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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

23rd July 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

|                   |                         |          |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 23 July. Sunday   |                         | 8:00 AM  |
| 23 July. Sunday   |                         | 10:45 AM |
| 24 July. Monday   |                         | 9:00 AM  |
| 25 July. Tuesday  | Saint James Apostle     | 9:00 AM  |
| 26 July. Wed      | St Joachim and St Anne, | 9.00 AM  |
| 27 July. Thurs    |                         | 9.00 A.M |
| 28 July. Friday   |                         | 9:00 AM  |
| 29 July. Saturday |                         | 9:00 AM  |
| 29 July. Saturday | (SUNDAY VIGIL)          | 6.00 P.M |



Thank you for your generous donations last week, of £208 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.

### The good and the bad grow together

This week, Matthew's Gospel follows last weeks parable of the sower with another farming focused tale. This time of the wheat and the darnel. The good and the bad growing alongside each other, just as good and evil journey together on the earth.

When we look at the pictures to the side, it is hard to see the difference between the ears of wheat and the ears of darnel.

If we consider that the objective of our lives is to learn to love God and to love our neighbour. At any moment we are all in a different place on that journey. Some will find their relationship with God early in their lives, some will find it later on and some may never find it at all.

God reminds us in todays readings that we should not judge others for where they are on their journey. God knows what is in each and every persons heart ,the joy, the pain , the hope and the fear. We will never truly know what is in someone else's heart , so leave the judging to God, and do the best we can to learn to love all, just as Jesus loves all. Because in reality just as it is hard to distinguish between the wheat and the darnel , it is even more difficult for us to distinguish the true intentions and desires of another's heart other than knowing everyone longs for God—whether they know it or not.



## Just a thought ....

Did you know that the Vatican have organised a world gathering of young Catholics aged 16-35 in Lisbon this year from August 1st to August 6th? First instigated by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day, has continued every two/three years since (except during the pandemic).

A million youngsters from 126 countries across 5 continents are expected to gather to celebrate their faith, to learn more about the message of the Gospels, to share stories of their journeys with each other and to immerse themselves in the joy of the world wide family that is our faith. We have a group of 55 going from across our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton who are attending.

There will be live Christian music, Catholic films, and Pope Francis will also be present to celebrate Mass with everyone. Many will be under canvas throughout the event. So do remember them all in your prayers—that they experience a truly Christ centred encounter and that they are not overwhelmed by the heat currently across Portugal and Spain.

## Have you thought about going contactless?

At the back of our Church we have a contactless card reader so that you are able to make your weekly /monthly donations using your bank card.

Thanks to Fr Max' IT skills this is now up and running successfully and is a secure way of making any payments. In June we received £280 this way!

The first time you use the machine you will have the opportunity to set up the gift aid on the system and all your donations will then automatically be processed this way. You will receive an email receipt directly you have made a payment and this will happen each time you use the machine, so you can keep track of what you have generously donated.

If you would like some more information, guidance or a helping hand getting yourself set up, do ask and we will be very happy to help.



## A very Happy Birthday to Ron Peters

I am sure you will all join us in wishing Ron Peters a very happy 94th birthday on 25th July.

Ron and Pam have been dedicated members of our Parish Family for many glorious years and over the many years, Ron and Pam have been a glorious example of a lived in faith in the Lord.

May you have many more happy birthdays to come and may the Lord bless you always.



## Prayer intentions.

From next Friday, have the distinct honour of being in Lourdes for one week.

If you would like me to take any specific prayer intention with me for the week, do please let me know.



**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.**