

*St. Anthony's
Roman Catholic
Parish ' - Words'*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

13th June 2021

Hymns:

Entrance: Give thanks

Offertory: Only in God

Communion: You are my all in
all

Recessional: There is a
redeemer

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I
have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 91:2-3.13-16

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Response to Psalm

It is good to give you thanks,
O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Holy Father, keep in your name those
you have given me, that they may be
one as we are one, says the Lord.



Communion Reflection

'It is like a mustard seed'

Something we may not often think
about is Jesus' earthly relationship
with creation. Jesus walked
everywhere, went to quiet places to
pray, preached from mountains, from
boats on the water; his followers
included fishermen in tune with the
rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis'
encyclical *Laudato Si'* - On Care for
Our Common Home, he reminds us
that Jesus 'was in constant touch

with nature, lending it an
attention full of fondness and
wonder' (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus'
parables are full of imagery from
the natural world and in today's
Gospel we have an example of
this in the parable of the
mustard seed. People of Jesus'
time may have preferred the
image of the lofty 'cedars of
Lebanon' to explain God's
kingdom, mustard plants however,
only stand a few feet tall. Jesus
is turning the ideals of power and
triumph on their head. There is
an ancient text which forbade
planting mustard seeds in
Palestinian gardens because the
shrub takes over wherever it is
planted and attracts unwanted
birds. Author and activist, Shane
Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a
wild vine that could blanket
entire mountain areas, smother
trees, even crack cement
buildings. This mustard seed
image of God's dream for this
world is one which suggests that
it will grow even in places where
it is not wanted, putting cracks in
seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells
us of the earthly Jesus and his
tangible and loving relationship
with the world. It also shows him
risen and glorious, present
throughout all of creation (Col

1:19-20). 'The very flowers of the
field and the birds which [Christ's]
human eyes contemplated and
admired are now imbued with his
radiant presence' (*Laudato Si'*,
100). As we watch out for traces
of the mustard seed kingdom this
week, let us also embrace the joy
of Christ in all of creation.

Jane Mellett

UPDATE: Mass at St. Nicholas

100 parishioners from Sunday 13th
June at 10h. No reservations are
needed but compliance with the
coronavirus measures is obligatory,
namely social distancing, mask
wearing, hand sanitisation, and no
singing.

**Mass at Sacré Coeur 19 Rue le
Correge, 1000, Brussels**

English mass at Rue le Corrège will
be on every Sunday at 19h15.
Currently it is limited to 100
people. If you would like to attend,
please register at the following
link:

[http://www.sacrecoeurbruxelles.be/
events/Sunday-mass-en-2020-
2021](http://www.sacrecoeurbruxelles.be/events/Sunday-mass-en-2020-2021)

St. Anthony's Update.

This coming Sunday the 13th June is the Feast day of St. Anthony of Padua, the Patron Saint of our church. As Franciscans he is a special Saint that is close to our hearts and a popular Saint all over the world. It is normally the day or close to it when we as a parish should have been celebrating our annual Fayre, when we come together to celebrate as a faith and social community. Many of our past parishioners make an effort to try and return to celebrate with us and catch up with old friends. But alas, due to the Covid outbreak and the restrictions imposed we will miss our Fayre once again this year.

But it is not all doom and gloom. There is light at the end of the tunnel and restrictions are beginning to be eased and this will also affect our parish. While we continue to celebrate our Sunday mass on live stream the parish activities are still continuing. On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June, 22

children will be making their First Communion, even with the restriction on numbers who can attend the First Communion it is a great day for the children involved and their families. Last week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 7 young men and women over a period of 4 days. This was due to the families involved who will be leaving the parish and country over the next few weeks for pastures new.

Again I would like to congratulate the young men and women who received their Confirmation and their families and wish you all God's blessing for your future undertakings. As for Baptisms, we have baptisms nearly every second week sometimes every week.

With this sunny weather we also have had some choirs rehearsing in the church grounds, keeping social distance and within the numbers allowed.

