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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

"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

26th February 2023



Times of Mass This Week

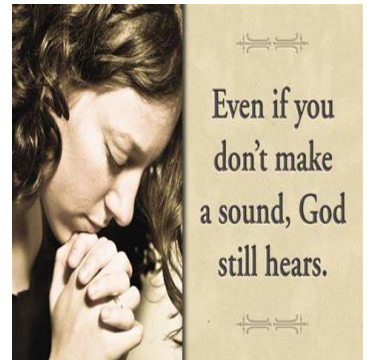
26 Feb. Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM
26 Feb. Sunday		10:45 AM
27 Feb. Monday		9:00 AM
28 Feb. Tuesday		9:00 AM
01 Mar. Wed		9.00 AM
02 Mar. Thurs		9.00 A.M
03 Mar. Friday		9:00 AM
04 Mar. Saturday		9:00 AM
04 Mar. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Catherine Bowles, Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Marcella Duckworth, Dominique Chapious, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven. Patricia Swain, Veronica Pragnell, Elsie Palmer, Peter McKenzie-Smith, Tom Healey, John Russell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), and members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances.

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.



Thank you for your generous donations which came to £417 last week, towards to running of our parish (exc contactless)



First Sunday of Lent

In today's readings, on the first Sunday of Lent, we are shown the Lord being tempted by the devil. As we are introduced to the devil, do you notice we are not given the image of a creature portrayed with horns, hooves and breathing fire from his nostrils. We see a subtle, articulate, intellectual individual who tries to use persuasion, Scripture and subtle temptation; asking questions, misrepresenting Scripture and trying to plant seeds of doubt or selfishness into the Lord's mind.

We see a similar reality as we read the book of Job, with the devil referred to as "the opponent", a legal term for someone who represents the prosecution in a trial (we've all heard the phrase—playing devils advocate), one of the reasons we often hear Jesus referred to as our "advocate", the one who is going to plead our cause, our defence council at the day of Judgement.

Just as Jesus is tempted—not threatened, physically wrestled or oppressed, but tempted, this too is the reality within our daily lives. Just as God comes in the quiet winds (2Sam 22:11), in the stillness of the garden (Gen3:8), in the pillar of clouds (Ex13:21), the devil also comes as the nagging suggestion, the encouragement of "go on, your worth it (Mt4:1-11)", or as we read in Genesis when he says to Eve "are you sure God didn't want you to eat the fruit (Gen3:1)?"

So when we think to ourselves—"it won't matter if I don't say my prayers just this once", "if I miss Mass this week because I deserve a Sunday off" or "I can't be bothered to do xyz", it might be worth asking yourself- is this you thinking these things of your own free will or is someone trying to lead you astray?



Just a thought

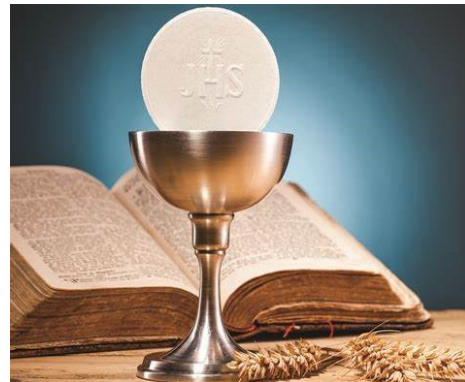
Have you ever loved someone so much that you would give your life up for them?

This was the thought provoking question we were asked to consider at our Lenten Group last Monday at Tenterden (10.30a.m –12.00 noon each Monday). Replies began to come forward after some consideration—my husband/wife, my children, or my grandchildren.

And yet this was the very sacrifice that our Lord Jesus freely made for each and every one of us. And not just those who were present around Him during His earthly ministry. Jesus gave up His life for all people over all ages of time. It truly is a glorious mystery, unimaginable in its enormity if we truly consider the reality of this choice.

What does this say about our relationship with Jesus? If we return to our original question “have we ever loved someone so much that we would give up our lives for them”. How must that have felt in our Lord’s heart? How deep, complete, limitless must His love for us truly be?

As we approach the moment each Sunday when we are preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament, this concept of the Lord’s sacrifice for us and our profession that “Lord I am not worthy...” leaves me with just one thought— “Lord I am truly, truly not worthy”.



A date to add to your diary . A Parish trip to see the paintings of St Francis

The National Gallery is holding the 1st major art exhibition in the UK to explore the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi. We are arranging a PARISH DAY OUT on Tuesday 23rd May to visit the exhibition and we hope that lots of parishioners will be able to join us. (admission to the gallery is free).

Please could you let Jocelyn know if you would like to join us so that we can liaise with the Gallery over any group arrangements/discounts (tel: 01797 222014).

Stations of the Cross

We will be praying with ***the Stations at 9.30 a.m after Friday morning Mass, and again on Friday evenings at 6.00p.m*** throughout Lent.

Let us join together as a community in Christ through Lent, journeying with Christ, and contemplating the mutual sacrifice of Lent, with all the Lord means for us and offers us.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society If you would like to support the Parish in making a difference in the Rye area, helping the housebound, 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? **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.**

Churches together This Friday is World Day of Prayer and a service will be held at St Mary's at 10.30am all are welcome

Rye and Tenterden come together for Lenten journey of discovery . Monday 27th February and Monday 6th and 13th March, we are invited to join Tenterden on a Lenten journey of discovery the course will from 10.30 a.m to 12.00 noon each week. **If you need a lift please let Simon know—07415 306222**

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. For more info speak to Angela Tyson (10.45 Mass)