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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

25th June 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

25 June. Sunday		8:00 AM
25 June. Sunday		10:45 AM
26 June. Monday		9:00 AM
27 June. Tuesday		9:00 AM
28 June. Wed		9.00 AM
29 June. Thurs	Saints Peter and Paul	9.00 A.M
30 June. Friday		9:00 AM
01 July. Saturday	Dedication of Arundel Cathedral	9:00 AM
01 July. 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 homes along with Mass intentions this week.



### Arundel Cathedral 150 years celebration.

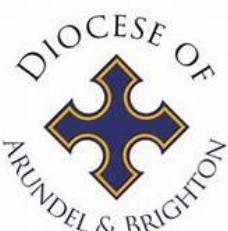
Saturday 1st July marks the 150th anniversary of Arundel Cathedral's official opening. It was in 1873 that the Cathedral was dedicated to Our Lady and Saint Philip Howard (the patron Saint of the Diocese).

It had been the Parish Church of Arundel for eighty years before, but in 1952 it was consecrated by Bishop Cowderoy of Southwark, as a Diocesan Church and in 1965 with the establishment of

the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton it became an official Cathedral. Although for many years it had been known in the local area as "the Cathedral" by the locals and regular Church goers. There are many activities planned

over the coming months to celebrate the heart of our Diocese that is Arundel Cathedral so do have a look at the Diocesan website for more information .

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



## Just a thought ....

Why does God tell us so many times not to be afraid? In the Old and New Testaments we are given this advise 365 times—that's one for every day of the year! Why are they the most used or quoted words of God in Scripture?

Why should we not be afraid then? Firstly there is the reality that God knows who we are, and He wants to encourage us to find our strength and courage in Him and nowhere else. In God is where we will find everything we need to overcome any fear or worry this life can bring to us.

But here is a biblical truth – we are going to face issues in this life. In John 16:33 ,Jesus gave us what is probably the most overlooked promise in Scripture. He told us that in this world we will have trouble. This troubles may come in different forms, but it is trouble nonetheless. The way we meet the promise of trouble is with the promise of His peace and His presence. In this same verse Jesus tells us -

***"I have told you these things, so that in Me, you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33)***

The reason we don't have to be afraid is because we have God's peace and His presence, which are designed to overcome the fears we have and will experience in this life. As Jeremiah reminds us today " the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble ...".

St Paul goes on to tell us, that through one man—Jesus Christ, sin and death have been over come for all time, which brings us to the assertions of Jesus in todays Gospel—" do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul", the object of our fear is primarily a response to the reality of living in this world and being too focused on the hear and now and not the eternal promise of forever in God's presence, where we are truly at home and embraced in the peace and joy of God.

As Saint Teresa of Avila tells us - "earth is our ship not our destination!". Our destination then is a return to the paternal embrace and friendship of God our creator where there is no fear.



## Churches together

This month has seen St Anthony's appointed as the vice chair of the Churches together movement in Rye.

With the loss of life that we have seen recently at sea with the loss of over four hundred poor souls, predominantly women and children in the Mediterranean capsizing, and the five people who died in the submersible in the Atlantic, the Churches Together annual Sea Service, seems ever timely and relevant to the world right now.



It 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.

If you feel called to donate to the families struggling in the refugee camps around the world (estimated at over 10 million people - impacted by war and famine) have a look at the CAFOD website for ideas and ways to help these lost and desperate families. <https://cafod.org.uk/>



**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.**