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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

22nd 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

<b>22 Jan. Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>22 Jan. Sunday</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>23 Jan. Monday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>24 Jan. Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>25 Jan. Wed</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>26 Jan. Thurs</b>	<b>9.00 A.M</b>
<b>27 Jan. Friday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>28 Jan. Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>28 Jan .Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)</b>	<b>6.00 P.M</b>



**Our Parish Community**  
A family for all

**Thank you for your generous donations which came to £176 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. John Russell, 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.

## We are all Disciples of Christ

In today's readings we see Jesus calling His Apostles, His Disciples to follow Him. Did you know the word disciple means **"follower"** or **"learner"**.



And that is exactly what we are called to do – to follow Jesus by learning about His example, His life and His message of hope for all humanity. And it is through this learning and following, that we are able to proclaim with confidence – "I love you Lord", because we have built our relationship with Him, by knowing Him. We should always strive to grow in faith and never become complacent or stale, and this is the encouragement we can give each other when we find this difficult or challenging—as Christ's disciples we journey together , we learn together.

Being a disciple of Christ, is a life long journey. We should always strive to know Christ, to know God ever more intimately through reflecting on the great mystery of the Eucharist, reading the Gospels, spending time in prayer, seeking opportunities to know and grow closer to our ever loving Father.

But while this is a life long journey, it is a journey filled with love, assurance and hope to sustain us on the way. It is also a journey that we share together as a Parish, as a community of disciples— a community of followers and learners. As part of this listening and learning, we will be joining with Tenterden Parish to run a Lenten reflection over 5 weeks. More details to follow next week.

## **“PARENTING FOR FAITH”**

There is a new online Catholic course starting for those with Babies and Toddlers, run by the long established and recognised organisation “Celebrate”. It will run for 5 weeks from Thursday 23rd February - March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It starts at 8.00p.m for approximately 45 minutes and it's on zoom, so no need for babysitters! The course costs £5.00 (to cover admin fees). Register on <https://www.celebratetrust.org/> look for “Babies and Toddlers – Parenting for faith”.

It is never too early to teach our children about prayer. This bitesize course will inspire and equip parents, grandparents and carers of those with babies and toddlers through a short video, testimonies and small group chats. The aim of the course is to help parents (and grandparents) bring the faith into the heart of your home and family life and to show their children the reality of a life with God. Through the easily accessible and relaxed input you will receive help to introduce faith in simple steps.

## **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.

## **A blessing of beauty for St Anthony and Our Lady**

We hope that as you walk in to St Anthony's you will notice the beautiful artwork in the porch way done by Keith Kettle, a member of our Parish Family. The picture brings the glorious focus to the statue of Our Lady holding the Infant Christ as we enter our Church.

It also reminds us of the special gifts of grace each and every one of us receive for the glory of God and Keith has certainly shown his gift of art for the glory of the Lord and a gift to inspire us all.

## **Please pray for John Russell**

It is with sadness that we share the passing of John Russell who passed away two weeks ago after a long running illness .

May he rest in the Lord's eternal peace and rise in glory. And remember our brother Jolly in your prayers too, through his loss.

## **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.**

