

Franciscan of the Week: St Anthony of Padua

St Anthony is the saint we all turn to when we've lost something. Born in Lisbon in 1195, he was in the first generation of Franciscan friars and met St Francis in Assisi at the 'Chapter of Mats' in 1221. Anthony was known for his outstanding holiness, powerful preaching and keen intellect. In some ways he was similar to Francis – there is a story of Anthony preaching to the fish, just as Francis preached to the birds. Usually depicted holding the infant Jesus, statues of St Anthony adorn many churches. The 'St Anthony' wall box in the narthex is used to support those in financial need. Anthony died at Padua in 1231.



FOCUS ON... Flower Festival

Next weekend we hold our Flower Festival, marking 25 years since the church was consecrated, and raising money for our Iraq appeal with Aid to the Church in Need. Please encourage your family and friends to come and visit – the church will look stunning! The ten main displays tell the story of St Francis and St Clare, and the rest of the church will be beautifully decorated with flowers. There is no charge for entry, but we ask for donations towards the Iraq appeal. The festival can be visited:



Friday 1-8pm / Saturday 12:30pm-5pm / Sunday 11am-5pm

Sincere thanks to everyone who has sponsored arrangements, to those who are helping out over the weekend (a few slots still need covering!) and to the teams who will be working so hard to decorate the church this week.

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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 10

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 8 th June	6pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Catherine Harrison RIP	
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 9 th June	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Les Burns RIP	
Monday	9:15am		Our Lady, Mother of the Church	Henry and Kathleen Haydock RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Barnabas	Anthony Fletcher RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am		Roger and Florence O'Donnell RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Jack Burton RIP	
Friday	12noon		Isabella Cebrero RIP	
Saturday 15 th June	10am		Maureen Wootton RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Baby Martha McLaughlin	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 16 th June	9:30am		Fr John Donlan RIP	
	6pm		John and Peter Cassidy RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon;

During Eastertide: Sunday 4-5pm, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: June wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Haydock, Bishop John Brewer, Gerard Ibison, Joseph Walton, Lilian Wilkinson, Richard Anderton, Mary Agnes Butler, John Hannon, Helen McDonnell, Wilfred Barker, Ana Camina Lopez, Margaret Helm.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

ASSISI SOCIAL: Tuesday evening, 7:30pm in the parish hall. A chance to see and hear a little about the pilgrimage, and to enjoy some refreshments and good company. All welcome, whether you travelled or not!

FLOWER FESTIVAL: Next weekend. Please help to support this event and spread the word. More details on the front page of the newsletter.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting this Sunday after evening Mass. The booklet is on the symbols of the Holy Spirit. All welcome.

DAY OF RENEWAL: 'The Challenges of Pope Francis to become Missionary Disciples in a Missionary Church', led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. Saturday 22nd June.

NCW CATECHESIS: Continues Monday and Thursday, 7:30pm. A great opportunity to hear anew the Gospel and discover new ways to live it.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today at 4pm, sung Vespers and Benediction, beginning at 4:30pm.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: next Sunday (15th/16th). Please leave items in house porchway when you come for the weekend Mass.

CTFB EVENING STROLL: Wednesday 19th June. Meet at Owd Nell's car park, 7:30pm for a stroll around Myerscough College grounds with prayer stops. Approx. 1.5 miles and flat all the way. Everyone welcome. Details: Pat Gibson 866165.

CASTLERIGG-50 YEARS: Our diocesan youth centre celebrates its half-century this year. There is a barbecue there on 7th July from 4pm. There is no charge, but let them know if you'll be there: 017687 72711/team@castleriggmanor.co.uk

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday, 8pm - a presentation by Patricia Harrison on "The Women of Winckley Square". Cost £2. A deposit of £10 is now due for the meal at the Plough at Eaves on July 11th. Visitors welcome.

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION: Annual Meeting of Lark Hill Past Pupils takes place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 29th at 2pm. A chance to meet up with friends, chat and look round the College.

RWANDA GROUP TRUST: Preston based Catholic charity, providing help to the poorest in Rwanda through the Church there. Volunteers urgently needed to help at charity shop on Syke Street, Mon-Sat, 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm. Ring Michael: 01772 723094 or 07864 990941.

WOMEN AT PRAYER: Come and discuss starting a monthly women's prayer group: Xaverian Centre, 12th June, 2pm. rose.mccrave@outlook.com; 07866 736067

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend (15th/16th June) for Day for Life.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 482; Collection: £948.91; Ascension: £294.50. Thank you.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo collection	House porch
Sunday 9 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (10)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Assisi – post-pilgrimage social	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	TBC
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (11)	TBC
Friday	1pm	Flower Festival (open until 8pm)	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank collection	House porch
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	12:30pm	Flower Festival (open until 5pm)	Church
Sunday 16 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (8)	Parish Hall
	11am	Flower Festival (open until 5pm)	Church
	4:30pm	Confirmation Preparation	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

Sunday 23rd June: First Holy Communions (Mass at 11am)

Sunday 30th June: Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. Confirmation at 6pm Mass.

16th July: St Clare's birthday. Pizza on the piazza, 7:30pm

Parish Prayer to St Clare

St Clare, who chose a life of poverty, prayer and humble service, watch over this parish which bears your name. Bless and protect our community and intercede for us, that we may come closer to Jesus and grow in His likeness, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

