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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

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

5th November 2023



Times of Mass This Week

05 Nov. Sunday	31st Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM
05 Nov. Sunday		10:45 AM
06 Nov. Monday		9:00 AM
07 Nov. Tuesday		9:00 AM
08 Nov. Wed		9.00 AM
09 Nov. Thurs	<i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00 A.M
10 Nov. Friday	<i>Saint Pope Leo the Great</i>	9:00 AM
11 Nov. Saturday		9:00 AM
11 Nov. 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, 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.

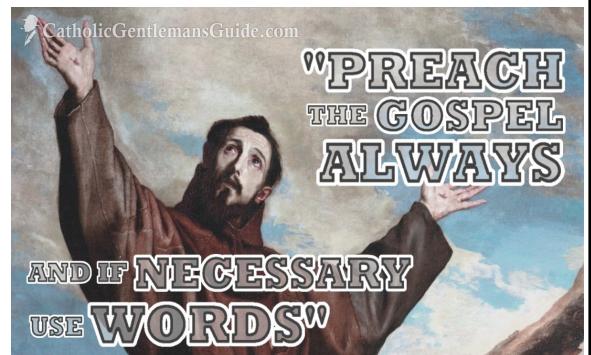
“Practise what we preach”.

Its amazing how four small words represent such a huge challenge for all followers of Christ. But in these simple words Jesus shows us the “narrow path to salvation” (Mt7:14).

Over the last few weeks we have been reminded of the difficult choices we face on a daily basis between earthly desires and eternal peace, and in todays readings we are again given the same dilemma. Jesus came to show us the way of the Father and then leaves us to decide is we want to “practising what [He] preached”.

And the message that the Church preaches is the message of love God, love our neighbour, forgive others just as we hope to be forgiven and go make disciples of all nations, Sharing the Gospel message of salvation from sin and the promise of eternity to all peoples.

And it is here that we take our lead from so many of the saints and their examples of “preaching the Gospel”. We have the words of St Francis (on the right) and we also have the example of St Therese and her “little way”. The way we “practise what we preach” is in the small examples of love and faith we share with others in our daily lives. After all actions speak louder than words!



Just a thought

The Pope's Apostolic exhortation "**Gaudete et Exsultate**" ("Rejoice and Be exceedingly glad" taken from Mt 5:12-16), quotes from many saints on the challenges and joys of striving for and living the witness of holiness and faith in our daily lives.

This wonderful document is, above all, a reflection on the importance not only of saying yes to what God asks of us — faith, hope, charity; but of making our choosing of God's will a cause for rejoicing and a life-giving example for those around us. An affirmation, I am sure we all agree, is so desperately needed in our world at this moment.

Right at the start of the document is a chapter called, "The Saints Next Door." Pope Francis reminds us that holiness can be seen not only by looking to those recognised by the Church as saints, but also by the example of those living in our midst - our neighbours' friends and family. He tells us "The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people." And that we should rejoice "when we see the Holy Spirit in action in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile".

As the world is scared and disfigured through the evils of war and greed, we are still able to witness the beauty and hope that comes from the gift of the Holy Spirit among us.



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.

**ANNUNCIATIONS AND NATIVITIES
IN WESTERN ART**

A day school with Professor Tina Beattie

Monday, 4th December
10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Hub on Rye Hill, Kiln Drive, Rye Foreign,
TN31 7SQ

£30.00 - concessions available

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.

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.

