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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

18th June 2023



## Times of Mass This Week

18 June. Sunday		8:00 AM
18 June. Sunday		10:45 AM
19 June. Monday		9:00 AM
20 June. Tuesday		9:00 AM
21 June. Wed		9.00 AM
22 June. Thurs		9.00 A.M
23 June. Friday		9:00 AM
24 June. Saturday		9:00 AM
24 June. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M

**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 homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## **"He saw the crowd and felt sorry for them".**

In todays Gospel reading, we read a beautiful reassurance for us all, when we read that Jesus saw the crowd around Him and "felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected".

Journeying through life on a day to day basis we can certainly relate to the sense of being harassed and dejected cant we. Jesus was concerned because He understood, He is able to empathise with us in His full humanity, Jesus has experienced the challenges, the uncertainty, the joy and the sadness we all experience and He is able to console us in His full divinity.

There is a powerful aspect that the previous sentence to todays reading gives us as Christians . The sentence before the reading gives us a context of who the crowd was!

***"And Jesus went about the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, to those He met."* Mt 9:35.**

"The crowd" is everyone! Jews, gentiles, rich, poor, master and slave, men, women and children. Jesus shares the Gospel with everyone because He wants to bring us all to the Kingdom of God.

And as Christians we too are called to share the Gospel, in how we live our lives, how we are in the market place, and the compassion and charity that we share when we see others who are "harassed and dejected."



**Thank you for your generous donations last week of £226, towards to running of our Parish.**



## Just a thought ....

In those moments of feeling harassed and dejected we read about in todays Gospel, we often look to the Saints for inspiration and encouragement.

This Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> June) is the feast day of an English Saint; St John Fisher. He is a wonderful example for us in today's ever secularising world, were living a life of faith is often misunderstood or misrepresented by many of those around us and actively challenged by much of the media.

John Fisher lived in a time of huge uncertainty and constant risk of a death sentence if you said the wrong thing or challenged the authority of the King. And yet St John Fisher found the strength in Christ to live his faith, to build places of learning and to defend the teachings of Christ and the Church, to the point of his own execution.



Saint John Fisher

In 1497, John Fisher was appointed confessor to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VIII, and became closely associated in her endowments to Cambridge; he created many scholarships to establish colleges and to bring people to education who otherwise would not have been able to afford the then luxury.

In 1504, he became Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge University, in which capacity he became the tutor Prince Henry who was to become the infamous King Henry VIII.

From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceedings against Catherine, as "she was his wife in the sight of God". St John Fisher also steadfastly resisted the "interference" of Henry VIII in the Church, proclaiming Christ and the Pope as the sovereigns of the faith. Unlike the other Bishops of the Kingdom, St. John refused to take the oath of succession which acknowledged the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn as the legitimate heir to the throne, and for this he was imprisoned in the tower.

A half hour before his execution, this dedicated Catholic opened his New Testament for the last time and read the following from St. John's Gospel: "Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do. Do You now, Father, give me glory at Your side". Closing the book, he said: "There is enough learning in that to last me the rest of my life."

***Saint John Fisher, pray for us that we may have the strength to proclaim our faith in our daily lives.***

***"Come Holy Spirit, renew within me the grace of my Baptism and lead me each and every day in accord with Your divine will. I abandon myself to Your glorious care and trust in the promptings of Your presence in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen"***

### Your Parish needs you

**Calling all volunteers—do you have an hour to spare on Thursday 22nd between 10.00a.m. and 11.00a.m to give our Church a bit of polish and move the dust around?**

**All help is greatly appreciated and many hands make light work .**



**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**