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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

14th January 2024



**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

14 Jan. Sunday	2nd Sunday ordinary time	8:00 AM
14 Jan. Sunday		10:45 AM
15 Jan. Monday		9:00 AM
16 Jan. Tuesday		9:00 AM
17 Jan. Wed		9:00 AM
18 Jan. Thurs		9:00 AM
19 Jan. Friday		9:00 AM
20 Jan. Saturday		9:00 AM
20 Jan. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 PM



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, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Michael Jacobs, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister), Michael, Sr Loretta Dooley and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## Here I am Lord

How do we know when God is trying to speak with us, guide us or steer us in the right direction?

Young Samuel gets himself into a wonderful pickle, rushing around while missing the point just as so many of us manage to do. In our frantic world of busy, busy, busy having the time to simply just be in the Lord's presence and to simply say "here I am Lord" can almost seem impossible.



The same can be said for our children and grandchildren, trying to fill every waking moment with activity and noise, their ambition of not wanting to listen to the quiet word of God in case we might not like what we hear.

Every now and again we need an Eli in our lives to remind us the importance of taking a moment in our lives to stop and listen for the Lord . And so often that "Eli" comes to us just when we need them most, whether in the form of friends, family, loved ones, spiritual directors or even complete strangers. God is always working to get the message to us—we just need to slow down and listen. Because its as we become aware of what is going on around us in our world , just like the Apostles in todays Gospel we begin to become aware of Christ's presence in our lives, we see the joy of the young couple in love, we see the suffering homeless guy selling the big issue, we see the world in all its glory and chaos, for that short moment with the eyes of Jesus.

## Just a thought....

From a recent homily of Pope Francis .

"Let us ask in prayer for the grace not to waste time polluting the world with complaints, because this is not Christian. Jesus instead invites us to look at life and the world starting from our heart. If we look inside, we will find almost all that we despise outside. And if, sincerely, we ask God to purify our heart, that is when we will start making the world cleaner. Because there is an infallible way to defeat evil: by starting to conquer it within yourself."



## SPUC White Flower Appeal—2nd collection

During lockdown, one of the changes to health care provision that the government put in place was the "service" for women to order the morning after pill on line and have it sent through to their home address without any consultation with a health care professional.

The sad reality of this is that it has put both the woman's health at risk and more sadly there has become a major issue with babies being aborted after the 24 week timescale.

Baby Lily was one such example, when her mother ordered the morning after pill when she was 32 weeks pregnant. She took the tablet and the baby died. Her mother was subsequently sent to jail for "an illegal termination".

SPUC are focusing their efforts in trying to get this "service" cancelled due to its all round risk to all involved .



# Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

## We would like to hear your thoughts

In last weeks newsletter we shared the coming changes to the Diocese and the new ways and ambitions of building our community in Christ. We are called to become a community built on prayer and the Gospel.



With this in mind we are only a few weeks away from the start of Lent 2024. What would you like to do to prepare for the glorious gift of Easter this year?

Are there topics you would like to hear talks on? Are there different ways of prayer you would like to explore? Are there days and times that work better for you? When shall we visit the Stations of the Cross?

**Please do let Simon know either in person, on the phone or by email**

**OUR SCRITURE Group begins again Monday 8th January after a break over Christmas. We will meet at the Hub on the Hill at 3.30p.m. till 5.00p.m. to discuss the Gospels and their meaning to us in our everyday lives. All are welcome.**