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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

**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  
Rev. Simon South, Deacon

1st October 2023



## Times of Mass This Week

01 Oct. Sunday	26th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 AM
01 Oct. Sunday		10:45 AM
02 Oct. Monday	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9:00 AM
03 Oct. Tuesday	<i>The blessed Martyrs of Sussex</i>	9:00 AM
04 Oct. Wed	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9:00 AM
05 Oct. Thurs		9:00 A.M
06 Oct. Friday		9:00 AM
07 Oct. Saturday	<i>Our lady of the Rosary</i>	9:00 AM
07 Oct. 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**, Ron Peters, Guy Horton, Mary Byrne, 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:** Sheila Miller, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister), Sr Loretta Dooley and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## Our heart is always true.

What is our true heart's desire?

If we listen to the western world—the only way to be truly happy is to be wealthy and have so much “stuff” around us that we can't move.

But as disciples of Christ, we are reminded that Jesus came to bring us liberation and freedom from the deception and glamour of worldly desires, which rust, rot, age and as we all know we can't take them with us when we go to our eternal rest.

Today's Gospel captures this dilemma and inner conflict wonderfully. Helping us to see it's not just the challenge we face in our modern world but one humanity has faced throughout history. We are drawn to the left and then to the right. We say one thing and then we do something else instead.



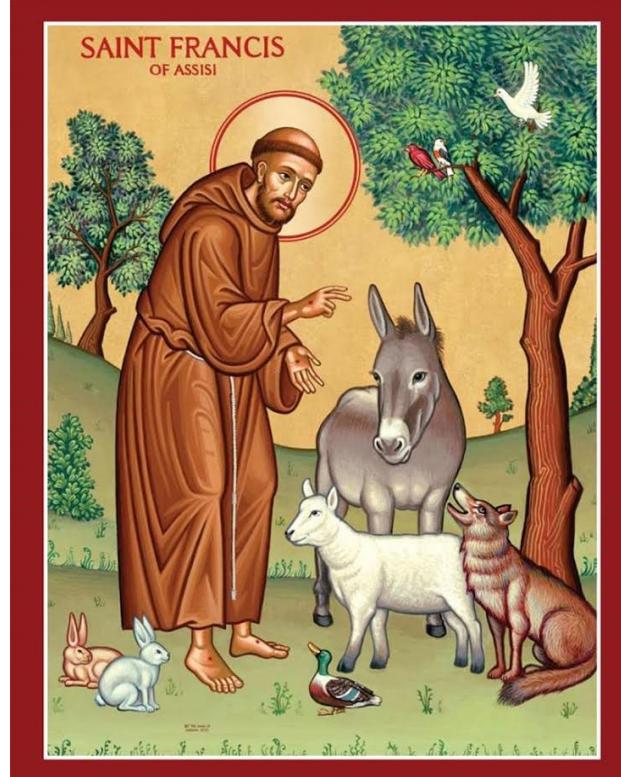
Jesus reminds us again and again that He is the way we should follow, and that it is our faith that saves us. We have free will to choose whichever path we wish to follow, there is no coercion from God, we must try to follow our hearts—follow in faith, the message of God's love.

And it is here that we read that when we are able to surrender our heart to our Lord and saviour, to not just have faith but live faith, we are able to find true fulfilment and true happiness. So, whatever our past, our story or mistakes Jesus calls us to His eternal presence.

## Just a thought ....

The beautiful prayer of St Francis .....

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.  
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.  
Where there is discord, let me bring union.  
Where there is error, let me bring truth.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.  
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.  
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O Master, let me not seek as much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.



## Our Lady of the Rosary.

According to the Dominicans, in the early 1200's, St. Dominic had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave him the Rosary to use as a tool to fight the heretics and to fight against the devil.

The Rosary has its roots in the 150 psalms where people who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead. In the 16th century, the Rosary prayer developed to include the contemplation of the 5 joyful, 5 sorrowful, and 5 glorious mysteries. The 5 Mysteries of Light were added to the Rosary in 2002, by Saint Pope John Paul II.



## The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex

On 3rd October, the Church honours ten martyrs from the county of Sussex (East and West), whose sufferings span the whole period during which men and women were put to death in England for their loyalty to the Catholic faith: a period of over a hundred and forty years, during the reigns of five monarchs. Among them are four laymen, two of noblemen, and six priests, including a Benedictine monk, a Franciscan friar, and three "seminary priests".

John Rugge, Thomas Percy, Thomas Pylcher, (from Battle), Henry Webley, Edward Shelley, Ralph Crockett, Edward James, George Gervase, Thomas Bullaker, William Howard (grandson of our Diocesan patron, Saint Philip Howard).

## Dates for your diary

- **3rd,10th,17th,24th & 31st October** at St Andrew in Tenterden . We are joining Tenterden to explore our relationship with our Lady as we prepare for Advent . Weekly sessions will run from 10.30a.m to 12 noon. Please speak to Simon if you would like a lift.

**Scripture Group this Monday at The Rye Hub at 3.30p.m. till 5.00p.m. All are welcome to explore their relationship with the Lord through the Word of God.**