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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

**12 Nov. Sunday** 32nd Sunday Ordinary time

**12 Nov. Sunday**

**13 Nov. Monday**

**14 Nov. Tuesday**

**15 Nov. Wed**

**16 Nov. Thurs**

**17 Nov. Friday**

**18 Nov. Saturday**

**19 Nov. Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)**

**8:00 AM**

**10:45 AM**

**9:00 AM**

**9:00 AM**

**9:00 AM**

**9:00 A.M**

**9:00 AM**

**9:00 AM**

**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, 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.

### **As every good scout will tell you—"Be prepared"**

Today the Lord reminds us that none of us know when He will return, or when our own time on earth is ended, and as such we should be always live our lives in a state of readiness.

In today's parable, the lamp is our body, our life which is given to us by God and our prayer or time given to God is the oil. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', but there is a purpose or an active outcome of the lamp and the oil coming together, and that outcome is to provide light. And the purpose of the light, so that people might see.

The light we bring, the active outputs of embracing our God given life and the fuel from our prayers, is the burning flame of our good works that we do in the name of Jesus. And by doing these acts of love, charity and sharing of the faith, we demonstrate that we are the "attentive bridesmaids", waiting for the return of the bridegroom—Jesus Christ.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we read that there is a time for all things (Ecc 3:1). Today this is brought into sharp focus as we are shown that there is a time for preparation (prayer) and a time for action (works).



## Just a thought .... to take to prayer

- If our Lord were to come today would we recognise Him?
- How well do we know our beloved bridegroom?
- How can we get to have a more intimate relationship, a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ? After all He does call us friends (Jn15:15).



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 question 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](mailto:tina@tinabeattie.com).

## A prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

Almighty and ever living God,  
send Your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.

Lord, You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on "the sparrow".  
Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression.

Give strength to those who work for a just peace and strengthen their resolve.

Guide all religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division.

Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts and to seek peace and pursue it.

And help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace. Through Christ our Lord , Amen.

**Our weekly Scripture Group will be meeting this Monday at The Rye Hub at 3.30p.m. till 5.00p.m. All are welcome to explore and to build their relationship with the Lord through the living Word of God.**

