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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

2nd July 2023



Times of Mass This Week

02 July. Sunday

8:00 AM

02 July. Sunday

10:45 AM

03 July. Monday

9:00 AM

04 July. Tuesday

9:00 AM

05 July. Wed

9.00 AM

06 July. Thurs

9.00 A.M

07 July. Friday

9:00 AM

08 July. Saturday

9:00 AM

08 July. Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)

6.00 P.M



**Our Parish
Community**

A family for all

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 homes along with Mass intentions this week.

Reject the worldly , embrace the Godly

Today's readings from Matthew's Gospel probably sit amongst some of the most daunting messages we receive from the Lord. The call to reject our family – and our blood, contrary to the message of love and compassion.

But the message is the Lord's way of shining a spotlight on the challenges that we face as followers of Christ. The challenges between the worldly glamour and its temptations versus the serious choices we are going to make in our lives as we grow in faith and understanding. We need only reflect on the temptations in the wilderness that the devil put before our Lord—they were all about the earthly world—food, power and glory. Whereas Christ chose the path to the Cross for the sake of all mankind.

Being a Christian is a conscious choice—the choices made with an eye to the eternal promise or an eye to the earthly here and now or as Jesus tells us, losing our (earthly) life for the sake of Jesus will find an eternal life.

Scripture is often called the "Living Word of God" because it is always relevant to the realities of life in the present day, whether living in the Dark Ages, Tudor times, Victorian times, today or tomorrow. This is shown again today when Jesus tells us that "Anyone who welcomes the stranger", the lost, the weak, dare I say- the refugee, "welcomes our Lord". How relevant across the globe is this message today!

Just a thought Welcoming the stranger—welcoming the Lord

We are all made in the image of God (Gen1:27)

There is a very concerning development in the UK that is not being given any press coverage and that as Christians we should be aware of, especially in light of today's Scriptural readings. It is estimated that there are 10 million people around the globe who are displaced due to war and famine and 80% of these people are being cared for by the poorest nations across the globe with the majority to be found in the middle east and Africa (details from UNICEF report 2023).

The Government is planning to dock a floating prison (see photo to right)—a huge barge where they plan to house hundreds of refugees - in Portland Port this Friday.

Prison ships were last seen in Dickensian times in the UK—do they belong in the 21st Century?

For more information see— www.freedomfromtorture.org or CAFOD.org.uk to see how we can all help.



For all mums/dads—granny's and grandad's

Deteriorating mental health is a growing concern in our society today and as such the Diocese are running a course to look at the realities of Mental Health, as it affects 8-18 year olds. The course is being run by Mental Health England and the tutor is a qualified counsellor and certified by MHFA. The course is being run on Zoom over 4 evenings—Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th September—6.00p.m. to 9.30p.m.

It will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer “mental” first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse.

For more details go to - www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or to register.

Mission unleashed—CAFOD Zoom with Cardinal Tagle

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an truly inspirational speaker.



Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** hosted by CAFOD on **14 July 7:00-8:30pm**. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording.

Churches together

The next Churches together service is being held on Sunday, 9 July at 2pm, down at Rye Harbour, (please bring a chair). It would be a wonderful gesture to see many of you joining us to celebrate those who work on the sea and who have lost their lives at sea.



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