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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

22 Oct. Sunday	29th Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM
22 Oct. Sunday	<i>Mass for Tom Hodge (Joc's father)</i>	10:45 AM
23 Oct. Monday		9:00 AM
24 Oct. Tuesday		9:00 AM
25 Oct. Wed		9.00 AM
26 Oct. Thurs		9.00 A.M
27 Oct. Friday		9:00 AM
28 Oct. Saturday	<i>Saint Simon and Jude</i>	9:00 AM
28 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, 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.

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's

Isn't this just the most wonderful, non confrontational response to a tricky question that could have landed our Lord in deep water. And yet His reply cuts straight to the heart of the challenge of what it means to be a human.

From the very begin of creation we have found a challenge between the call of the earthly in contrast to the promise of the eternal. In essence we are constantly being asked "Do we want our rewards here and now, or do we work for the eternal reward of being in God's loving embrace?"

We see this duality of choice played out between Adam, Eve and the temptation of the apple, the Israelites in the wilderness looking back at the perceived comfort of life back in Egypt, Jacob's brother Esau, selling out his birth-right for a bowl of soup. And poor Peter's challenge of the earthly desire to physically survive versus the acknowledgement of Jesus in the middle of the mob as he says "I do not know this man" (Mt 26:72). Even the tempting of Christ saw the devil trying to draw Jesus into putting the worldly desires ahead of the kingdom of His Father; trying to tempt Him with food, earthly power and a rejection of God.

And this is the dilemma we see being played out day after day as we turn on the news. Choices reflecting the desire for personal/national wealth, greed, our "right" to pleasure versus the personal sacrifice for the sake of the common good, in the image of God's Kingdom.

**For where your
Treasure is
there your Heart
will be also**

LUKE 12:34

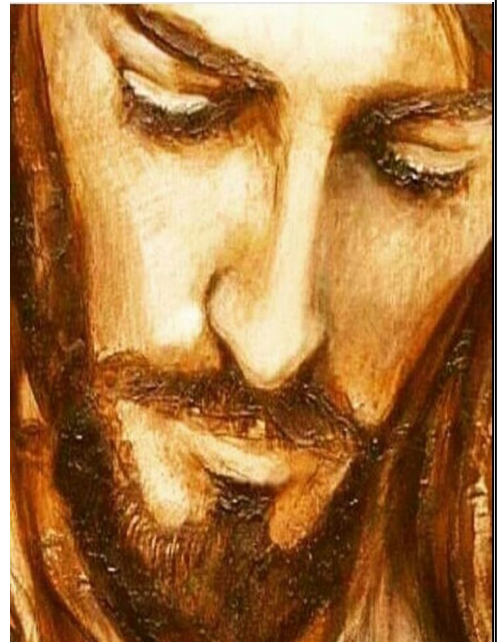
Just a thought Are we Caesar's of God's?

As we reflect on the Gospel message, we consider the reality that earthliness continuously tries to pull us away from Godliness.

In Acts (2:42), we read how the early Christian communities “devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching, living together in Christ’s fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

This division of earthly and Godly brings us some beautiful moments to spend in prayer and reflection. Perhaps you might like to share with the Lord your thoughts on the following this week?

- What does “devoted” mean to you?
- What does the “community in Christ” mean to you?
- What does the Eucharist mean to you?



Pray for those suffering at the hands of war

O Lord, God of infinite mercy, we humbly implore You to look down on the nations now engaged in war. Do not count Your people’s sins against them, but grant them true repentance, that the lusts of the human heart may be conquered by Your Spirit of gentleness and righteousness. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril. Comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. According to Your good and gracious will, remove the causes and occasions of this war, and restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Passing the faith on to our Youngsters

Finding ways to share the love, joy and hope of our faith with our children/grandchildren can be challenging cant it. Here are some great websites with ideas, tips, video’s and resources to help us in this journey. Have a look, I’d love to know what you think. Do you have any suggestions to share with the Parish?

- catholicparents.org
- www.celebratetrust.org (my favourite)
- www.teachingcatholickids.com



It’s through an encounter with the Holy Spirit that the faith is truly passed on, and sustained.

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. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.

Dates for your diary

- **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.