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Parish Office: 9h30 -12h00

4th Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026 Year A

Safeguarding Audit – Key Holders: As we prepare for our upcoming safeguarding audit, we're updating our list of everyone who holds keys to the church. If you have a key—whether you use it regularly or only occasionally—please email ukdesignatedlp@thegreyfriars.org by 31st March 2026 so we can make sure our records are complete. Thank you.

My dear friends, one of the most wonderful blessings I have experienced in my short time of ministering at St. Anthony's is to see how the people of our parish really care for one another and what heart is shown to those parishioners who might be poorly or who are unable to attend Holy Mass. Desiring to comfort and visit the sick - and to bring them the Holy Eucharist - is to live in loving imitation of Our Lord. I am so grateful to God to be in a parish where the love of God and neighbour is so clearly lived. Indeed, the Holy Eucharist - Who is truly Christ - occupies the sacred place at the very heart of our lives as a parish. Jesus loves us, He remains always with us and, aided by His grace, we can draw into ever close union with Him and with one another. In any parish, the parish priest has the primary duty of safeguarding the Holy Eucharist; he must ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved securely, protected from desecration and treated with the upmost reverence. As with every other aspect of parish life, if the parish priest is to fulfil his responsibilities carefully and dutifully, he relies on the kind help and cooperation of those in the parish. As the ordinary minister of Holy Communion, the parish priest must ensure that only authorised individuals handle the sacred species. Therefore, on each and every occasion, the parish priest must be informed when someone wishes to retrieve the Holy Eucharist from the tabernacle. No one should approach the tabernacle to retrieve the Sacred Species without first having received explicit prior permission from the parish priest.

- The parish priest must know who, in his parish, is receiving Holy Communion outside of public Mass (i.e., home or hospital visits) and who is bringing the sick person communion.

- It is not permitted to keep the Eucharist on one's person or to carry it around, unless pastoral necessity urges it. The purpose of the communion pyx is to carry Our Lord in a worthy vessel to the sick - it is not proper for holy communion to remain in pyxes beyond the immediate visit to the sick.

Beyond the need to ensure that the Holy Eucharist is shown the reverence Our Lord deserves, the parish priest has other matters to consider here, including ensuring that the proper Safeguarding protocols are followed (especially when it concerns visits to vulnerable adults) and the need to liaise with both the Pastors from other local parishes and hospital Chaplains. In the near future, we hope to introduce a moment towards the end of Holy Mass in which the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are called forward and prayed for as they are entrusted with the Eucharist to bring to the sick.

I understand that earlier agreements might differ slightly from what is now being implemented, so I would like to thank you for your continued prayers, help, support and wisdom; it is wonderful to be a priest in such a caring parish. It is hoped that this update will help to provide a shared understanding as we move forward together. Please be assured of my continued prayers and heartfelt gratitude.

Fr. Gerard Mary

Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Egg Raffle – Donations Needed! 🥚📦: We are excited to be holding our annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Raffle** on **Easter Sunday** for the children and families of our church community.

Easter Church Cleaning – Saturday 28th March 2:00PM 🧹🧼: As we prepare for Easter, anyone who can spare some time to help get the church ready would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon as a small thank you. We are very grateful for the continued support of our church family. 🙏

Supporting Asylum Link Merseyside – Parish Collection Notice: Donations will be warmly welcomed **this weekend and next**. Parishioners are kindly invited to bring their donations during this time. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

🍀 **Irish Night is Coming – This Saturday at 7pm** Join us for a fun Irish Night this Saturday at 7pm. All are welcome—please come along and enjoy the evening! 🍷🎵

Warm Space – Tuesdays from 9:30AM to 12 Noon.

The Toddler Group meets in the hall on Wednesdays from 10h00 to 12 noon.

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 8th March 2026: 1st Collection: £982.80 2nd Collection: 3473.10 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:

14. Sunday Vigil	6:00 pm	Jean Cole RIP – Anniversary
15. Sunday	8:00 am	Irene Hart - RIP
	10:00 am	Ellen Buckley
	12:00 noon	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (for all parishioners)
16. Monday	Private	Geoffrey Pellegrini (SNR) - RIP
17. Tuesday	11:15-1145	<i>Exposition & Adoration</i>
	12:00 noon	Mary Kelly -RIP
18. Wednesday	12:00 noon	Maria Malone - Healing
19. Thursday	12:00 noon	Bassim Safar - RIP
20. Friday	12:00 noon	Geoffrey Pellegrini & Stella Pellegrini - RIP
21. Saturday	9:00 am	Morning prayer
	9:30 am	Mass – for vocations
Sunday Vigil	6:00 pm	Margaret & Patrick Thompson - RIP
22. Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (for all parishioners)
	10:00 am	Sheila Garry - RIP
	12:00 noon	Oliver Fitchett - RIP

Masses Received: Thanksgiving for Recovery (MH), Successful Operation (FH), The Collins Family Special Intentions, Joan Denny – RIP, Eva Firkins – RIP, Lee Moyes- RIP,

We pray for those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
 Duggie Messenger, Bro Agnellus Ford, Bro Anthony Moore, John Young, John Mobbs, Jesse McSorley, Lilian Smith, Beatriz Vasconcelos Teodoro, Maurice Moody, Fergus O'Donoghue, Joan Peters, Mary Jane Bell, Rose Ann Reynolds, Beryl McGuinness, and Barbara Evans *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