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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

1st January 2023

"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

01 Jan. Sunday		8:00 AM
01 Jan. Sunday		10:45 AM
02 Jan. Monday		9:00 AM
03 Jan. Tuesday		9:00 AM
04 Jan. Wed		9:00 AM
05 Jan. Thurs		9.00 A.M
06 Jan. Friday	<i>*Epiphany Holy Day*</i>	9:00 AM
		7.00 P.M
07 Jan. Saturday	<i>Adoration after Mass</i>	9:00 AM
07 Jan .Saturday	<i>(SUNDAY VIGIL)</i>	6.00 P.M



**Our Parish  
Community**  
A family for all

Thank you for your generous Christmas donations £577.35 and £212 for Father Max (does not include 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, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Janet Castro, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister) and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## A Christmas Gift of hope to all mankind

(A beautiful poem written by one of our parishioner's this Christmas, moved by the Holy Spirit)

No greater gift will there ever be,  
Than what my Lord has given me,  
A gift of light,  
A gift of love,  
The Father's Son,  
From up above.

A little baby.  
A mother's care.  
The inn was full,  
The stable bare.



**The Holy Child**  
**Who walked upon the seas,**  
**Healed the sick,**  
**And calmed the breeze.**

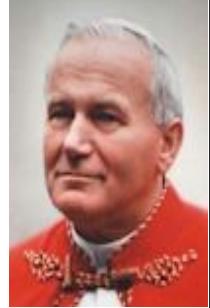


Wise words Our Lord did speak  
To sinful woman who washed His feet.  
His Mercy for the sorrowful of soul.  
His healing Love will make you whole.

Follow Christ with all your heart  
And He has promised never to depart.  
Sing with joy to the heavenly King.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise be to Him.

## A happy and Christ filled New Year to one and all - A New Year prayer from Pope Saint JP II

"I wish you a year filled with serenity and happiness: may you always be certain of God's love for us. As he did two thousand years ago, Christ comes today with his saving Gospel to guide the uncertain and faltering steps of peoples and nations, leading them towards a future of true hope. I ask him to bless this moment of festivity and good wishes, that it may be [a] promising beginning filled with joy and peace. Let us enter the [new] Year with our eyes fixed on the mystery of the Incarnation. To him belong time and the ages. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen! I thank you. Happy New Year to all. Praised be Jesus Christ! "



## Extending the loving hand of Christ in the Rye Area.

Did you know that from the census taken in 2021 there are 4480 people who live in and around Rye. Of those 44% say they have no religion (1996 people) while 48% declare themselves as Christian (2150 people). Our parishioner numbers are currently around 70 people while those who attend St Mary's account for around 120 people. So our question is where are the other 1960 people?

How can we extend the hand of welcome and friendship to those who still feel the strength of Christ in their hearts to proclaim His name but do not feel able to, or called to come together in the hope, joy and community of Mother Church?

Are there people who you know who, for what ever reason, have fallen away from the Church and who might like to talk about their experience or concerns with someone? Father Max or Dcn Simon would be very happy to meet with or speak to those who would like to have this chat. Perhaps you might like to suggest this to someone who you know or a loved one who is searching for that missing something in their life which is the Love of Jesus?



**Why not hand them a copy of this newsletter with our phone number - 01797 222173**

## New year new start?

On our journey to knowing the Lord that little bit better. Join our weekly Scripture Group held at the Rye Hub (top of Rye Hill) from 3.30p.m to 5.00p.m each Monday from 9th January. everyone is very welcome to share, to listen and to be together. Come one come all.

### Holy Days of Obligation 2023

- Every Sunday
- Nativity of the Lord (25 December)
- Epiphany of the Lord (6 January)
- Ascension of the Lord ( 18th May)
- St Peter & St Paul (29 June)
- Assumption of the Virgin Mary (15 August)
- All Saints (1 November)

### Let's Celebrate

On behalf of the Parish , a huge thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the Church for the Christmastide celebrations. Our wonderful volunteers who give their time for the glory of the Lord in our little Church. If you would like to get involved in some small way please speak to Simon



### Diocesan weekly newsletter

Have you signed up for the weekly Diocesan newsletter with details of courses, gatherings and meetings , there's so much information and support on your faith journey <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>  
(Go to bottom of the webpage & sign up for e-newsletter)

### Dates to remember

# Adoration will take place on Saturday 7th January after the 9.00a.m. Mass with Confession available .  
# 9th Jan Scripture Group begins at Rye Hib from .300 p.m