



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

Saint Anthony of Padua

Catholic Parish

**41 Bee Lane, Fordhouses
Wolverhampton, WV10 6LE
Tel: 01902 782144**

Email: stanthony.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.stanthonysscchurch.org

Parish Priest Fr George Thomas

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6th September—Feria in Ordinary Time		Day 6
9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	10 am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	
6.00pm Holy Mass— Patrick & Hilda Tierney RIP		
Sunday 7th September		Day 7
7.30am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)		
10am Holy Mass— People of the Parish		
Monday 8th September—Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	10 am Holy Mass	
6.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	6.30 pm Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	
Tuesday 9th September—Feria in Ordinary Time		Perpetual Novena St Anthony of Padua
9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	10 am Holy Mass	
Wednesday 10th September—Feria in Ordinary Time		
No Mass		
Thursday 11th September—Feria in Ordinary Time		
9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	10 am Holy Mass	
Friday 12th September—Feria in Ordinary Time		
9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary	10 am Holy Mass	

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 13th September—Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
6.00pm Holy Mass— People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th September	
7.30am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	
10am Holy Mass— People of the Parish	

Parish Finance SO Aug £571.70		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.
Gift Aid	£ 90.00	
Cash	<u>£195.50</u>	
Total	<u>£285.50</u>	

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: John O'Malley Jnr, Kenneth Gayden, Rene Fincher, Ethel Leonard, Timothy Watton, Tom Toal, Thomas Finnerty, Alfred Barrett, William Lincoln, Hilda Hartley.

Rota	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
Sat	Claire C	Martyn	
Sun	Sue	Anne	Liz, Gail, Kath
Sat (Next weekend)	Dan	Marlene	
Sun	Harriet	Sandra A	Anne, Wendy, Donna

50/50 Club

The August draw is postponed from this Sunday until Sunday 14th September. This is because it is necessary to find out from the Church bank Statement if the new Standing Orders have been paid for August £5 or £60 annually. If you have signed up recently for the 50/50 club, please make sure you have returned the paperwork with your name and address to Anne, Liz, Gail or Wendy. Without this information you cannot be included in the next draw. Thanks to everyone who supports the 50/50 club.

A Call to Prayer and Public Witness for Peace in the Holy Land

We are witnessing the devastating escalation of violence in Gaza and the West Bank with Israel's latest decision to mount a new offensive in Gaza City threatening hundreds of thousands with further forced displacement. The cries of Palestinian church leaders for peace and solidarity have echoed across the global Church, urging us to respond with clarity, compassion, and conviction.

As Christian agencies rooted in faith and justice, The Friends of the Holy Land believe the gravity of this moment demands a visible, united Christian witness—one that speaks to our shared commitment to peace, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people.

In response we are calling on churches across Britain to pray for peace on **Sunday 21st September**, coinciding with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches.

Prayer could include holding a minute's silence; or the prayer from Archbishop Hosam of Jerusalem; Your prayers might focus on one or more of the issues below:

- An immediate ceasefire in Gaza
- Unfettered access to humanitarian relief.
- An end to violence in Israel and Palestine.
- The release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees. And a meaningful peace process

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick**

The SVP will be holding their annual Mass of Anointing on Saturday 11th October at 12noon in the Church of St. Michael in Penn. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Those among you who are unwell, elderly or housebound are invited to receive the Sacrament during this Mass.

There will be light refreshments after Mass in the parish hall. If you'd like to attend but lack transportation then please get in touch either by Telephone 07868677863 or Email: secretaryF201402@svp.org.uk

The first reading, Wisdom 9:13-18 explained: [The book of Wisdom was written in Alexandria, Egypt a century before Christ. It was the work of a pious Jew and was intended to bolster the Faith of his fellow-Jews who were tempted to "assimilate" into the dominant pagan culture.] Today's selection tells us that the will of God can only be discerned by the help of God's Wisdom (*the Spirit of God*). God gives us this Divine Wisdom directly in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and Orders. The Spirit empowers and instructs us through Divine Revelation in Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Hence, we must prepare our plan of action in Christian discipleship, relying on the power and light of the Holy Spirit. Our decisions as true disciples of Christ must flow from our religious values, what the author of Wisdom calls "*things [that] are in Heaven.*" This means that we are called to make decisions as disciples of Jesus, not merely as foolish people caught up in the cultural values of our time. Today's passage touches on deep theological issues, such as the ability of the human mind to grasp the ways of God, and the interaction between body and soul. God's mind is Infinite, so we finite creatures, His children, must constantly, and deliberately, pray for Heavenly wisdom as we continue to study and learn.