



## St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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### Parish Clergy:

**Fr Robert Pachuta – Parish Priest**

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*If leaving a message please give the best number for a return call*



### Parish Office:

**Mrs Debbie Conneely – Parish Secretary**

**Tel: 020 8951 5769**

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**Open during School Terms:**

Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm

**Open during School Holidays:**

Wednesday 9.30am-2.30pm

### The Repository:

**Mrs Annette O'Malley**

Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am - 11am  
and Sundays after 10am and 12noon Masses

**St Vincent's Catholic Primary School: The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7 1EJ Tel: 020 8959 3417 office@stvincents.barnet.sch.uk**

### First Sunday of Advent - 2/3 December 2017

**The church is open every day, 8am – 10pm and welcomes everyone for personal prayer and participation in the Liturgy**

**Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.30pm; Sunday 10am, 12noon and 6pm.**

**Weekday Mass this week: Monday 9am; Tuesday 9am & 7.30pm; Wednesday 9am; Thursday 9am; Friday 9am, 8pm; Saturday 10am.**

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion this week: none**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 9.30-9.50am & 5.30-6pm**

**Usual times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration:**

**Monday to Friday 8-8.40am & 9.30am-10pm; Saturday 8-9.40am, 10.30am-4pm, 7.30-10pm; Sunday 8-9am & 7-10pm**

**Devotions to St Anthony and Benediction: Tuesday evening after 7.30pm Mass**

**HOLIDAYS, Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials: Thursday: St Ambrose, Bishop&Doctor; Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;**

### Advent

The season of Advent urges us to “stay awake” and not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God in our midst. Advent calls us to “watch”, to pay attention to the signs of God’s unmistakable presence in our lives, to live life expectantly not as a death sentence but as gift from God. The disciple’s life is centred in such “watchfulness”, in “attentiveness” to the love of God in every joy and sorrow, every pain and trauma, every victory and setback before us.

### CATECHISM—WHAT WE BELIEVE

#### In what way does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the Word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers** are asked to attend the Day of Recollection on Saturday 9 December, beginning with Mass at 10am and continuing with prayer and a talk in the Holy Family Room by Fr Andrew Bowden.

#### Advent Parish Reconciliation Service: 15th December at 7.30pm

**Please do come and experience God’s love and His mercy**

**Rehearsal for Family Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve** will take place on Saturday 16 December at 11am. All children are invited to come to the rehearsal in preparation for the Vigil Mass at 6pm. Children can dress as shepherds or angels, to participate more fully in the Mass and present the real meaning of Christmas.

**Carol Concert** Anyone who is interested in some festive singing with the choir at the Christmas Carol Service on **20th December**, please speak to **Monica** or **George** after Mass or call Monica on 07887582004. We are very keen for more children to join us!

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** There will be a collection as we leave the Church after Masses on 9/10 December in support of the work done by the S.V.P. with local families and individuals experiencing hardship. Please be generous, enabling the good work of the S.V.P. among disadvantaged people.

**Felix Simplicio Peter DeSouza R.I.P.** Sympathy is extended to Felix’s family and friends. His funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Clergy Availability Tuesday 5 December, 5.30—6.30pm** in the **Parish Office** located near the toilets in the Sacristy corridor. References for Applications to Catholic schools, Baptism, Marriage and other matters can be discussed. No appointment is needed.

**References** for school and other applications are written during Clergy Availability. Forms need to be filled out in advance.

**Applications for a place in a Catholic School** Application forms, including the Priest’s reference form, will be available from the schools to which applications are being made. This applies to nursery, infant, junior and secondary schools and sixth form colleges.

#### Parish Centre:

I previously outlined a vision for a modernised Parish Centre as a valued asset used by all of our community.

However, the process of refurbishment is not something which can be undertaken quickly and we will need to take careful advice from the Diocese and surveyors. I will keep you informed of progress and will also take on-board the helpful suggestions I have received.

In the meantime its business as usual for the Parish Centre, which continues to be open for bookings (through Debbie) and all the current activities, such as the Over 55s Club, will continue as usual. I am also making arrangements for the licence to be reassigned and when this process is complete the bar will be open for functions. Thank you all once again for your support and understanding and I look forward to your active participation when the refurbishment projects get underway. Fr Robert

**Christmas Cards & Gifts** can be viewed and purchased in the Holy Family Room on Tuesdays & Fridays, 09.30 to 11am, and on Sundays, after 10am and 12 noon Masses.

**Registration—Confirmation for young** in school year 9 and above. The programme will start in January. Young people accompanied by a parent can register by meeting with Fr Robert in the parish office on Friday 8 December at 6-7pm, bringing their Baptism certificate, unless the Baptism took place here at St. Anthony’s.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, St. Anthony’s Parish Centre** Saturday 16 December at 12.30pm with lunch at 1pm. Volunteers are needed on Friday 15 December at 8pm for one hour to prepare the hall upstairs in the Parish Centre, and also your help on the day to help serve the meal. Gift-wrapped presents are needed to be given out at the party. All offers, please to Debbie in the Parish Office. The names of those intending to come to the lunch should be written on the list at the back of the Church. Working together, let’s make this a happy and memorable event for our guests.

#### St Anthony’s Discipleship programme

For more information please contact: [stanthonysdiscipliship@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonysdiscipliship@gmail.com).

**Parish Centre bookings and enquiries** Please liaise with Debbie, in the office, regarding bookings and enquiries for St. Anthony’s Parish Centre hall.

#### Church Cleaning: Team B, Thursday 7 December 10.00am

**Mrs E. Gomez, Mrs C. Etuka, Mrs A. Lawal, Mrs L. Danso, Mr L. Perera, Mr E.O. Ansah, Mrs D. Sarpomaa.**

Thank you, all who help to clean and care for our church.

**More volunteers are always welcome to keep our church clean and tidy!**