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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

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God is love: he who dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. In Jesus Christ we see how God loves us.

A warm welcome to everyone from
Fr. Maximillian McKeown, OFM Conv, Parish Priest

Times of Mass This Week

20 Aug. Sunday	20th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 AM
20 Aug. Sunday		10:45 AM
21 Aug. Monday		9:00 AM
22 Aug. Tuesday		9:00 AM
23 Aug. Wed		9.00 AM
24 Aug. Thurs		9.00 A.M
25 Aug. Friday		9:00 AM
26 Aug. Saturday		9:00 AM
26 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.

"I am proud to be sent"

In todays reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans we are reminded of that special and unique relationship we have with our Lord as His chosen people, as His disciples.

Paul reminds us of the glory and honour we have all been given in the great commission that Jesus gives to all His disciples " go make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19), when Paul tells us that he is "proud to be sent" to the pagans and non believers.

This is without doubt one of the biggest challenges and concerns that we all face as followers of the Son of God.

Do we proclaim our belief and relationship with Jesus Christ to friends, family and those who are seeking Him, facing ridicule, challenge, even aggression or do we close our eyes and hope that God allows "this chalice be passed by me"(Mt26:39)?

As Paul knows only too well, being a follower of Christ comes with a cost, but the reward for paying this cost is eternal joy for us and the souls that we are able to lead to heaven.

Pope Francis reminds us of the words of St Francis in that our sharing of the faith is primarily through our actions and acts of love and charity and only if necessary through the quoting of the Scripture.

Just a thought

At face value the words of our Lord in today's readings seem rather harsh and almost dismissive. Unless we see them through the eyes of humility.

Is faith, salvation and redemption something we deserve automatically because we proclaim ourselves as Christians? As the Lord tells us himself "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7:21).

Do we accept and embrace that the gifts of hope and eternity are given to us despite our weakness and our faults as a free and unconditional example of our eternal Father's love for us, despite our mistakes and unworthiness?



An encounter with Our Lady—Queen of Heaven

We will be running a 5 week programme with Tenterden throughout October to explore and embrace our relationship with Mary, the mother of God.

We will be meeting each Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. to work through the café (Catholic Faith Exploration) programme "Let it Be" which takes us through five encounters with Mary and what we can learn from her example as a disciple and her relationship with her son Jesus.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church so do put yourself on the list as part of our Advent preparation. It is also a wonderful chance to meet our Tenterden brothers and sisters and to meet new friends and share our experiences for the glory of God's Kingdom and there is cake too.



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.

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.