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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

15th 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

15 Jan. Sunday	8:00 AM
15 Jan. Sunday	10:45 AM
16 Jan. Monday	9:00 AM
17 Jan. Tuesday	9:00 AM
18 Jan. Wed	9:00 AM
19 Jan. Thurs	9.00 A.M
20 Jan. Friday	9:00 AM
21 Jan. Saturday	9:00 AM
22 Jan .Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



Our Parish Community
A family for all

Thank you for your generous donations which came to £257 last week, towards to running of our parish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Catherine Bowles, 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. Timothy O'Sullivan, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), Adrian Gray and all those who have lost their lives in the Ukraine and across the world 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, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister) and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

Why did God make us ?

In this weeks reading from Isaiah, we are told how God forms us all in the womb. He knows us completely from the moment of conception. He knows our every thought, action, temptation and difficulty. He also knows our true and most intimate selves, who we truly are -He knows our very souls and He loves us and calls us into a relationship with Him.

The Catechism of the Church tells us that God created humanity, so that we might share in His own blessed life (ccc1). And for this reason God is continuously calling us to seek Him, to know Him and to love Him. And it is our response to this calling that is our faith in the one true God. As Jesus asks Peter—"who do you say I am?" (Mt 15:16). God is continuously asking us this question. If we can answer with all our heart "you are God /the Son of God", then "our faith has saved us" (Mt 9:22).

And yet all relationships are built on a mutual knowing of each other. How can we love Christ if we do not "know" Him? God knows us better than anything or any one else and He loves us—how can we get to know the Lord better, deeper so we can truly proclaim Jesus I love you? Do we spend time getting to know Him, investing time in our relationship? After all Christianity is relationships—The Trinity , The Father, The Son, The Parish, The Community , The People—A community of Christ—with Christ, in Christ and through Christ.

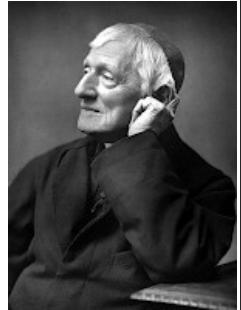


Exploring the Charity of Jesus as Christians.

The Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle, are holding a lecture and discussion group on 30th January at 7.30p.m at Christ the King Parish Room, Princes Rd Eastbourne BN23 6HT).

The speaker is Dr Lesley Dawson ad the discussion will be on Mathew 25

"And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."



Reaching out with the hand of Christ.

The last decade has seen many people facing challenges to their faith. Whether the pressure of the secular world, the clergy abuse scandal, disagreeing with Parish Priests or family challenges, breakdown of relationships or failing health—(and so the list goes on). Often feeling they cannot return to the Church because of these realities.

Do you know someone who has found their faith being challenged or questioned, for whatever reason they have found themselves falling away from the embrace of Mother Church?

If you are aware of someone who may appreciate speaking with Father Max or Deacon Simon about their journey or experience, their concerns, questions or doubts please do let us know and we will make contact with them in a gentle and affirming way, to understand and not to judge.

Christ came to heal the sick, to call those who are on the fringes of society, to share God's love and to bring us all to God's Kingdom. Let us share Christ's love and hope with all around Rye .

A new year a new relationship with Christ

On our journey to knowing the Lord that little bit better why not 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.

Churches together

There will be 5 Zoom prayer gatherings from 23rd January to 27th January. **Speak to either Angela or Simon for Zoom links**

The theme for this year is "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity Amidst Injustice." The readings and resources for each day can be found via this link <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>

There is also a planned world day of ecumenical Prayer on 3rd March. More details to come

Farewell to one of our Altar Servers

Some of you may well remember Adrian Gray who served as an Altar server at St Anthony's for many years. Adrian passed away on 2/12/22 . May he rest in the eternal peace of our loving Father.

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

#Sunday 22nd Jan there will be a discussion on SVP after each Mass for 15 minutes. Please do stay if you can.

