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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

5th 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

05 Feb. Sunday	8:00 AM
05 Feb. Sunday	10:45 AM
06 Feb. Monday	9:00 AM
07 Feb. Tuesday	9:00 AM
08 Feb. Wed	9:00 AM
09 Feb. Thurs	9.00 A.M
10 Feb. Friday	9:00 AM
11 Feb. Saturday	9:00 AM
11 Feb .Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



Our Parish Community
A family for all

Thank you for your generous donations which came to £297 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.

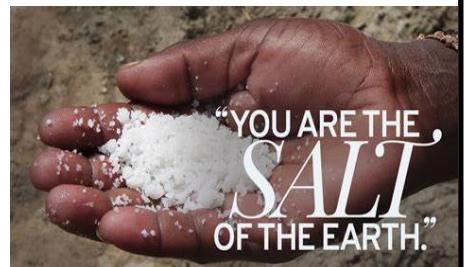
Being a Christian is about being active in our faith.

Last week we saw a glimpse of God when Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes—But these were not just nice little sayings—Jesus was telling us what God is actually like— He is like the Beatitudes! God is a peacemakers, He is loving , caring, forgiving, humble, loyal. The Beatitude are a vision of God and a vision of heaven.

This week, our Gospel readings call us to action! Knowing God, through Jesus is not enough for our salvation. This week we are reminded of an important aspect of what we must do through our faith, **and** because of our faith—we must be the salt of the earth , we must be the light that shines out, not hidden.

Salt adds depth, it preserves, it makes things more enjoyable because of the impact it has on the food it is mixed in. And this is our challenge as Christians. Through our actions based on the teachings of our Lord, we are able to add depth to a secular world that sees money and possessions as more important than people. We bring flavour to our world, because we bring the message of Christ's salvation. We bring preservation, because we bring the promise of God's love, forgiveness and the promise of eternity in His presence. And we bring joy to life, because we bring the joy that comes with a freedom from earthly sin and desires.

As a Christian we are called to be active, just as salt is active, through our actions and through our prayers for all of humanity. Salt is no good left in a cupboard it needs to be in the mix of the world, in the soup of life, after all what use is salt if it loses its saltiness?



Rye and Tenterden come together for Lenten journey of discovery

Dear one and all , we are very excited to share with you a new and different approach to our journey through Lent as we join with the Parish of Tenterden and their Parish Priest, Father Behr and their Parishioners. Father Max and Deacon Simon will be participating each week as well.

For five weeks, starting from Monday 13th February, we will be joining Tenterden in their Parish Hall to share our faith journey and to get to know our Lord and our brother that little bit better through Lent.

Monday 13th , 20th, 27th February and Monday 6th and 13th March, we are invited to join Tenterden at 10.00a.m for Mass, followed by tea and biscuits and then to journey together through the Lenten Sycamore programme. Mass begins at 10.00a.m and the course will from 10.30 a.m to 12.00 noon each week.



Calling all volunteers—Your Parish needs you!

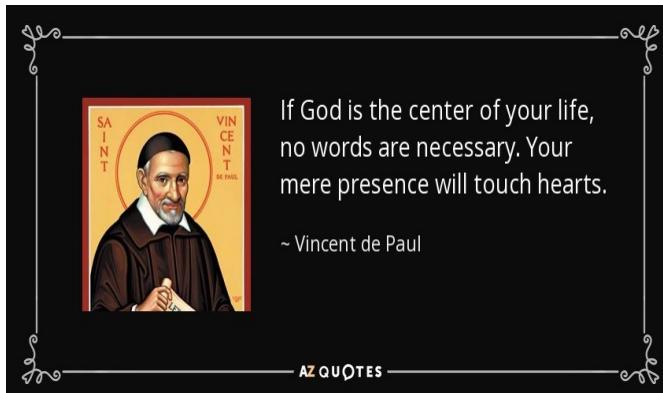
Are you able to spare an hour next Saturday from 10.00a.m to 11.00 a.m to give our beautiful Church a spring clean?

All are very welcome and don't forget many hands make light work .

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? As we hear in todays Gospel we are all called to be the salt that adds flavour to life around us and not to hide the light of our faith under a basket but let it shine out for all around us for the glory of God.

Please speak to Fr Max or Deacon Simon over the coming weeks . We aim to start meeting in April straight after Easter . We need a Chairperson to lead us , a treasurer to oversee the funds and a secretary to keep minutes of our meetings and send them to SVP centre. Has the Lord given you these gifts of leadership? Let's use our charisms for the glory of the Lord.



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).

A new year a new 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 Come one come all.