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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

13th August 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

13 Aug. Sunday	19th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 AM
13 Aug. Sunday		10:45 AM
14 Aug. Monday		9:00 AM
15 Aug. Tuesday	Assumption of Our Lady	9:00 AM
	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	6:00 PM
16 Aug. Wed		9:00 AM
17 Aug. Thurs		9:00 A.M
18 Aug. Friday		9:00 AM
19 Aug. Saturday		9:00 AM
19 Aug. 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.

### Assumption of the Virgin Mary. 15th August.

The "Assumption" is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337).

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem.

One of the memories about His mother centred around the "Tomb of Mary," a hill close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become the feast we now call the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The Assumption affirms that it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption or decay. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

Oddly, it wasn't until 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the "Assumption of Mary" a dogma of the Catholic Church and at this point, an ancient tradition became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.



### Just a thought ....

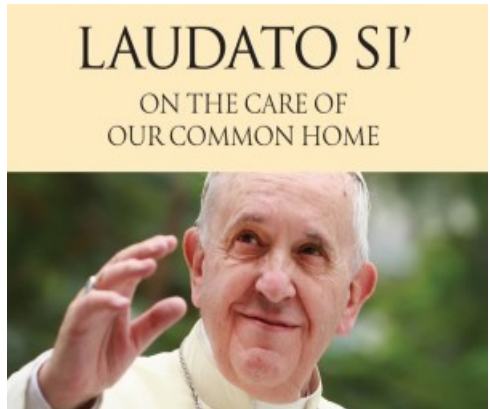
Today's readings talk to us about the positive impact of making a willing submission of trust into the hands of God. You might find this prayer something to reflect on and spend time with through the week ahead.

**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. Most sacred Heart of Jesus , I place all my trust in You. Amen.**



### **Laudato Si Parish evening—6th September**

*Laudato Si* which means “praise be to You” is the name of Pope Francis encyclical explaining the Church’s response to God’s gift to us all - our common home - the earth. An encyclical is a document intended to circulate Church teaching across the globe. Originally intended for the clergy, they have, since the time of Pope Paul VI, been addressed to “all people of good will” and not just to the clergy, recognising the role we all have to play in living and sharing both the Church teachings and the Word of God in our daily lives.



Pope Francis commissioned a film about the themes of his encyclical called "The Letter" and you are invited to come and see the film at 6pm in St Mary's Centre Rye on 6th September. The topics are very relevant for us all but may be of particular interest to those of us who have children and grandchildren as the ecological topics and social justice form part of the national curriculum in secondary schools and may offer us a positive opportunity of bringing our faith to our youngsters in a topical way. It lasts about 90 minutes and will be followed by a brief discussion and refreshments.

### **Are you being called to be a Chaplain for the Police?**

The multi-faith chaplaincy team in Surrey and Sussex Police are looking for new volunteer Chaplains to provide wellbeing support to officers and police staff and welcome applications from members of your faith group. Most of our volunteer Chaplains are not faith leaders, but rather members of their faith group and it is not necessary to have previous experience of policing or chaplaincy. What is important is the ability to listen without judgement, to be supportive of people working in policing, and to make a commitment of 2-4 hours each week including a weekly visit to a police workplace to listen and encourage colleagues there.



The first step in the application process is to contact our Chaplaincy Lead, Frances Novillo on 07783 804665 or [frances.novillo@surrey.police.uk](mailto:frances.novillo@surrey.police.uk)

### **Dates for your diary**

It's a wonderful time when we get to come together as a community, as a Parish Family . So here are a few dates to save in your diary for the months ahead

- **Saturday 2nd September** we will restart our Adoration straight after the 9.00a.m. Mass
- **Sunday 3rd September** is the Churches together service at Rye Baptist @10.45a.m.

**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.**