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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

25th December 2022

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:48)

**A warm welcome to everyone from**  
Fr. Maximillian McKeown, OFM Conv, Parish Priest  
Rev. Simon South, Deacon



## Times of Mass This Week

<del>25 Dec. Sunday</del>	
25 Dec. Sunday	10.00 a.m
26 Dec. Monday	<del>10.00 AM</del>
27 Dec. Tuesday	9:00 AM
28 Dec. Wed	9:00 AM
29 Dec. Thurs	9.00 A.M
30 Dec. Friday	9:00 AM
31 Dec. Saturday	9:00 AM
31 Dec. Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



## Our Parish Community

A family for all

**Thank you for your generous donations last week which came to £150 not including your contactless contributions.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY**, Catherine Bowles, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven and members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and all those who have lost their lives in the Ukraine through the horrors of war.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Ron Peters, Sheila Miller, Judith Jones (Angela's sister), Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Janet (Jane) Castro, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Timothy O'Sullivan and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## Christ is born to bring hope to the World, Alleluia

On behalf of Father Max and Dcn Simon may you and your families have a truly joyful and blessed Christmas and may the good Lord enter ever deeper into your life, just as He enters the world this day . God bless you and be with you all.

## Welcoming Jesus into our hearts

Cardinal Cantalamessa OFM recently shared in a homily in Rome that the Child Jesus comes to the door of our heart this Christmas to knock, offering Himself and God's love as His gift. He told a story to illustrate how our Holy Mother offers Jesus to the world and how we need to become children-like to receive Him.

**"A legend says that among the shepherds who went to see the Child on Christmas Eve, there was a shepherd boy so poor that he had nothing to offer Mary, and he stood aside in shame. Everyone competed to give Mary their gift. The Mother could not hold them all, having to hold the Child Jesus in her arms. Seeing the little shepherd next to her with empty hands, she then takes the Child and puts Him in his arms. Having nothing was his luck. Let's make this luck be ours too!"**

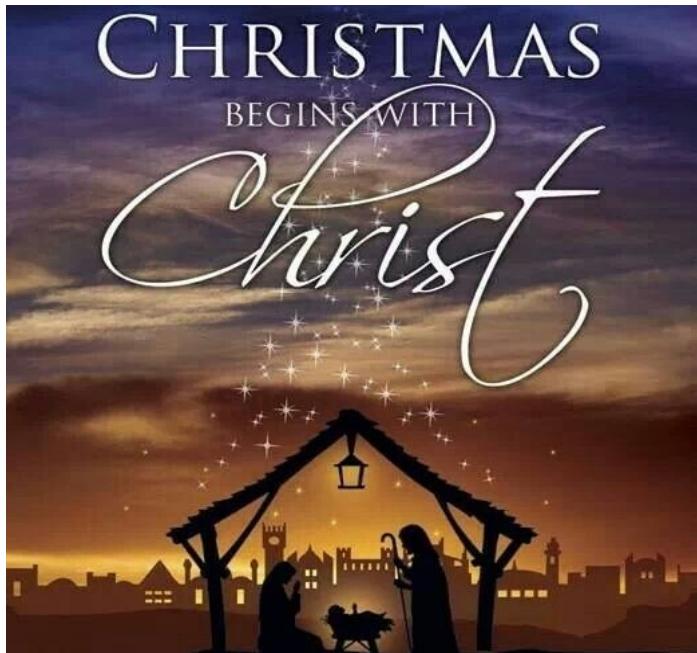
Just like the poor shepherd boy, we have nothing to offer the Lord but our hearts and ourselves.

## A helping hand from Rye Council

Do you know someone who is having a hard time with the cost of living?

Did you know that Rye Town Council is running a support fund called Rye Relief in Need **RRIN** (Registered Charity no. 1075806). It is established to assist those normally residing within the town (parish boundary) of Rye who are in 'need, hardship or distress'. It is a fund that was created by generous bequests of past residents of Rye.

RRIN is able to make grants of money; or provide or pay for goods services or facilities; for individuals in need, hardship or distress. It can also make grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need. If you know anyone who would benefit from this scheme, you can find the full details on their website <https://ryetowncouncil.gov.uk/rye-relief-in-need>



## Celebrating together as a Parish Family.

I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Jenny and her lovely family all God blessings as she moves into her new home over the new year.

A new year and a new home, a time of hope and joy for the whole family.



Our next Scripture Group will be held at the Rye Hub (top of Rye Hill) from 3.30p.m to 5.00p.m on Monday 9th January as the Hub is closed over Christmas and the New Year. Everyone is very welcome to come along, to share, to listen and to be together. Come one come all.



## St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

We will be looking to establish an SVP group in our Parish after Christmas so if you feel able to spend some time visiting the housebound, raising money or joining in however you feel able to do. All are welcome and called to share the love of Christ. See either Fr Max or Deacon Simon for more info.

## Dates to remember

- # Adoration will take place on Saturday 7th January after the 9.00a.m. Mass with Confession available.
- # Scripture group resumes on 9th January at 3.30p.m. in the Rye Hub.
- # Sunday 22nd January there will be a Churches together service at St Mary's at 10.30a.m