



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

Saint Anthony of Padua

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 31st May— **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6pm Holy Mass— **Julia Curran RIP: Thanksgiving Mass Morico Family**

Sunday 1st June

7.30 am Malayalam Mass

10.00 am Holy Mass— **People of the Parish**

Monday 2nd June—**Easter Feria**

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd June—**Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 4th June—**Easter Feria**

St Anthony: Novena Starts

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena

Thursday 5th June—**Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**

St Anthony: Novena Day 2

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena

Friday 6th June—**Easter Feria**

St Anthony: Novena Day 3

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm-8.30pm Night Vigil

(6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Holy Mass Syro Malabar (English) Novena, Praise & Worship & Benediction)

Solemnity of Pentecost

Saturday 7th June—**Easter Feria**

St Anthony: Novena Day 4

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena

— **Fr James Ward RIP**

Sunday 8th June

St Anthony: Novena Day 5

7.30am Malayalam Mass

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

10am Holy Mass Novena

Gift Aid

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 Apr £591.70 | | 2nd collections | |
| Gift Aid | £155.00 | Catholic Communications | 31st May/1st June |
| Cash | <u>£279.55</u> | Day for Life | 14th /15th June |
| Total | £434.55 | 50/50 Club The May draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 1st June. | |

Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially

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.

Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Rafferty, Alfred Schubert, Dorothy Charter, Frederick Bloomfield, Gertrude Rowley, Doreen Morrison, Christopher Smith, Philomena Starbuck, Ben Gilbert, William Walsh, Ken Leary, John Jackson, John Boyle Eliza Butler.

| Rota | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Counting Team |
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| Sat | Lewis | Martyn | |
| Sun | Phil C | Gail | Liz, Gail, Kath |
| Sat (Next weekend) | Marlene | Martyn | |
| Sun | Jo | Sandra A | Anne, Marie, Donna |

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th June—St Anthony: Novena Day 6

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena (Concelebration Mass of the Deanery Priests)

Main Celebrant Msgr Canon Mark Crisp

Tuesday 10th June—St Anthony: Novena Day 7

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10am Holy Mass Novena 6.30pm Holy Mass Novena

Wednesday 11th June—St Anthony: Novena Day 8

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10am Holy Mass Novena 6.30pm Holy Mass Novena

Thursday 12th June—St Anthony: Novena Day 9

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena (Sacrament of Confirmation) Principle Celebrant The Most Rev Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

Friday 13th June Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua

9.30 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10am Holy Mass Novena

6.30pm Holy Mass Novena **Main Celebrant Msgr Canon Mark Crisp**

Saturday 14th June 6.30pm International Mass Procession and Benediction

Main Celebrant Rev Msgr Antony Chundelikkatt, Vicar General Catholic Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britian.

Followed by community fellowship with shared international food.

First reading, Acts 7: 55-60, explained: One of the purposes of Acts was to introduce Gentile converts to the Jewish roots of their new religion, and at the same time to explain Christianity's separation from its ancestral tradition, and its openness to non-Jews. The story of Stephen's martyrdom illustrates the point. Stephen's vision of Jesus enthroned in Heaven, echoes the theme of the Feast of the Ascension. As in the case of Stephen, the Acts of the Apostles presents Christ's disciples reproducing in their own lives some of the experiences of Jesus. By A.D. 80 when, some scholars believe, Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles, Christians were almost sure that Christ's "second coming" would be delayed. The delayed Parousia seems to be why Stephen, the first Christian to die looks up at the moment of death, sees "*the Son of Man standing at God's right hand,*" and prays, "*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.*" We might see Jesus coming in glory to receive Stephen's spirit as an indication that each Christian, at the moment of death, will experience his or her personal Parousia. We no longer have to wait for Jesus' Second Coming to enter into glory. That's why Jesus, in Luke's account of the Passion, assures the good thief, "*This day you will be with me in paradise!*" (Lk 23:43) An aspect of our Faith that is both reassuring and challenging is the fact that it is through us that the glory of the risen Jesus is revealed to others, just as it was in the martyrdom of Stephen. Stephen is a good example of Faith in the risen Jesus and of the power of Christian witness. In fact, the word "martyr" derives from the Greek word for witness. Stephen died as the consequence of his bold profession of Christian Faith.