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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

23rd April 2023



Times of Mass This Week

23 Apr. Sunday		8:00 AM
23 Apr. Sunday		10:45 AM
24 Apr. Monday	Saint George, Martyr	9:00 AM
25 Apr. Tuesday	Saint Mark Evangelist	9:00 AM
26 Mar. Wed		9:00 AM
27 Apr. Thurs		9:00 A.M
28 Apr. Friday		9:00 AM
29 Mar. Saturday	Saint Catherine of Sienna	9:00 AM
29 Mar .Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



Thank you for your generous donations last week, towards to running of our parish .



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.

St Georges Day 24th April

Saint George is the patron saint of England. He's popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry - but actually he wasn't English at all. Very little, if anything, is known about the real Saint George. Pope Gelasius (492-496 AD) said that George is one of the saints "whose names are rightly reverenced among us, but whose actions are known only to God."

Everything about Saint George is uncertain and built on tradition rather than documented facts. He is thought to have been born in Cappadocia, an area which is now in Turkey in 3rd Century AD. As a Christian he later became a Roman soldier and lived in Palestine. His reputation was built on his protestations of Rome's persecution of Christians (slaying the dragon of persecution and injustice), he was arrested, imprisoned and tortured, but staying true to his faith he died a martyr's death.

He is patron saint not only of England but also of Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Germany and Greece; and of Moscow, Istanbul, Genoa and Venice (second to Saint Mark). He's also patron saint of soldiers, archers, cavalry and chivalry, farmers and field workers, riders and saddlers, and he helps those suffering from leprosy, plague and syphilis.



Just a thought

"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him."

Many of us will be familiar with the ancient Greek word: *Eureka*. It means 'I have found it', and is closely associated with the experience-based techniques of problem-solving, learning and discovery.

In today's reading we hear of two followers of Jesus who experienced their own life-changing *Eureka!* moment.

Following the crucifixion, they were travelling back to their home in Emmaus, a walk of about seven miles. As they journeyed, they were met by a stranger who sought to console them in their grief. As they arrived at a crossroads in their journey, they invited the stranger to dine with them. It was at that meal that the moment came ... *their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

Jesus is always walking with us, no matter where we are in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus is always ready to reveal the truth to us, if only we will give him the time and the attention. Jesus chooses to come alongside as we travel through the ups and downs of daily life. It is for us to recognize his presence and to allow him to console, feed and nurture us as we journey on in his name.

Let us pray that we might recognize the Christ who draws near and walks with us through every moment of every day. Let us pray that we might open our hearts and minds to his message of resurrection light and joy.

Let us pray that we might never hesitate to share that Good News as our *hearts burn within us.*



The Newman Society of Eastbourne and Bexhill

Wednesday 26th April 7.30 until 9pm a talk by Rev. Neil Chatfield '**The Future for our Children'**.

Christ the King parish rooms, Princes Rd., Eastbourne BN23 6HT. All welcome. Entrance free. For more information please contact: Alex 07957632208; John 01323 726334.

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

We are arranging a PARISH DAY OUT to the National Gallery on Tuesday 23rd May to visit the exhibition and (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).**

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> .

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)