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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

29 Oct. Sunday	30th Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM	
29 Oct. Sunday		10:45 AM	
30 Oct. Monday		9:00 AM	
31 Oct. Tuesday		9:00 AM	
01 Nov. Wed	All Saints	9.00 AM	
	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	6.00 PM	
02 Nov. Thurs	All Souls	9.00 A.M	Thank you for your generous donations last week, towards to running of our parish .
03 Nov. Friday		9:00 AM	
04 Nov. Saturday		9:00 AM	
04 Nov. 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, Tim Hodge 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.

Love is love—isn't it?

As the words of the Beatles legendary song told us “ all you need is love”. Reminding us of the word's our Lord gave us two thousand years beforehand (Mt22:37-40), in turn reminding us of the words God gave to Moses on the mountain top (Deut 5:6-21).



But what do we mean by love? The so called sexual revolution of the 1960's has in so many ways devalued the beautiful reality behind the word love. While the over simplified English language has created a distorted and trivialised meaning of the word—who doesn't remember the Birdseye TV advert from the 1970's when the young girl is asked “ who do you love more—dad or chips?”

In the biblical Greek there are many different words used to express the glorious diversity of love. “*Eros*” is the physical lustful love, “*ahab*” is the close intimate emotional love often between parents and children, “*agape*” is the love that creates a pure, personal sacrifice for the good of the other person while “*phileo*” is the love between friends which reflects the feelings of fondness, affection, delight, and a personal attachment. So when we read the scripture and we are told that God loves us—it might be worth spending a few moments in prayer considering what we are really being told.

Just a thought

The week ahead sees the step closer to the end of the Church year, the season of Advent and Christmastide. But as we move to the 1st November we have the last of our Holy Days of Obligation this Wednesday, which is the celebration of All Saints.

We have six Holy Days of obligation in the year along with the call to Church every Sunday ("the Lord's Day") . And yet we see an interesting reaction in society these days when people hear the terms "you are obliged to" or "you must" In our individualist, independent society the song "don't tell me what to do" became an anthem for the young through the early and mid 2000's onwards.

But as Church we don't see this in the same way as society. Obligation can be seen as an order or instruction , but more importantly it is an outpouring of love. We don't think twice about speaking to the ones we love on a regular basis. We turn up to family gatherings for birthdays, weddings and special occasions.

We understand the "obligation of love" and of giving of ourselves to others (*agape*).



A date for your Diary at the Hub on Rye Hill

One of our Parishioners, Professor Tina Beattie, as part of this Advent season is giving a lecture at the Hub on the Hill this December. To book your ticket see the link in the advert below.



Tina Beattie is Professor Emerita of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton in London. She has published widely and lectured internationally on traditions surrounding the Virgin Mary in western art, theology and culture.

Paintings of the Annunciation and Nativity are among the most widely represented genres in western Christian art, but do we always know what we're looking at? We'll spend the day studying some familiar paintings as well as some unusual themes and perspectives, exploring questions such as symbolic meanings, historical and devotional contexts, and different interpretations.

There will be two sessions — 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Refreshments are available from the café at the Hub.

To register or to find out more, please visit Tina's website at <https://www.tinabeattie.com/bookings-art-study-day>, or email tina@tinabeattie.com.

Dates for your diary

- **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.