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## Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

17th September 2023

**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**



### Times of Mass This Week

17 Sep. Sunday	24th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 AM
17 Sep. Sunday		10:45 AM
18 Sep. Monday		9:00 AM
19 Sep. Tuesday		9:00 AM
20 Sep. Wed		9:00 AM
21 Sep. Thurs	<i>St Matthew Apostle</i>	9:00 A.M
22 Sep. Friday		9:00 AM
23 Sep. Saturday		9:00 AM
23 Sep. 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, 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:** Ron Peters, 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.

### **A special prayer request for our brother in Christ, Ron Peters.**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Ron Peters, passed away on Monday 11th September in the early hours of the morning. May he rest in the eternal peace of our Lord.

I am a sure you will join us in sending our prayers and love to Pam and their family.

### **Gospel message of Forgiveness**

Today's story of the unforgiving servant is very powerful and straight to the point. How can we expect God to forgive us if we are not forgiving? After all as we say on a daily basis as we pray in the words our Lord gave us—"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". But this is often easier said than done, when we face humiliation, insult or some form of loss at the hands of another.

But the act of forgiveness is such an important aspect of our life's desire of becoming more Christ like. An important part of forgiving others is the act of humility that this entails. At the beginning of each gathering as a community at Mass on Sunday, we ask each other to forgive our sins as we acknowledge the reality that we are all sinners—yes, we all get it wrong, no one is perfect- only the good Lord (Mk 10:18). So are we really in a position to throw the first stone? (Jn 8:7) (*cont over*)



## Just a thought ....

### **Forgiveness** -Poet: Unknown

O God, forgive the years and years  
Of worldly pride and hopes and fears;  
Forgive, and blot them from thy book,  
The sins on which I mourn to look.

Forgive the love of human praise,  
The first false step in crooked ways,  
The choice of evil and the night,  
The heart close shut against the light.

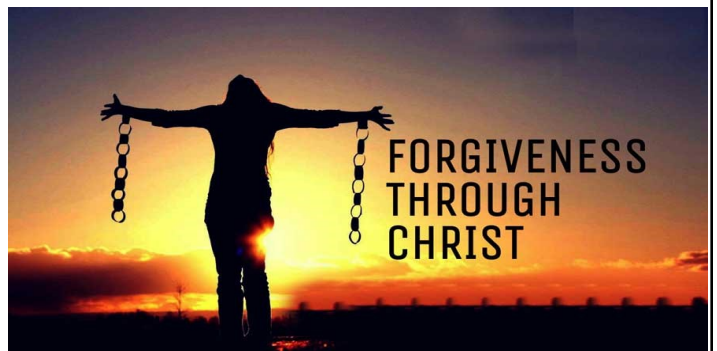
Forgive the love that could endure  
No cost to bless the sad and poor;  
Forgive, and give me grace to see  
The life laid down in love for me.

## **Why Forgiveness? (continued)**

Secondly the act of forgiveness is also an acknowledgement on our part that our own forgiveness, our own salvation has come at an ultimate cost—the sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross. God's desire to draw us to Himself, was sealed by the Pascal Sacrifice, because that is how much He loves us all. Can we find the strength of heart to forgive others for their mistakes when Christ gave his very self, for the sake of our mistakes?

Finally, its important to remember that forgiveness is not about forgetting. But it is about letting go of the pain and anger that is a result of being hurt or affronted by someone else. It is this pain and anger that leads us to resentment and that resentment can burrow into our very soul, drawing our thoughts away from the free gift of love God has given us and drawing our thoughts and minds down to the worldly emotions steeped in the desire for revenge.

Our act of forgiveness is therefore an acknowledgment of the sacrifice that God made for us, an acceptance that we are all sinners and we all get it wrong, as Christ teaches us. It liberates us from personal pain and suffering and is an act of humility as we embrace the reality that the strength to be able to forgive others is a grace and gift of love from God to us all.



## **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.**