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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

6th August 2023



### Times of Mass This Week

06 Aug. Sunday		8:00 AM
06 Aug. Sunday		10:45 AM
07 Aug. Monday		9:00 AM
08 Aug. Tuesday		9:00 AM
09 Aug. Wed	St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)	9.00 AM
10 Aug. Thurs		9.00 A.M
11 Aug. Friday	St Clare of Assisi	9:00 AM
12 Aug. Saturday		9:00 AM
12 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.

### God transfigures our lives too.

How often have we heard the words "oh I can't change now; I've always been like that"?

But are we allowing the Holy Spirit to build, change, "transfigure us" just as Jesus is transfigured?

In the biblical sense to transfigure is to grow in beauty of to be elevated. Growth and change in our hearts is a good thing. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans *"Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you will be able to discern the will of God and to know what is good and acceptable and perfect"* (Rom12:2).



How ever hard we try, our thoughts are continually being challenged and shaped by the world we live in. Our cultures and communities influence the way we think. Now, that's not always a bad thing, but there is a risk of being influenced with attitudes and societal 'norms' that are not reflective of the message of Christ. Society is continually telling us to be greedy, selfish, to have closed eyes to those around us who are struggling or in need, lost or hurt. That this is the way to behave.

Jesus shows us today the transformative glory and change that placing ourselves in God's hands brings to us all. When through our own free will we say " I am hear, Lord speak" (1 Sam3:9).

### **Just a thought ....**

One of the transfiguring realities about being a follower of Jesus is that the purpose of our lives is transformed into something so fulfilling and with purpose.

No longer are we just working to make ends meet or climb a social/economical ladder. No longer are we seeking our worth and purpose in empty places or relationships. Instead we strive to live a life in the image and likeness of Jesus.

We are being called to be a part of something bigger. We are working in His Kingdom. We are living in a way to bring God glory. We are serving others. We are helping to form disciples who seek and are also seeking Christ.

### **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.

There are further optional opportunities to help lead services, attend awards and ceremonies, and care for colleagues during major incidents. Induction, training, supervision, and uniform is provided.

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.
- **Wednesday 6th September** we will be having a Parish gathering at St Mary's Hall to talk about *Laudato Si* the Popes encyclical on our shared home that is the planet and our shared responsibility and stewardship after we will have a bring and share supper.

### **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.

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.

**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.**