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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

19th March 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

19 Mar. Sunday	4th Sunday of Lent (LAETARE)	8:00 AM
19 Mar. Sunday		10:45 AM
20 Mar. Monday	St Joseph, Husband of Mary	9:00 AM
21 Mar. Tuesday		9:00 AM
22 Mar. Wed		9.00 AM
23 Mar. Thurs		9.00 A.M
24 Mar. Friday		9:00 AM
25 Mar. Saturday	The Annunciation of the Lord	9:00 AM
26 Mar .Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, ESPECIALLY**, Catherine Bowles, Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Marcella Duckworth, Penny Setterfield, 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, and members of our parish, families, friends, and 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 last week, towards to running of our parish .



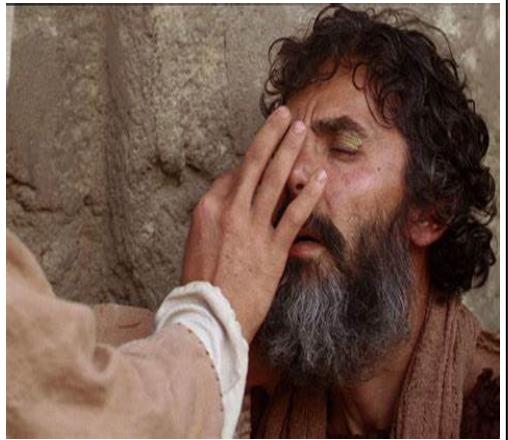
## Holy Week Services 2023

♦ <b>Maundy Thursday</b> - Liturgy of the Lords Supper	7.00p.m.
♦ <b>Good Friday</b>	
Walk of witness (starting outside St Anthony's)	12 (Noon)
Liturgy of the Passion	3.00p.m
Stations of the Cross	6.30 p.m.
♦ <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	7.00p.m
♦ <b>Easter Sunday Masses</b>	
Easter Mass	8.00a.m
Or	10.45a.m

## Just a thought ....

St John continues to bring us so much depth in this simple witness to the works of Jesus. Today's Gospel offers so many possibilities for our consideration, the challenge is almost, where do we start?

We could talk about the disciples' question and the relationship of sin and this man's blindness. Is it a punishment for his sinfulness? But is that how God really is?



Or we could talk about Jesus making a mud salve for the man's eyes. What's that about? Is Jesus restoring the physical sight for this man or is He also bringing him spiritual sight? How does Jesus open our eyes in our spiritual journey?

Another consideration could focus on the peoples failure to recognize the blind man as a whole human being, seeing him only as his disability—do we fail to see those in need around us as God's children or as incomplete? Do they only see him as a blind beggar or as Jesus does—a whole man capable of glorifying God through his life?

Another teaching might look at Jesus as a law breaker, "working" on the Sabbath. Are we open to God surprising us? Why was the blind man able to see "the Son of Man" while the Pharisees who had the gift of sight fail to see Jesus for who He truly was?

A big thank you for your generous Fast Day donations this year . As a Parish we raised £111 .



## 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.**

## Diocesan weekly newsletter

Have you signed up for the weekly Diocesan newsletter with details of courses, gatherings and meetings to support you on your faith journey

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk> .

**Rye and Tenterden come together for Lenten journey of discovery . This Monday is the last of our season together.** All are invited to join us from 10.30 a.m to 12.00 noon at Tenterden. **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)