

Mass in Honour of St. Anthony

Sunday June 9th @ 11am

St. Anthony of Padua

Anthony was born into a wealthy family in Lisbon Portugal in 1195. He joined the Augustinian canons in 1210. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan order and hoped to preach to the Saracens (Muslims) in Morocco. However he became ill. Because of his continuing poor health he could not pursue his missionary work among the Saracens and instead he taught theology in Italy and France. He was admired as a great preacher and was noted as a profound teacher of the Catholic faith. He died en route to Padua on June 13th 1231, and is buried there. He was canonized on May 30th 1232 by Pope Gregory 1X in Spoleto Italy. Anthony was the most celebrated of St. Francis of Assisi's followers and had the reputation of a miracle worker. In his short lifetime he performed 13 miracles, one of which was the re-attachment of a child's foot.

In art he is shown holding the Child Jesus sitting on a book and Anthony is holding a lily as a symbol of St. Anthony's purity and trust worthiness. He is the patron saint of all lost or stolen articles and the protector of many, including the elderly, amputees ,animals, expectant mothers and the poor and the oppressed to name a few.

Please join us at the 11am mass on June 9th 2024 at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in honour of St. Anthony. There will be blessed St Anthony holy cards, medals and panini; available to all and a second collection and all proceeds will go to St Peter's food cupboard. After the mass enjoy refreshments in the church hall.

