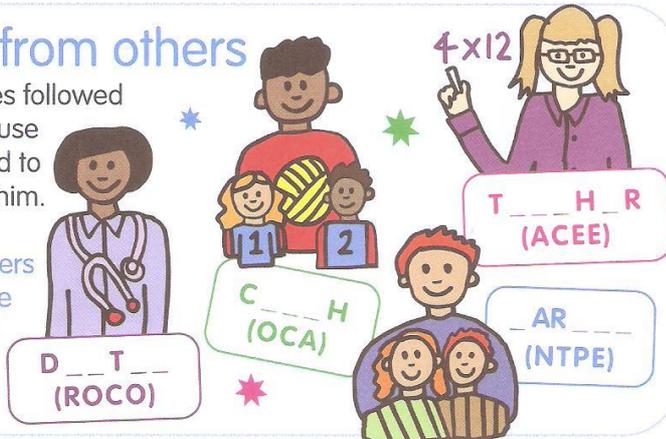
When Jesus saw Simon, he gave him a new name. Follow the line to find out what Jesus called him.

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## Learn from others

The disciples followed Jesus because they wanted to learn from him. Fill in the missing letters to find some people you can learn from.



## Jesus' names

Can you find some of the names Jesus was known by?

- MESSIAH
- CHRIST
- PROPHET
- LAMB OF GOD
- LORD
- JESUS
- RABBI
- SON OF GOD

L A M B O F G O D T  
O J E S U S H H E R  
R R S O N O F G O D  
D O S C H J S D M E  
R O I P R O P H E T  
I R A B B I L H P H  
T C H R I S T I S A

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for being such a good teacher and for teaching us all about God the Father. I promise to listen to you always and to try to do as you say. Amen