



Opening hours:

The church is open daily for private prayer and adoration:

**Monday-Sunday 7am–10pm;**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday to Friday: 8-8.40am & 9.30am-10pm;

Saturday: 8-9.40am, 10.30am-4pm, 7.30-10pm; Sunday: 8-9am & 7-10pm

**LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES**

**Sunday 15 Sept** 24th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Ps Wk4  
Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10; (p. 136)  
Mass: 10am, 12 noon and 6pm.

**Mon 16 Sept** Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs;  
8.40 Morning prayer  
9am Mass; 9.30 Rosary;

**Tue 17 Sept** Feria;  
8.40 Morning prayer  
9am Mass; 9.30 Rosary;  
7.30pm Mass with devotions to St Anthony and Benediction;

**Wed 18 Sept** Feria;  
8.40 Morning prayer  
9am Mass; 9.30 Rosary;

**Thu 19 Sept** Feria;  
8.40 Morning prayer  
9am Mass; 9.30 Rosary;

**Fri 20 Sept** Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest; Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs;  
8.40 Morning prayer; Friday abstinence  
9am Mass; 9.30 Rosary;  
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet;

**Sat 21 Sept** St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist;  
9.30-9.50am Confessions; 9.45am Devotions to Our Lady  
10am Mass;  
5.30-6pm Confessions;  
6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass;

**Sunday 22 Sept** 25th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Ps Wk1  
Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13; (p. 140)  
Mass: 10am, 12 noon and 6pm.

# St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Parish Priest:

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Open during

School Terms:

Tuesday to Thursday:

9.30am-2.30pm

School Holidays:

**Wednesday**

9.30am-2.30pm

No.36/2020

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

15 Sept 2019

## “There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner”



This week's readings invite us to rejoice in a God who longs to forgive us. No-one is beyond God's reach: we are loved sinners who are welcomed home with great joy, regardless of how far we have strayed. In the First Reading the Israelites have lost faith both in Moses and in God, and are worshipping an idol – the golden calf that they have made. But God listens to Moses's pleading and forgives them. The Psalm shows that whatever crisis we may face in our relationship with God, his mercy ensures we can always find a way back to him. The Second Reading speaks of the

mercy of God from first-hand experience. Paul is the 'greatest of sinners', once set on persecuting the followers of Jesus, but now God's grace has filled him with love and faithfulness, and his response is one of gratitude and loving service.

In the Gospel extract, Jesus tells three parables about seeking the lost, and the joy when they are found. He compares God's unfailing mercy to a shepherd searching out the one stray in a flock of ninety-nine; to a woman who drops everything to look for a lost coin; and to the father who watches out for his 'prodigal' son and runs out joyfully to meet him.

This week, let's ask God to help us become ever more deeply aware of his love and compassion for us, and his desire to forgive the penitent sinner. Wherever and whatever our circumstances, God will always seek us out.

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## PARISH NOTICES

**Please pray for those who have died:** Fr Tom Quinn, Fr Christopher Gawecki; (...) and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: (...)

**Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners:** Owen Cullen; Joe & Candida Rodrigues; Edgar D'Souza; Michael Morrish; Sheila & Dennis Clark; Betty McGrath, Hartley Sinclair; Peggy McManamon; Margaret Tivenan; Mary Chrapala, Cicely Malcolm;

- ◆ **Blessing of the Cross** There will be solemn Mass at 10am this Sunday **15 September** celebrated by Vicar General **Mgr Martin Hayes** with the blessing of our new Cross outside the church.
- ◆ **Home Mission Sunday** takes place this Sunday. The Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation.

**New Altar Servers** Any Catholic child or young adult, who has made their First Holy Communion and who would like to train to be an Altar Server, is asked to collect an **Application Form** from Fr Robert after Mass on Saturday evening/Sunday.

### CATECHETICS

**New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training** For those who have been asked to become a minister of Holy Communion the training will take place on **Saturday 21 September at 2pm**, in the Holy Family Room.

**The Belles of St. Anthony (Womens group)** will meet in the Holy Family Room on Wednesday 18 September at 10am.

**St Anthony's Men's Group** Monday 30 September at 8pm. All adult men are welcome. For more information contact: stanthonysdiscipleship@gmail.com

**First Holy Communion Programme 2019/20** There will be a meeting for parents, who have received an application form from Fr. Robert, on **Monday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring the application form to Debbie in the Parish office by 2.30pm on Thursday 26 September.**

**RCIA Know any non-Catholics interested in the Faith?** Why not encourage them to join the new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults group. If interested, please let Fr Robert know or contact the Parish Office: edgware@rcdow.org.uk .

**'The Summit'** On Friday 18 October, Westminster Youth Ministry will be hosting an event for all the young people of the diocese called 'The Summit'. The event will take place at Westminster Cathedral from 6.30pm to 8pm.

**St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School** will be holding 3 morning tours with the Headteacher for prospective parents on the following dates; **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.** The tour will last approximately 30 minutes commencing at 9.15am. If your child is due to start school in Reception Year in

September 2020 and you wish to visit, please contact the school office to book a place - places will be limited.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** There will be a collection next weekend 21/22 September 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.

### **Thought about Gift Aid?**

If you donate to the Church using an offertory envelope or by standing order and you pay tax, then the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation. It does not affect you, but is an important source of income for the Church.

However, we are missing out on the amount we could claim because well over 40% of the weekly collection is through the loose plate. Some of the people who faithfully give a regular amount in cash each week will be tax payers and we could claim the tax back on this if they changed the way they give to offertory envelopes or standing order. If you want to find out how you can do this and see if you are eligible to sign a Gift Aid form, arrange to see John Kasparian in the Parish Office.

Similarly, if you have already signed a Gift Aid form and you are no longer paying tax please let John know so that we can update our records.

### **Wish to meet with the Parish Priest**

**Clergy Availability** The next Clergy Availability will be on Tuesday **17 Sept 6-7pm**, in the **Parish Office** located near

to the Sacristy, beside the toilets. 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.

**New to the Parish** If you are a new parishioner, please come to the parish office and collect a parish registration form.

**The Repository: Mrs Annette O'Malley** Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am - 11am and Sundays after 10am and 12noon Masses.

**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 E Thursday**

**19 September, 7pm**

Mrs A. O'Malley, Mrs M. Gaughan,  
Mrs S. Lee, Mrs B. Carty,  
Mrs K. Thavendran, Mrs G. Thavendran.

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

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