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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

14th May 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

14 May. Sunday		8:00 AM
14 May. Sunday		10:45 AM
15 May. Monday		9:00 AM
16 May. Tuesday		9:00 AM
17 May. Wed		9.00 AM
18 May. Thurs	Holy Day of Obligation	9.00 A.M
	Ascension of the Lord	6.00 P.M
19 May. Friday		9:00 AM
20 May. Saturday		9:00 AM
20 May .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**, Guy Horton, 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

### The Ascension of the Lord

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. And with His Ascension, the promise that He is going to prepare a place for us all in His Father's Mansion (Jn14:2).

Before journeying on from this world, He also gave us the "Great Commission", so that all of the world should be saved. Earlier in the Gospels, He had sent His disciples out to spread the good news of the Kingdom of God. He reminds us all that those who go in His name, do so with *His* authority. But this is not a promise made from afar, because He also assures us all that "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." He has Ascended but is always with us in all that we do. He is not a distant God, aloof and unapproachable, God is with us— God is with you!

Every day we are told repeatedly that "this is the truth", whether on the news, in politics or on social media – everyone seems to have their own truth. And yet there is only one truth – the truth of the Risen Lord, the truth of God's eternal love for us. Within the reality of eternity, that is the promise of the Ascension, and despite all the changes and turmoil in the Church and in society, neither Jesus nor His messages have or will change. His Gospel, His commissioning call to us all, remains a call to live our lives to the full, in the good news of the Gospel with a promise of eternal joy and peace to come.

### The Gospel of You.

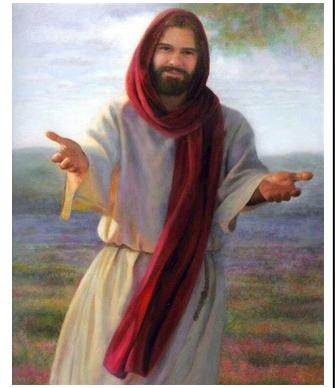
You are writing a Gospel,  
A chapter each day,  
By deeds that you do,  
By words that you say.  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true;  
Say, what is the Gospel  
According to you?"

by Paul Gilbert

## **Just a thought ....**

In today's reading we are called to "reverence the Lord in our hearts"- to aspire to try to see with the eyes of Christ, the eyes of our heart, and so to see the joy and beauty in all peoples - that is their eternal soul.

As the Lord's love burns in our hearts, and in faith, the Holy Spirit becomes an outpouring of love from us into our daily actions, our daily lives and all we do, to, for and with all those around us; reflecting that beautiful expression that "faith is caught not taught".



It was this outpouring of love, living a Christian life as a community in Christ, that drew so many people to the early Church. Sharing in the good news of salvation and the support and encouragement of their Christian brothers and sisters.

Do you know someone who is struggling with their faith? Do you know someone who is looking for more in their life than just worldliness? Why not give them one of the Parish cards to introduce them to the Lord? Bring them along to Mass or share the joy of Christ and our Parish Community—because it is a family for all those who seek the love and affirmation of our Lord's Salvation.



## **Request from the Deanery—calling all musicians**

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION MASS :** We would love to have a **group of singers and musicians from across the Deanery** for the Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3pm (arrive 2pm) at the Cathedral. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am in Eastbourne. All who wish to be involved contact Marylou Cockshoot [marylou.cockshoot@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.cockshoot@gmail.com) by 27th May.

## **Parish trip to National Gallery for St Francis of Assisi Exhibition 23rd May**

We will be meeting in front of Rye Station from 9.30 a.m. and taking the 9.48a.m train from Rye - change Ashford and arriving at Charing Cross at 11.52. Jocelyn has organised a group entry booked for 12.15 (Getty Entrance). And there is no charge! You can either bring a packed lunch or the gallery has a good offering of light lunches or snacks in Muriel's Kitchen.

We are then free to enjoy the sights or shop, we can then choose whether to take the 3.40 pm train from Charing X which arrives at Rye for 5.49p.m. OR the 4.39p.m. which arrives in Rye 6.48 pm. A huge thank you to Jocelyn Rowe for organising this for us and if you would like to come do let Jocelyn know.

## **Date for your Diary**

It has been a long standing tradition in our Parish to celebrate the Feast day of St Anthony with a Parish meal and gathering and we are pleased to announce that this will be taking place at Simply Italian - 12.30 pm on Wednesday 14th June 2023.

A sign up sheet will be at the back of the Church from next week to reserve your places .

**More details to come.**



**There will be a return of our Scripture Group this Monday at the Rye Hub—3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m. All are welcome to join to share and to embrace the beauty of God's Word**