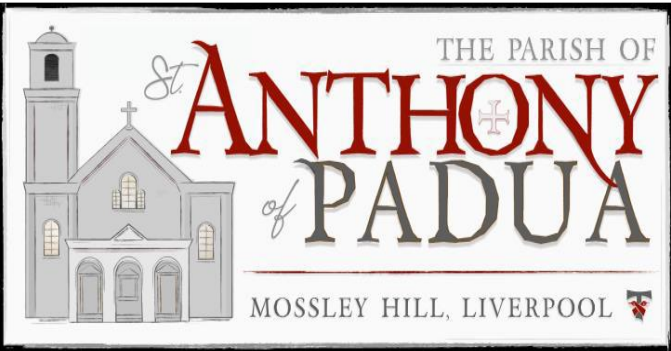




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The Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August 2026 Dear A

Pilgrimage Walk to celebrate the Season of Creation and the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi Saturday 5th September 2026

Itinerary: Gather at St Francis of Assisi Church at 10:00 – Short Prayer before leaving on the walk. Follow the route of the map. Three short stops for ‘Prayer Stations/ Reflections’ along the route (max. of 5 minutes each) Arrive at St Anthony of Padua Church approx. 12:20 Holy Mass at 12:30. Main celebrant and homilist - Fr Gerard Mary, Music provided by Wigan Family of Parishes Music Group. 13:30 Own packed lunches in the Parish Hall. Tea and Coffee provided. There are four short times of prayer planned along the walk – possibly by existing groups, invited from around the diocese. (Please find copies of the Itinerary and map at the back of church)

Statement on the dangers of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: We encourage parishioners to take a copy of the statement home, read it carefully, and prayerfully consider writing to their MP regarding the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Further information and support can be found through the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales website.

Date for Your Diary: BBC Songs of Praise Visit: We are delighted that the BBC Songs of Praise team will be visiting our parish on Monday 7th September to film our Warm Space initiative. The filming will take place in the morning, with the exact time to be confirmed and advertised as soon as possible. If you are free, please do come along for a cuppa, a chat, and some fellowship. We would love to fill the parish hall with our wonderful parishioners and help showcase the warm welcome and strong community spirit that make our parish so special. Your presence would be greatly appreciated, and we encourage everyone who can attend to join us for this exciting occasion.

Thank You from the Restoration Committee: The Restoration Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our 100-Year Quiz. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised a fantastic **£780** for our restoration fund. We are truly grateful to all who attended, helped organise the event, donated prizes, and supported us in any way. Your contribution helped make the evening a great success and reflects the wonderful spirit of our parish community.

With sincere thanks, The Restoration Committee

Good Luck Back at School! We wish all our children a very happy and successful start to the new school year. A special good luck to our new Reception children as they begin this exciting new chapter. May you make lots of new friends, enjoy learning, and have a wonderful first year at school. We also extend our warmest good wishes to Mrs Edwards as she begins her role as the new Head Teacher. We keep her, the staff, and all our school community in our prayers for the year ahead. All Peace and Good

Children's Church Returns: We are delighted to announce that Children's Church will resume on **Sunday 6th September during the 10.00am Mass**. Our catechists are looking forward to welcoming all the children back. We warmly invite families to join us and encourage all children to come along and take part.

Gift Aid Notice: Gift Aid Registration Update A gentle reminder to complete and return your 2026/2027 Gift Aid form if you have not yet done so. This applies both to those already registered for Gift Aid and to anyone wishing to register. Keeping our records up to date helps us continue to claim Gift Aid where eligible. Thank you for your support.

Prayer in Preparation for Chapter: Most High and Glorious God, Good and all-powerful Lord! We ask You to guide, enlighten and strengthen our Friars as they prepare to meet in Chapter. Led by the flame of Your Holy Spirit and renewed in the Divine Name of Jesus Christ Your Son, may their decisions be wise, holy and marked by Christian love. - O Immaculate Conception, Queen of the Franciscan Order, pray for our Friars. O St. Francis and St. Clare, pray for our Friars. O St. Anthony of Padua, patron of our parish, pray for our Friars.

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.

Offertory Collection: The collection taken on **Sunday 23rd August 2026** amounted to **£874.70. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our**

MASS TIMES

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

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

MASSES THIS WEEK:

29. Sunday Vigil	6:00 pm	Lee Moyes- RIP
30. Sunday	8:00 am	Pauline Mulholland - Special Intention
	10:00 am	Veronica Shaw - RIP
	12 noon	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (for all parishioners)
	Private	Thanksgiving for Recovery (MH)
31. Monday		<i>Exposition & Adoration</i>
01. Tuesday	<i>11:15-11:45</i>	Margaret Corcoran - RIP
	12 noon	Matthew Malone -Mason Thanksgiving/Conversion
	12 noon	The Cassidy Family
	12 noon	Tom & John - RIP
02. Wednesday	12 noon	Morning prayers
03. Thursday	12 noon	Mass – for vocations
04. Friday	12 noon	Deacon Paul Whitehead & Jan Special Intention
05. Saturday	9:00 am	Missa pro Populo (for all parishioners)
	9:30 am	Maria Mitchell
	6:00 pm	In Thanksgiving for Jame's Healing
	8:00 am	
Sunday Vigil	10:00 am	
06. Sunday	12 noon	

Masses Received: Fr. Joe Kendal – RIP, Mrs Anne Kehoe – RIP, Jean Cole – BR, Alistair Reynolds - Celebration of 80th Birthday, Parents and Children’s - Good health & blessings, Tony McDonald – RIP, Pam Thornton -RIP (BR), James Hogan – RIP, Rea Robert - Thanksgiving for Special Intentions, Maria Leonard – RIP, Anthony Scott - Good Health, Pat Harris - Healing for sight, Christine Harris - Good Health, Mary Frances Burke - RIP

We pray for those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Matassi, Fr Daniel Green. Fr Raphael Saul, Fr Donald O’Meara, Murad Ghorbal, Mary Teresa Green, George Fitzgibbon, Loretta Jones, June Foyle, Essene Longworth, Tom Middleborough, Patricia Hughes, Moya Jones, Bernadette Bell, Winifred Clarkson, Bert Sutherland, Brian Finnigan, Debra Pinna, Peggy Duffy, Paulino Lopez, Margaret Ann Ennis, Joseph Edwards, Brother Dennis Sokolowski. **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.

Bank account name: St. Anthony of Padua 140 **Sort code:** 40-29-12 **Account number:** 71544055