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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

12th February 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

12 Feb. Sunday	8:00 AM
12 Feb. Sunday	10:45 AM
13 Feb. Monday	9:00 AM
14 Feb. Tuesday	9:00 AM
15 Feb. Wed	9:00 AM
16 Feb. Thurs	9.00 A.M
17 Feb. Friday	9:00 AM
18 Feb. Saturday	9:00 AM
18 Feb .Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



## Our Parish Community

A family for all

Thank you for your generous donations which came to £177 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, and the people of turkey and Syria.

**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.

Please Pray for the tens of thousands of people who have lost their lives in the tragic disaster in Turkey and Syria and the hundreds of thousands who are now left homeless.

God of mercy,  
We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes.  
We mourn the death and destruction.  
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.  
We hold in our hearts those who are injured,  
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.  
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.  
Grant those affected courage and resilience,  
as they rebuild their lives and communities.  
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.  
Amen  
(prayer taken from the CAFOD website)

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



**To make a donation please visit CAFOD's website <https://cafod.org.uk/>**

## Rye and Tenterden come together for Lenten journey of discovery

Monday 13th, 20th, 27th February and Monday 6th and 13th March, we are invited to join Tenterden. Mass begins at 10.00a.m and the course will from 10.30 a.m to 12.00 noon each week. It is a glorious opportunity to build new friendships and to draw closer to our Lord this Lent.

If you need a lift please let Simon know—07415 306222



### Just a thought ....

Have you noticed how so many people these days are saying that they reject the idea of “organized religion” or alternatively, we hear the phrase “well I am a spiritual person but I don’t agree with the big religions”. I wonder if, when people are talking of “organized religion” what they really mean is a religion that doesn’t “let me do what I want to do and when I want to do it?”.

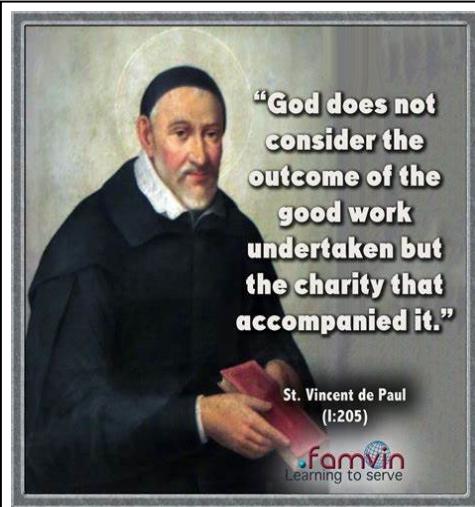
We do need to remember that the clergy scandals have brought a very real sense of distrust, hurt and caution in many peoples minds for understandable and sad reasons.

Yet todays readings bring to the forefront the challenge that individualism and the dominance of the “its my right” culture has, with the Christian idea of putting the common good of all first, of personal sacrifice and loving our neighbour (Mk 12:31), loving our enemies (Mt 5:44) and forgiving each other (Eph4:32).

Within the modern mindset of the preeminence of rights and freedoms, many in society often seem to forget that with rights come obligations and responsibilities. Todays readings can be seen as a long list of “you must not do the following ....”, of being told what to do. But as any parent will tell you, sometimes mum and dad know best. Which parent would not tell their child **not to** stick a fork into the electric socket because of what would happen!



Perhaps the lists of “house rules” are in fact acts of love? Acts of love because they help us to live in the image and likeness of God, because God knows what brings true joy, happiness and purpose to our lives. Because God is calling us to be Holy, to be in His presence for eternity. As Paul tells us in our second reading “ the wisdom of God, is the wisdom God predestined to be our glory before the ages began”.



### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you would like to support the Parish in making a difference in the Rye area, helping the house-bound, visiting the isolated, those in care homes, befriending the lonely, raising money for good causes or praying for the work being done, why not think about joining the Parish SVP?



In the entrance antiphon today we ask God to lead us and guide us, for the sake of His name” - Lord may Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

**Our first meeting will be on Monday 17th April 6.00p.m—7.00p.m at St Anthony's. All are welcome to come and hear the proposals and to contribute to our ways of working.**

### 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> (bottom of the webpage & sign up).

### Building a relationship with Christ.

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 excluding Bank Holidays. Everyone is very welcome— Come one come all.