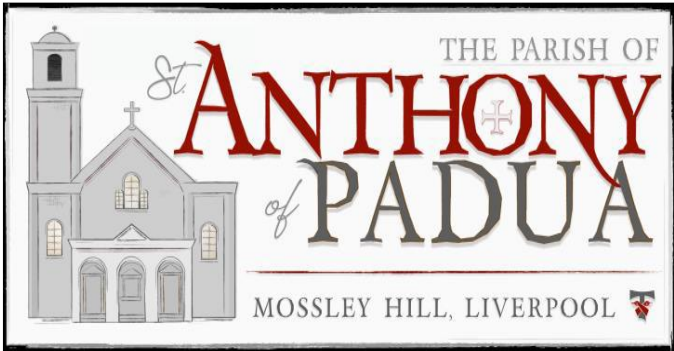




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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2026 Dear A

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Anthony of Padua, thank you so much for your kind thoughtfulness and prayers – I enjoyed a lovely break away, and it is also wonderful to be back. With the Centenary celebrations, the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi and various events like the Summer Fayre, our parish is enjoying many ways of coming together to pray, to contribute and to recreate as a family of faith, strengthened and renewed by the love of Christ. We have so many things to be grateful to God for! As parish priest, several areas of parish life have required particular attention. While trying to ensure that our parish liturgies, prayer-life and pastoral outreach remain at the heart of what we do, there has also been the critical need to ascertain our financial situation, and to ensure that our entire site is safe, well-maintained and compliant with legislation. This has been a slow and, at times, very challenging process but genuine progress is being made daily. Beyond the financial costs involved, the biggest challenge is developing an accurate and thorough picture of things. Our Parish Finance Council is working to develop a sound understanding of our parish situation, aiming at being able to present a clear and honest overview of the parish. The nature of this work – and the need for accuracy and clarity – means that this process is taking time, but I can assure you that real progress is being made. This is *your* parish, and the friars feel profoundly blessed to have ministered with and among you for a century. The Christian life calls all of us to ‘live in the light of the Lord’ and a healthy and holy parish is one in which every facet of its life is understood, open to scrutiny and is carefully attended to. In due time, a Parish Council will be formed, but certain fundamentals need to be in place first. Please keep me, the friars and all of our parishioners in your prayers as we journey forward together, certain in the knowledge that wherever Christ is loved and put at the centre of things, everything else will fall into place. FR. Gerard Mary

A Thank You to Our Parish Community: THE Summer Fayre raised-£1667. The Restoration committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and attended our Summer Fayre. What a wonderful day it was for our parish! It was truly uplifting to see so many people come together in friendship and fellowship, and especially lovely to welcome so many young families. The laughter, smiles, and sense of community throughout the day made it a very special occasion for us all. A sincere thank you goes to our volunteers, parishioners, donors, and everyone who came along and helped make the day such a success. Your generosity, dedication, and support are greatly appreciated and are what make events like these possible. Thank you once again for your continued support of our parish. We look forward to seeing you at future events and building on the wonderful spirit of community that was so evident throughout the day. **With grateful thanks,** *The Parish Restoration Committee*

Parish Office Notice: Please note that the Parish Administrator will be on annual leave from **22 July to 3 August**. Any **Mass Intention requests** submitted during this period will be processed upon her return and will be published in the parish newsletter of **9 August**. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Notice: Please note that on **Saturday, 25 July**, there will be **no Morning Prayer, Mass, or Confessions** due to a wedding taking place in the church. Thank you for your understanding. Please keep the wedding couple in your prayers as they celebrate this special occasion.

Thinking Faith week: There are still have a few places on our Thinking Faith week, with Fr Richard Finn and Sr. Margaret in the first week in August. Use this link for further information. <https://boarbankhall.org.uk/thinking-faith-mary-1st-8th-august-2026/>

Tuesday Tea and Toast: Tuesdays from 9:30AM to 12 Noon during term time only. **We will re-open 15th September 2026 see you then.**

The Toddler Group meets in the hall on Wednesdays from 10h00 to 12 noon. Will reopen on **Wednesday 2nd September**. 🧸🧸

Tea & Coffee in the Hall after 10h00 & 12h00 Mass. Light refreshments and fellowship. Pop in for a quick cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners after mass.

Sunday Collection: Sunday 12th July 2026 1st Collection: £Thank you for your kindness to parish and friary.

MASS TIMES	Saturday	9am [Morning Prayer in Church] 9:30am [Holy Mass] Franciscan Crown Rosary (After mass) 11:00am [Baptisms] 12-1pm [Confessions] 6.00 pm [Vigil Mass]
	Sunday	8.00 am. 10.00 am. and 12.00 noon
	Weekdays	12.00 noon [Tuesday – Friday]
	Holidays	10.00 am.
Confessions	Tues & Fri:	11:15 – 11:45 & Saturday: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Exposition	Tues & Fri:	11:15 – 11:45
St Anthony Devotions.	Tuesday:	12:00 noon (after Holy Mass)
Baptisms.	Register for Preparation Programme by e-mail to the Parish Office.	
Marriage.	By appointment (6 months’ notice required).	

Secular Franciscan Order. Second Sunday of the month at 2.30 pm.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

25. Sunday Vigil	6:00 pm	Dionne Yeglis - Healing
26. Sunday	8:00 am	Continued Recovery (MH)
	10:00 am	Felisa and Eddie Hoye - RIP
	12 noon	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (for all parishioners)
27. Monday	Private	Continued Recovery (MH)
28. Tuesday	11:15-11:45	<i>Exposition & Adoration</i>
	12 noon	Anthony Mary - Special Intention
29. Wednesday	12 noon	Patricia Critchley - Anniversary
30. Thursday	12 noon	Leslie Jones RIP Anniversary
31. Friday	12 noon	Special Intentions to St. Anthony of Padua
01. Saturday	9:00 am	Morning prayers
	9:30 am	Mass – for vocations
Sunday Vigil	6:00 pm	Wedding Anniversary
02. Sunday	8:00 am	The Cassidy Family - Thanksgiving
	10:00 am	Maureen Ross BR
	12 noon	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (for all parishioners)

Masses Received: Anthony Mary – Special Intention, Maureen Ross - BR, Special Intention, Fr. Tenny Emmanuel Anthony – Thanksgiving for being Ordained a Priest, for the friars own Intentions, Ann Firkins - RIP

We pray for those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Thomas, Rose Wesley, Michael Bruder, Siobhan Clinton, Dorothy Treloar, Catherine Gordon, Emily Walsh, Jean Hart, Anne Dawson, Nicholas Francis Plumb, Esther King, Michael Philburn, Peter Rylands, Nicholas Colvin, Duncan Muirhead, Nora Stapleton, Veronica Lambert. **May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Supporting the Parish Through Standing Orders
If you would like to make regular donations to the parish without using cash, you have the option to set up a standing order. Gift Aid can still be applied to standing order donations, allowing us to make the most of your generosity.
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