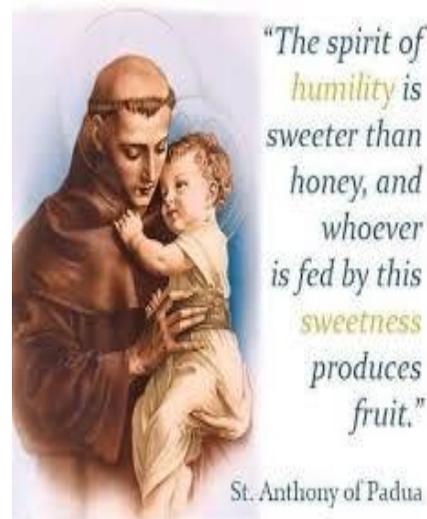
So everything is picking up and looking very positive!

I hope to have good news for next week's Words/Web page concerning the resumption of public mass at St. Anthony's.

Watch this Space !!!!!

God Bless and a Happy St. Anthony's Day.

Fr. Michael



FCJ Centre of Spirituality
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1. **SCRIPTURE PRAYER:** Lectio Divina. All Welcome! (Zoom)
Every Wednesday 10.30-12.00
And 19.30-21.00

For further information, visit
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fcj@fcjcentre.be, or tel.
02 348 956

St. Anthony's Church Opening Hours

We are happy to announce that St. Anthony's Church is open for visits during the week and weekends.

Church Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm
Sundays: 11.30am - 6pm

Please Note:

Sunday Mass is still been live streamed - No congregation. The Church will be open to the public after Mass.

Covid Measures:

The numbers visiting the Church at any one time is restricted to 15 persons.

Children under the age of 12 are not part of the 15 - but children between 10 and 12 years are now also required to wear a mask.

Face Mask are to be worn, and social distance must be observed at all times.

Please use the hand sanitizer gel that is provided at the entrance of the Church.

God Bless,
Fr. Michael and Fr. Pat

ROSARY WEDNESDAYS

In these challenging times, with limited possibilities to meet our family and friends in person, a chance to pray together becomes so precious. Therefore, responding to Our Lady's promise to grant her special protection and numerous graces to those who will recite the Holy Rosary, we would like to invite you to join a group of fellow parishioners (from The Church of the Sacred Heart in Rue le Corrège) every Wednesday at 8:30 PM online, on Zoom platform, to pray the Rosary and the Litany of St. Joseph, thus bringing our common and private intentions to Jesus through Mary.

How to access the virtual prayer evenings:

1)
Click: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76390617485?pwd=VDdEZDJaTVZMSnRkRUtIRONQK3ZSZz09>

OR

2) Go to www.zoom.com, "Join a meeting"
Meeting ID: 763 9061 7485

For more information, please contact
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SUMMER FAYRE

This weekend has, over many years, become established as the date of the parish Summer Fayre. Sadly this year, for the second time, the chance to meet up for a day of fun and activities together and to support the parish is not possible. There are however promising signs of improvement and we look forward to when we can again welcome parishioners to an event. We wish all those involved with the Fayre - visitors and helpers - and their families a happy and safe summer break.

The Fayre Team

The seed that grows by itself

On many an idle day I have grieved over lost time.
But it is never lost, my Lord.
You have taken every moment of my life in your own hands.
Hidden in the heart of things,
you are nourishing seeds into sprouts,
buds into blossoms,
and ripening flowers into fruitfulness.
I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed
And imagining all work had ceased.
In the morning I woke up and found my garden full with wonders of flowers

Rabindranath Tagore

Mass at St Joseph's Community



St Joseph's Community meets every Sunday at 11h30, at 203 Chaussee de Wavre, 1050 Brussels.
Currently 100 people are allowed in our Church and all visitors are welcome.

If you have some news you would like to share with the rest of the community through the newsletter, please get in touch with us on stanthonyparish@telenet.be

MASS TIMES

St Anthony's Parish -
Live Streamed Mass
Every Sunday @ 10.30h

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