

# Holy Family Little Church

Pray these words taken from today's psalm.

Today is  
the **4<sup>th</sup>** SUNDAY  
of LENT



# Holy Family Church

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Sunday Mass: 11.00 am.

Weekday Mass: Mon & Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

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## *Light is about seeing correctly*

'The spiritual life is very much a matter of cleaning the lens, clarifying how you see. We all have our tragic flaws and blind spots. Humans always need more 'light' or enlightenment about themselves and about the endless mystery of God.' (R.Rohr)  
'Many of us have made our world so familiar that we do not see it any more. It is an interesting question to ask ourselves at night: What did I really see this day? The human eye is always selecting what it wants to see and also evading what it does not want to see. The crucial question then is: what criteria do we use to decide what we like to see and to avoid seeing what we do not want to see?'

It is a startling truth that **how** you see and **what** you see determines **how** and **who** you will be. To the fearful eye, all is threatening. To the greedy eye, everything can be possessed. To the judgmental eye, everything is closed in definitive frames. To the resentful eye, everything is begrudged. To the indifferent eye, nothing calls or awakens. To the inferior eye, everyone is greater, more beautiful, more brilliant, more gifted. The inferior eye is always looking away from its own treasures. It can never celebrate its own presence or potential. It is blind to its own secret beauty. To the loving eye, everything is real. This art of love is neither sentimental nor naive. Such love is the greatest criterion of truth, celebration, and reality. Kathleen Raine, a Scottish poet, says that unless you see a thing in the light of love, you do not see it at all. Love is the light in which we see light. Love is the light in which we see each thing in its true origin, nature, and destiny. If we could look at the world in a loving way, then the world would rise up before us full of invitation, possibility, and depth.

The loving eye can even coax pain, hurt, and violence toward transfiguration and renewal. The loving eye is bright because it is autonomous and free. It can look lovingly upon anything. The loving vision does not become entangled in the agenda of power, seduction, opposition, or complicity. Such vision is creative and subversive. It rises above the pathetic arithmetic of blame and judgment and engages experience at the level of its origin, structure, and destiny. The loving eye sees through and beyond image and effects the deepest change. Vision is central to your presence and creativity. To recognize **how** you see things can bring you self-knowledge and enable you to glimpse the wonderful treasures your life secretly holds.' (John O' Donohue)

## Jesus meets ... THE MAN BORN BLIND

Jesus made the blind man see things for the first time ever.

Draw 2 things he would have seen when his eyes opened after he washed in the pool.



The man said:

"LORD ... I BELIEVE YOU ARE  
THE SON OF GOD"

Fr. Peter

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Opening hours: Thursday 10am-4pm; Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 10am-12noon

*Fourth Sunday of Lent* Year A

26th March 2017 Eucharistic Prayer: 1

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 25th March 2017

Sat 6.00pm	St. Anthony	Dick & Ida Salisbury	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Anthony Holy Family	John Phillips Agnes Ainsworth	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon 9.15am	Holy Family	Dave Smith	
Tue 9.15am	St. Anthony	George & Winifred Lawrence	
Wed 9.15am	St. Anthony	Alan Southworth	
Thur 9.15am	Holy Family	William Devereux	
Fri 9.15am 6.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	St Anthony St Anthony		Stations of the Cross Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	St. Anthony	Sheila Arkwright	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Anthony Holy Family	Marie Hooper Evelyne Mary Bamber	Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 90. Offertory: £180.00. Thank you for your generosity. We'll total up the donations for the Drought Appeal next week.

### Masses received this week:

Michael Walsh, George & Winifred Lawrence, Alan Southworth.

### Monday Surgery

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church on Monday evening from 5.30-6.30pm for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc.

*Please remember in your prayers . . . .*

**those who are sick:** Bill O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Johnson, Eveline Eccles, Malaya, Ray Mannion, John Miller, Claire, Bill York;

**those who have died recently:** Dave Smith;

**and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Leonard Riley, Isabella Weir, Joe Walmsley, Darren Kaye, Brian O'Kane, Elizabeth Harrison, Charles Anderson, Elizabeth Dunn, Edwin Kelsey, Elizabeth Hodgkinson, Mabel Caries, Jack Green, Vincent Waddington, Lizzy Lawler, Evie Bamber.

*Father, may these, and all we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the Resurrection, won for us by your Son Jesus, the risen Lord.*

## LENT

**'Lent in the Minster'**- each Monday in Lent; the theme is 'MISSION'. From 6th March to 3rd April (inc.) mainly at Preston Minster, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

**Stations of the Cross.** Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm.

### 'The Road to Jerusalem'

Lenten series of Prayer & Bible Study, each Thursday, 2nd March -6th April, 7:30pm, St Wilfrid's. See poster or [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk)

### Passover Meal

Monday 10th April at 7.00 for a 7.15 start. Cost will be Children £10.00 Adults, £12.00 with soft drinks, and £15.00 with wine. Please can you give money with the booking. See Jane or Caroline.

### Service of Reconciliation

There will be a Service of Reconciliation at St. Anthony's on Thursday 6th April at 7pm.

**Holy Week Services:** Times and locations will be the same as last year i.e. Maundy Thursday in Holy Family Church at 7.30pm; Good Friday in St. Anthony's at 3pm; Easter Vigil in St. Anthony's at 8.30pm.

### First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The next Session is on Tuesday, starting at 3.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Michael will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th June at 6.30pm. **Please note:** there will be a briefing Session for parents and young people on Thursday 11th May. Preparation will be concentrated on one day - 20th May, from 10am-5.30pm. We will be inviting applications soon.

### 'A Life Worth Knowing' - A Passion Play for Preston

On Fri 14th April (Good Friday), starting in Winckley Square at 11.30am. Graham Hickey invites people from the Preston Churches for the singing of mostly well-known songs. To take part phone Graham 07469 963837 or e-mail [gghickey9087@gmail.com](mailto:gghickey9087@gmail.com)

### Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

These items are the most needed at the moment:

** NOODLES	* jams	* brown & red sauces (small)
* coffee sachets (2 in 1)	* instant desserts	* drinking chocolate sachets
* biscuits		* juices for lunch boxes

*Thank you for your continued generous giving.*

### NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Rom 8:8-11 The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

John 11:1-45 I am the Resurrection and the life.