

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent

7th March 2021



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Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 11.30am

Funerals: + Elizabeth Oakley (17th March 2021).

Funeral Services will take place at the Crematorium or Cemetery with Memorial Masses arranged for a later date.

Sunday Mass has resumed. Masses will be at 6.00pm, 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00. Weekday Mass will be on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 12.00.

Confession will be available in St. Anthony's Chapel on Saturday evening at 5.15pm.

Sacraments:

Baptisms and First Communion are postponed until further notice. Marriages may take place with a maximum of six (6) people present (includes the couple).

Pastoral Associate Update: I was able to get to Mass for the first time for a while in my home parish (the church has been closed). It was such a joy to be in real community. Although we experience connection in some form online or on the phone, being together in person as part of a worshipping assembly was a profound experience of belonging. We hope that in the coming weeks this will become a reality for more of us as vaccinations increase and lockdown eases. Our online Beatitudes reflection is proving meaningful for many who attend – the next one is “Those who mourn”- and each one is a standalone session, so you are more than welcome to try it out. One participant said it was wonderful way to reflect for this Lent, another that it was very special. (Wed 2-3pm – if you would like the link emailed to you contact h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or log in to www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 874 4148 6211 Passcode: 833658). *“When God's arm stretches from heaven to earth, blessing us with comfort, we in turn touch our relationships with heaven's touch”* from author Mary DeMuth. God bless and keep safe! Helen

Cafod Lenten appeal.

A collection box is at the back of church this weekend for the Cafod Lenten appeal/ Family Fast or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk

Church Masses (Church Closed Wednesday and Friday for the present).

06. Vigil	6.00 pm	Veronica McLindon rip (LD)
07. Sunday	8.00 am.	Mary Patricia Walsh rip (BR)
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Marymount Residents rip
08. Monday	12.00 am.	Carolyne Wilson rip
09. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Frances Culligan rip (2 nd Anniversary)
10. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Church Closed
11. Thursday	12.00 noon	Church Closed
12. Friday	12.00 noon	Emma Jane Loomes rip
13. Vigil	6.00 pm	Marie Cole (nee Scott) rip (Anniversary)
14. Sunday	8.00 am.	Rev Fr Patrick Kelly rip (BR)
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Sampson & Pinnington Families rip

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David

06. Saturday	12.00 noon	Elizabeth Mulvaney rip (BR)
07. Sunday	10.00 am.	John Young (good health)
08. Monday	12.00 noon	Anthony Arnold rip
09. Tuesday	12.00 noon	John Joseph Leonard rip (WA)
10. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Stewart Murphy rip
11. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Special Intention (RA)
12. Friday	12.00 noon	Special Intention (RA)
13. Saturday	12.00 noon	John Young (good health)
14. Sunday	10.00 am.	Peter Flynn rip (LD)

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent

06. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
07. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention
08. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
09. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
10. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Rose Horan rip (Anniversary)
11. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
12. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
13. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
14. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

Masses Received: Sandra Foley rip (A), Carolyne Wilson rip, Sampson & Pinnington Families, Josie McVeigh (successful operation), Josie McVeigh (good health), Emma Jane Loomes rip, Marie Cole (nee Scott) rip (A), Peter Flynn rip (LD), Anthony Arnold rip, Stewart Murphy rip, Special Intention (RA) x 2, Rev Fr Patrick Kelly rip (BR).



Thought for today. “Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”

In days gone by this was the time of year for spring-cleaning. Today we hear about the practice less and less. It may be that with modern detergents and cleaning tools we stay on top of the world of dirt all year round. We also have much better lighting. In the past the darkness of winter made it difficult to see where all the dirt was accumulating. In rural areas it would be the time of rain and mud, which would be constantly brought into the house and not seen clearly by oil lamp or candlelight. In towns industrial smoke and grit would find their way indoors and decorate the crevices and tops of cupboards and windowsills.

If there is the same dirt around now it tends to be chemical by nature and less visible, so we don't see the same urgent need to clean as the stronger sunlight enables us to see the cobwebs and streaky patterns that appear as though from nowhere. Perhaps this seeming invisibility has made us lazier. Modern technology means that we do not have to use as much elbow grease to get rid of dirt. When did you last see someone on his or her knees attacking a doorstep with a scrubbing brush? We have also lost that community sense of this being the time and the occasion when everyone makes a shared attack on the dark residue of winter to bring in the sparkling new world of spring.

St John places his account of Jesus cleansing the Temple at the beginning of the public life of Jesus, whereas the other Gospel writers place it at the end, just before his passion. Their intentions are in fact similar. The synoptic writers offer the actions of Jesus as one of the final straws in his irritation of the authorities.

Such an attack on Temple practices would be viewed as blasphemous by them and push them into arresting Jesus.

