



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

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Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 3rd May— Feast of Ss Philip & James, Apostles

6pm Holy Mass— Deceased Members of Ward, Dalton and Dorsett Families

Sunday 4th May

10.00 am Holy Mass—Thanksgiving Shaun Mhandu

Monday 5th May—Easter Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 6th May—Easter Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 7th May—Easter Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Thursday 8th May—Easter Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Friday 9th May—Easter Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 10th May—Easter Feria

10.30am First Holy Communion (St Anthony's School)

6pm Holy Mass— **Intentions of those taking their First Holy Communion**

Sunday 11th May

10.00 am Holy Mass (First Holy Communion Parishioners) **Intentions of those taking their First Holy Communion**

Gift Aid envelopes starting 6th April are now available for collection. If your circumstances have changed, you are no longer a tax payer or you have changed address, please let Linda in the office know. If you are a tax payer please consider Gift Aiding your donation to the church. Thank you.

Office Computer- We have been told we need to upgrade to Windows 11. Unfortunately the office computer is so old it will be unable to run the updated version. Generous contributions towards this would be very welcome.

If you wish to gift aid your donation (and are a gift aider at St Anthony's, please use the additional donation envelope). If you are a tax payer but have not yet signed up as a Gift aider please complete the form to do so.

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Parish Finance SO Mar £571.00 Gift Aid £335.00 Cash £185.50 Total £520.50 2nd collection next weekend clergy training fund.	50/50 Club The April draw for the 50/50 Club will take place after Mass this Sunday.	Remember in your prayers those who have died recently. Girolima Mongiovi Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord	
<i>Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially</i> Janet Cooper, Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, 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, Maureen Tannian. <i>Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned</i>			
<i>We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:</i> John Maguire, Kevin Boyle, Felix Brothers, Ellen Moore, Len Ball, Bridie O'Sullivan, James Dineen, Patricia Phillips, Maureen McDonald, James Goddard, James Lockley, Violet Peasland, John Guy, Len Worrell, Horace Poole, Pauline Brooks, Angela Baker, William Meeley, Margaret Forest, Ray Curtis, Irma Bosi, James Kelly.			
Rota Sat Sun Sat (Next weekend) Sun	Reader Gemma Robert Dan Phil C	Eucharistic Minister Martyn Anne Marlene Dieudonne	Counting Team Kath, Anne, Wendy Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna
<u>Important Dates for your Diary</u> Saturday 10th May 10.30am First Holy Communion for pupils at St Anthony's School. Sunday 11th May 10am First Holy Communion for Parishioners. Wednesday 4th June-Saturday 14th June: The Annual Feast of St Anthony of Padua, Masses 10am and 6.30pm with the Novena after the Masses. Thursday 12th June 6.30pm Confirmation Holy Mass by the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop, The Archdiocese of Birmingham. Saturday 14th June 6.30pm International Mass.			
<u>The triple confession and commissioning of Peter:</u> "One of the features of the stories about the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection is that they nearly always end up with Jesus commissioning someone. Jesus appears for a purpose. The presence of Jesus is strongly linked with the sense of calling. Peter denied Jesus three times on the night of Jesus' arrest (18:17, 25, 27), and repented; now, Jesus is offering him three chances to redeem himself. Jesus first dealt with Peter's sin and then commissioned him to work on His behalf. Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him with the deeper, stronger, and more sacrificial kind of <i>agape</i> love and not mere <i>phileo</i> love involving brotherly love or friendship. In any event, <i>"the one thing about which Jesus questioned Peter prior to commissioning him to tend the flock, was love. This is the basic qualification for Christian service. Other qualities may be desirable, but love is completely indispensable (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-3)."</i> (Paul Avent, Study: <i>John's Gospel, Volume II</i>). By this triple confession, Peter is <u>restored to the leadership</u> position from which he had fallen by his triple denial. Furthermore, it is proclaimed that Peter is indeed a <u>pastor</u> , who is to show his love for Christ in feeding Christ's sheep, a recycling of denial into affirmation. Peter's rehabilitation is a <u>celebration of Divine Grace</u> . As the shepherd appointed by the True Shepherd, to do as He did, to care for the sheep, Peter also <u>symbolizes leadership</u> . <i>"Feed My lambs,"</i> will continue to be <u>the agenda of the post-Resurrection Church</u> until the risen Lord appears in glory.			
Cafod The collection last weekend for the earthquake disaster area in Myanmar raised £92.20. Thank you to all who donated.			
Easter Raffle Could Laura Marshall please ask at the piety stall to collect the prize she has won.			
If you have a child attending a non Catholic School and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see Martyn or Fr George with proof of the child's baptism. Preparation for Confirmation for Children attending non-Catholic schools Dates will be as follows: Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May and 6th June. 4.30 pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June.			
St Anthony's Catholic Primary Academy is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. This is a great opportunity to be able to make a valuable contribution to your parish school. You do not need to have a background in education but you do need to be able to fully commit to attending meetings, reading documentation and applying your skills to support the school in moving forwards in both its academic and faith journey. If you would like more information, please contact the school office on 01902 558935 or speak with Gerard Aston, who is a current serving Foundation Governor			