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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

03 Sep. Sunday	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	8:00 AM
03 Sep. Sunday		10:45 AM
04 Sep. Monday		9:00 AM
05 Sep. Tuesday		9:00 AM
06 Sep. Wed		9.00 AM
07 Sep. Thurs		9.00 A.M
08 Sep. Friday	<i>Our Lady's Birthday</i>	9:00 AM
09 Sep. Saturday		9:00 AM
09 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, 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.

Jeremiah , the “weeping prophet”

A prophet's life is never easy, but Jeremiah had an especially rough time and yet his is a story that is so relevant to our current reality in an ever more secular world.

Known as the “Weeping Prophet”, because of his frequent recourse to “lament” at the state of the nation, Jeremiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah in the Old Testament, right before Judah ultimately fell to Babylon and most of the Jewish people were led away into the Babylonian exile for 76 years.

Jeremiah initially resisted God's call by complaining that he was only a child and did not know how to speak, but the Lord, having non of Jeremiah's protestations, commanding him to "get yourself ready!", and giving Jeremiah's the words and the ways he needed to fulfil God's calling.

Jeremiah spent forty years delivering God's messages to Judah. His early messages focused on condemning the worship of false gods, the lack of care being shown for the poor and the widow among the people, and calling people to repent for their choices. He continually urged people to focus on the inner spirit and to choose morally right actions, rather than earthly or false religious practice.

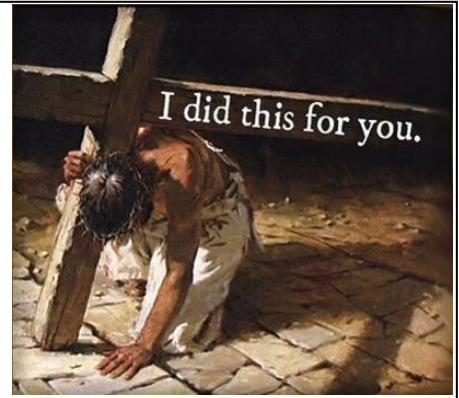
In the secular world of today with all its focus on false god's, consumerism and self-reliance and personal choice over the common good, today gives us a wonderful lesson about what we should aim to embrace—the qualities of a prophet as listed in the book of Jeremiah, including not being afraid, standing up to speak the Word of God even in adversity, and embracing where God sends us, just as our Lord shows us throughout His Ministry.



Just a thought

Have you seen how often we are told in adverts, on the television— “go on you deserve it!” or people looking to sell us things often tell us “go on, why not treat yourself, your worth it!”

The concept of personal sacrifice is becoming more and more out of step with the character of our modern world. And yet a willingness to put the needs of the poor, the sick, those in need ahead of our own interests is at the heart of the Christian message.



But it is not big bold statements of sacrifice that we are called to make, but a sacrifice in our hearts for the message of Jesus—to love God and to love our neighbour. Jesus tells us that when we are giving “our left hand should not know what the right is doing” (Mt 6:3), while those who make a show of fasting and charity by “wearing sackcloth and ashes and standing on the street corner ripping their clothes” - in other words making a big show of their sacrifice do not earn the respect of God. (Mt 6:5).

In today's Gospel Jesus knows and embraces the path that God is calling Him to follow and the sacrifice that is called for, just as Paul tells us in today's second reading “we offer our very selves as a living sacrifice we become truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourself on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change”. Being Christian is not a faith of receiving, but a faith of self giving in whatever small way we can.

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 CaFE (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.

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.

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**. Do bring some snacks to share, tea and coffee will be available on the evening. Bring a bottle if you prefer something a little stronger.

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.
- **Monday 11th September** Father Mike Hagan will be giving a Talk "The Sign of the Times" 7.30p.m - 9.00pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall, Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4EU.

Scripture Group resumes 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.