St John is concerned throughout his Gospel to portray Jesus replacing the great symbols of Israel's past with his own person. What more central symbol was there in the people's belief than that of the Temple? Here was celebrated the very presence of God, originally in the form of the tablets of the Ten Commandments handed down to Moses as the expression of the Lord's covenant with his people. For John this replacement of the Temple by the person of Jesus will lead ultimately to his passion, death and resurrection, but he wants his readers to be aware of this transformation as they read the rest of the Gospel. As ever in John's Gospel the timing of the event is significant.

It is just before Passover, the occasion in which the freedom of the people from slavery is celebrated. Jesus in his person will be the freedom of those who follow him; as St Paul will point out, madness and foolishness to the Jews and Greeks, but for those who follow Christ the very power and wisdom of God.

Jesus wanted to make the point that the people had lost sight of the real meaning of the Temple. Treating it as a commercial thoroughfare, they no longer placed God's commandments at the centre of their lives. As Jesus cleansed them of this abuse, however, he also pushed them to see himself as the new centre of their relationship with God. It is through their allegiance to him that they will be renewed and really cleansed.

This Lent we are asked to reflect on our own preoccupations and allegiances. Where is Christ in our lives?

Do we have time for Him or do we let our daily concerns and practices leave him little time or space? If our relationship with Christ is central, then the way we deal with the business of life will flow from that, and we will have a sense of peace and direction. If we try to work the other way round, bringing Christ into our lives as secondary or accidental assistance, we will find ourselves lost and confused. As John will have Christ say elsewhere in his Gospel: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." A core element to our Lenten journey is getting rid of what stops Christ being at the centre of our life and so uplifting us with the gift of his Spirit. Whether it is spring or autumn in our world, the need for new life remains the same.

Bidding Prayers 7th March 2021

Lord, bring us closer to you this Lent through prayer. Hear our thoughts, wishes, dreams and ideas. Let us allow ourselves to immerse in your unfailing love and never-ending guidance. We give thanks to you, every day, always.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us we have access to the Trinity through prayer, thanks to Jesus. *“It is Jesus who opened up Heaven to us and projected us into a relationship with God. Prayer opens us up to the immense sea of God as love.”*
2. As schools reopen next week, we pray that the coming back together of local communities is a happy and peaceful one. May teachers enjoy resuming face to face classrooms and may children be inspired to get back on track with their learning.
3. As Coronavirus infection and hospital admissions fall, we pray that the onward decline will provide us all with hope for a brighter and safer future and one that opens up opportunities for business owners and those seeking work.
4. We pray for all those that have lost their jobs and are currently facing financial insecurity. May they feel hopeful for their future career path by realising their own individual skill set and may potential employers recognise their value and contribution.
5. We pray for all carers that are nursing loved ones at home and feel isolated and weary. May the Holy Spirit bless, protect and restore them with renewed energy.
6. We pray for ourselves this Lent. Help us to keep our resolutions and journey with Jesus during the coming weeks ahead.
7. In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Br. Paschal Horan, Fr. John Burdyszek, Br. Godfrey May, Fr. Daniel Lutz, James Grant, Florence McMahon, Reta Murphy, Thomas Langley Sr Pauline Briody, Peter Downey, Valerie Margaret Costello, Hans Rexing, Denis Benson, Michael O’Hanlon, Bill Moran, Catherine (Rene) Morris, Kathleen Carter, Ann Isabella Sloan, Catherine Rutledge, Albert Peers, Lawrence Cooper, John Clark, John Pursall, John Wylie. We remember all those who have departed this life and are now seated in the Kingdom of Heaven. We give thanks for their life and wish them eternal happiness. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for being our constant companion. We place all our trust and hope in You. Amen.

Please pray for those who ask for prayers.

Arthur (baby), Margaret Barrow, Angela Bebb, 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, 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 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 7 March 2021
John 2:13-25
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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

GOD'S HOUSE

Help these children find their way to church, the house of God.



In church we...

Tick the good things that we do in church.

fight

sing

pray

kneel

eat sweets

listen



Like a church

Fill in the grid with these words that show Jesus is like a church:

The Temple was a beautiful building in Jerusalem where people prayed, like a special church.

STRONG

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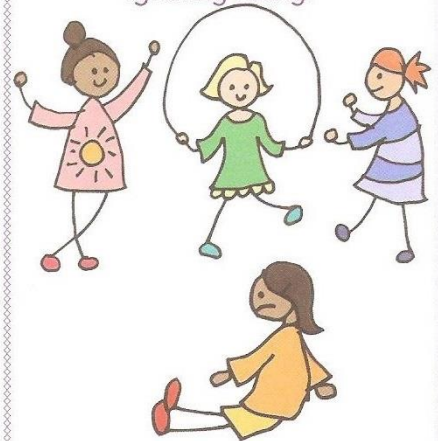
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HOLY

WARM

Standing up for what is right

Sometimes we need to stand up for what is right and good. Seeing something that is unfair or wrong can make us cross. Maya is angry to see the girls ignoring Xiang.



Draw, or write about, your ideas for how she could help.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for always being there for us, and for giving us your strong love. Help us to spread your love, so that the world may be a beautiful place. Amen.