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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

19th November 2023



**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

19 Nov. Sunday	33rd Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM
20 Nov. Sunday		10:45 AM
21 Nov. Monday	Presentation of our Lady	9:00 AM
22 Nov. Tuesday		9:00 AM
23 Nov. Wed		9.00 AM
24 Nov. Thurs		9.00 A.M
25 Nov. Friday		9:00 AM
26 Nov. Saturday		9:00 AM
26 Nov. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL—Christ the King)	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.

## We are all unique

The Lord reminds us today that each and every person is a gloriously unique creation. And because we are unique, we are through, our lives, called to play a unique role in bringing the Lord to the world.

The Lord has given us all the special gifts (or Charism's) we need to lead us to Holiness. Some of us are artistic or creative, some are intellectual, some loving and gentle, some healing, some evangelistic some reflective and thoughtful, some outward going and full of energy, some peaceful and prayerful- the list is endless. But each of us is unique for a reason. And that reason is to allow us to use our gifts to grow in faith both personally and to help others in their faith journey through the use of our charisms . God intends us to be a community in Christ, so we can share, learn and mutually grow

The question that is then posed to us is how do we use these gifts God has given us? Do we us them to build God's Kingdom here on earth, do we use them to find our way to the Lord through sharing them with those around us and allow them to grow within us and within our community or do we bury them, use them for our own personal gratification and needs alone?



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

- ◆ Do I seek to learn from the lives and examples of those around us?
- ◆ Do I celebrate and give thanks to God for the gifts He brings into my life?
- ◆ Do I see those around me as unique Creations of God with something I can learn on my journey? (these lessons can be both by positive or negative experiences)
- ◆ How can I embrace the gifts God has given me and use them for the glory of His Kingdom?

## Going to Confession.

Getting a GP appointment can be a huge challenge to heal our bodies but arranging to go to Confession to heal our souls is always available. Confessions are heard Saturdays 5.00p.m.—5.30p.m. or by appointment—call the Friary on 01797 222173.

## A prayer for Peace in our world

Almighty and ever living God,  
In a world filled with conflicts and unrest, I lift my voice in prayer for peace.  
I pray for peace to prevail in every corner of the globe.  
May Your divine presence bring an end to violence, conflicts, and injustice.  
Lord, ignite a spirit of reconciliation, understanding, and harmony among nations, cultures, and religions.  
Heal the wounds of division and replace hatred with love.  
Grant us the courage to be instruments of peace in our communities, extending grace and forgiveness.  
May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, envelop our world.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, in the unity with the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever,  
Amen.



## Planning for Christmas

In our busy schedules, it's always a good thing to have plenty of notice to be able to plan, so we thought you would like to know our Christmas Mass times this year.

- ◆ **Christmas Eve is a Sunday. Sunday Mass will be as usual 8.00a.m. and 10.45a.m.**
- ◆ **Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 6.00p.m. on Christmas Eve (THERE IS NO MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR)**
- ◆ **Christmas Day Mass will be at 10.00a.m.**



## Pre Advent Church clean and tidy

To prepare our Parish for the Advent season, all volunteers are asked to join us on **Saturday 25th November** to give the Church a clean and polish . We will gather from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00a.m. all are very welcome—

**Many hands make light work**



**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.**