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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
Rev. Simon South, Deacon



Times of Mass This Week

15 Oct. Sunday	28th Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM
15 Oct. Sunday		10:45 AM
16 Oct. Monday		9:00 AM
17 Oct. Tuesday		9:00 AM
18 Oct. Wed	St Luke the Evangelist	9.00 AM
19 Oct. Thurs	St Philip Howard -A&B Patron	9.00 A.M
20 Oct. Friday		9:00 AM
21 Oct. Saturday		9:00 AM
21 Oct. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



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, Tom dayleigh, 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.

God is continually calling us to be with Him.

Today's reading is so relevant for the challenges that our world faces today. With war raging in the Ukraine, the Holy Land, much of sub-Saharan Africa and tensions building across the Arabian peninsula within the far east. We are seeing many millions of people fleeing war, drought, floods, natural disasters, modern slavery and oppression. The root cause of these challenges, the reality of individual or national greed. Todays readings remind us that these things are not God's will but the will of men. The consequences of rejecting God's call, for selfish, earthly desires being suffering, sin and destruction.

In the Jewish tradition, the image of the wedding feast and the wedding garments symbolised works of generosity and of charitable acts, as the reality of a wedding was an invitation to all of the village or community to join in the celebrations—rich, poor, family, friend or neighbour, it didn't matter—everyone was invited.

In todays reading Jesus reminds us of the constant desire God has for us all to live a life based on love and the common good, because this after all is the path to "the wedding feast"—the path to eternal life, joy and celebration in God's presence.

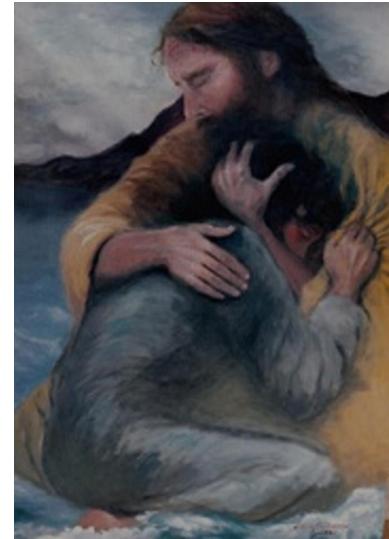
All who embrace the call of Jesus, who live a life of light, a life built on the love of God and love of our neighbour will be welcomed. Because we are all invited.



Just a thought

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



“faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”. *Hebrews 11:1*

Come and join us and explore the lessons of Our Lady

Join us at St Andrew's in Tenterden for the next five weeks each Tuesday 10.30a.m—12.00 as we journey with our Lady to explore the lessons she can bring into our life and our faith. All are welcome.

LET IT BE

DONE UNTO ME
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD



Calling all Volunteers

Calling all volunteers, its that time again. Anyone who is able to push a duster around or brandish a Brasso cloth or push a broom are very welcome to come along on Saturday 21st October @ 10.00a.m. to give our Church is bi monthly clean and tidy.



SAINTS & SINNERS CONCERT Our Lady of Ransom Church - Eastbourne

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 7.30pm with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.

Dates for your diary

- **17th,24th & 31st October & 7th Nov** 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.