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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

16th July 2023



Times of Mass This Week

16 July. Sunday		8:00 AM
16 July. Sunday		10:45 AM
17 July. Monday		9:00 AM
18 July. Tuesday		9:00 AM
19 July. Wed		9.00 AM
20 July. Thurs		9.00 A.M
21 July. Friday		9:00 AM
22 July. Saturday	Saint Mary Magdalen	9:00 AM
22 July. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



Thank you for your generous donations last week, of £404 towards to running of our parish . We also raised £81 for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea.



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.

A faith of reflection and growth

Todays readings remind us of how our relationship with God is a living, growing encounter with Jesus, which in turn allows our lives to bear fruit in our words, our actions and our example to others. The first reading explains that God's Word is like the rain, which falls on the earth and makes it fertile. The second reading reminds us that a new creation is going to emerge. And in the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains that our hearts must be ready and prepared to receive the Word of God.

Underlying all these messages is the primacy of life, and the need for growth and development. Likewise as Christians our faith is never static or stationary. Like the seed, it must grow and be nourished and cared for or risk withering.

As any gardener or farmer will tell us, seeds need nourishment, they need water and they need light, just as our faith and relationship with God need the same things.

Our nourishment comes from the Eucharist, our water from the living water of God's Word who is Jesus Christ and our light of hope comes to us through the Holy Spirit.



Just a thought

Have you ever wondered why Jesus uses those odd little stories to teach us about the kingdom of Heaven?

They are stories of farmers, of fishermen, of ploughs, seeds, donkeys . All very harmless and non controversial at face value and yet.....

Christianity is a faith that we need to think about if we are to truly encounter Christ, to hear the word that is Jesus and to think about what it means to us in our daily life. Spending time in prayer chewing over the words of Jesus. A wonderful image can be seen in how a cow will eat its food. It will chew the grass merrily in the field. But then after a while it brings it back up and chews it all over again. It will do this several times before finally taking it in to nourish it and feed itself.

And this is the reality of the parables of Jesus. We are called not to just take it all in on a Sunday at Mass. But to reflect, and “chew the cud” over the following days. Give it a go, take your missalette home after Mass and read it again through the week. Each time we read the Gospels, they will bring us something new. They will gradually reveal themselves to you.

Jesus uses images and examples of everyday life that those who listen to Him will be able to relate too. Things that they understand. But stories that also get the listener to think, to reflect, and to contemplate. And it is in this reflection that the listener has the opportunity to grow in faith. Something for us to consider when we are talking with our children and grandchildren about the faith. How can we translate the love and hope of Jesus and eternity in a way that is relatable and creates reflection in our youngsters?



A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September 11am – 3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

At a point of time in life when it might appear that we need to slow down it can be easy to dismiss the relevance of our contribution. To turn that on its head is to realise that we have time on our side; time, wisdom and experience, all of which enable us to be valuable witnesses to the faith. We don't know much about St's Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, but we can be sure that their presence, their witness and their love sustained their family and their neighbours. We can ponder their relationship with the child Jesus. Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. To reserve your place go to the Diocesan website. Go to events and sign up.

Mental Health and the young.

Mental Health England are providing online training for parents and grandparents in our Diocese in September (12th,13th, 19th and 20th (in the evenings), about the challenges and support of youngsters aged 8-18yrs. For those who would like to find our more email simon.south@abdiocese.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.