



## **Saint Anthony of Padua**

### **Catholic Parish**

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*"Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies." St. Anthony of Padua*

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 8th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time**

6 pm Holy Mass—Holy Souls

**Sunday 9th Feb**

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

**Monday 10th Feb—Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin**

No Mass

**Tuesday 11th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time**

10am Holy Mass & Novena

**Wednesday 12th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time**

10am Holy Mass

**Thursday 13th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time**

10am Holy Mass

**Friday 14th Feb —Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe**

10am Holy Mass

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 15th Feb—Feria in Ordinary Time**

10am Holy Mass Malayalam

6 pm Holy Mass—Holy Souls

**Sunday 16th Feb**

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

#### **Gift Aid—Forms are available in the porch and from Fr George.**

Gift Aid enables a registered charity to obtain an additional 25p from the Government for every £1 donated by an individual who pays income tax on their earnings or pension. To apply Gift Aid to your donations complete the Gift Aid section of the form, if you wish to apply Gift Aid and pay by standing order complete both parts of the Gift Aid form and return the completed form to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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<b>Parish Finance SO Jan 25 £571.70</b>		<b>50/50 Club January Winners Congratulations</b>	
Gift Aid	£ 69.00	£100 B Dorset	£50 C Ward
Cash	£158.43		£50 P Haycox
<b>Total</b>	<b>£227.43</b>	£25 C Jones	£25 M Huntbarch

**Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially** Janet Cooper, Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, Julie Kendrick, Margaret Smith, Harminder Luis, Martyn Davies, Mary Therese Richard, Doris McShane, Maura Gallagher, Carole Mountford, Mary Doll Gallagher, Robert and Eileen Palmer, Ann O'Rourke, Margaret Clemson. *Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned*

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mark Stepanko, Thomas Woolridge, Tony Merritt, Eileen Jackson, Edwin Bell, Bridget Healy, Albert Denning, James Howe, Albert Kilroy, Thomas Roberts, Joseph Perry, Maria Del Bono, Patricia O'Rourke, Freda Poole, Margaret Shields, Harry Smith, Doris Williams.

<b>Rota</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Counting Team</b>
Sat	Gemma	Richard	
Sun	Robert	Sandra A	Liz, Gail, Anne
Sat (Next weekend)	Phil Y	Martyn	
Sun	Jo	Debra	Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna

**2025 Jubilee Year** The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. What is a Jubilee? The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. They now occur every 25 years, although the next will be 2033 – the anniversary of Christ's death and resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit. These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, '...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters'" To help us to respond to this high calling during the Year, a plenary indulgence can be gained not only by making a pilgrimage to a Jubilee church, but by devotedly performing one of the acts prescribed by the Church. The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen as of pilgrimage, and for the granting of the indulgence: **St Chad's Cathedral**–Shrine of St Chad, **St Anne's Church, Caversham** – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford** – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes **St Michael's Church, Wolverhampton** – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis, **The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church** – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham **Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster** - English Martyrs **Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford**

**If you have a child attending a non Catholic School and would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please see Martyn or Fr George with proof of the child's baptism.**  
All Sessions will begin at 4pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Parents/Guardians, please arrive before 4pm, so we can begin promptly at 4pm.

**Preparation for First Holy Communion for Children attending non-Catholic schools**  
Dates will be as follows: Friday 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April.  
First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 10th May.

**Preparation for Confirmation for Children attending non-Catholic schools**  
Dates will be as follows: Friday 2nd May, 9th May, 16th May, 23rd May, 30th May, 6th June.  
Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June.

**Children's Liturgy during Mass**

Children are welcome to go out into their own Liturgy of the Word during Mass, however if the child is under 4 years of age, a responsible adult must accompany them due to safeguarding and health and safety reasons.  
If you are able to help with Children's liturgy please speak to Fr George, Elvana or email your details to :  
elvana11@hotmail.com

**First reading, Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, explained:** In the late eighth century BC, God's people in the Promised Land had become divided into a northern kingdom, Israel, and a southern kingdom, Judah. Among outside hostile forces, Assyria was the dominant power in the region. A fourth nation, Syria, was also vying for power, and trying to recruit Israel to support its ambitions. The kings of Israel and Judah started cooperating in political schemes to ensure their nations' safety, instead of relying faithfully on the Lord God to sustain them. This was the situation in which Isaiah received God's mission to speak God's word to the kings and people of Judah and Israel. Yahweh permitted Isaiah to experience His magnificence in a vision in the Temple of Jerusalem. Experiencing the glory of God, Isaiah at once confessed his unworthiness, calling out, *"Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips."* In the presence of God's holiness, Isaiah became painfully aware of his own sinful human nature. However, when cleansed by God, he was ready for His ministry: *"Here I am. Send me!"* God gave him the courage to speak His word, interpret His will, and call His people and their leaders to repent and return to God's ways. Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word." (Scott Hahn).