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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

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| 11 Feb. Sunday | 6th Sunday in Ordinary time | 8:00 AM |
| 11 Feb. Sunday | | 10:45 AM |
| 12 Feb. Monday | | 9:00 AM |
| 13 Feb. Tuesday | | 9:00 AM |
| 14 Feb. Wednesday | ASH Wednesday | 9.00 AM |
| 15 Feb. Thursday | | 9.00 AM |
| 16 Feb. Friday | | 9:00 AM |
| 17 Feb. Saturday | | 9:00 AM |
| 17 Feb. Saturday | (SUNDAY VIGIL 1st Sunday of Lent) | 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, Nigel Winborne (Friend of Keith) and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

The Unclean must live outside the camp

Isn't it a sad reality that each time we turn on the news, we see the reality that the prejudice and bias in today's Old Testament reading is still at the heart of so many of the world's actions and foreign policy today just as they were over 3000 years ago.

Fear, prejudice, greed and pride drive much of the world's economic models. Policies abound across the globe to keep refugees from the doors of the wealthy nations, (wealth often made from the exploitation and removal of natural resources and indigenous wealth of others), are slammed in their faces, with the words "unclean, unclean" ringing in their ears.

And yet it is in this mix that Jesus comes to show us the true meaning of humanity by curing the afflictions of the outcast with a simple act of love and kindness and two simple words "be cured!".

Jesus comes to bring hope to all humanity and the true meaning of life that is love. And to receive this love and the guidance to find the narrow path of righteousness (Mt 7:13) we simply need to acknowledge our brokenness and to turn to Christ in humility and faith and simply say "you can cure me".

And in so many ways this is the lesson of Lent. Christ is showing us as He journeys to the cross that He is making this journey and sacrifice, because He knows we need to be cured—and our part? We simply need to acknowledge the fact , overcome our pride, and ask.



Just a thought....

What is the difference between calling ourselves Christian and living a Christian life?

St Paul leads us to a thought provoking reflection today which we can take to our prayers as we head into Lent.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. “ (1 Cor 10:31-11;1).

- ◆ How do we listen to hear God’s will in what we are called to do?
- ◆ Do we seek to bring others to God’s Kingdom?
- ◆ Do we always put the needs of others before our own needs?
- ◆ Have we “stumbled” and need the hand of Christ to pick us back up again?

Remember—You are God’s beloved—You are loved at all times.



Prayer intentions for February

Throughout February, Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord.

If you are finding the journey through bereavement challenging or overwhelming and would like to speak with someone, the Ministry of Consolation team across the Diocese are hear to journey with you. Please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan “Invited” Lenten programme

The Diocese are running an online Lenten reflection programme every Thursday throughout Lent this year. Journey with Christ and share your experience with members of the Diocese family.

- Thursday, 22 February 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, 29 February 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, 7 March 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, 14 March 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, 21 March 7:00pm - 8:30pm



To register go to the Diocese website (Arundel and Brighton.org.uk)—and click on the “Invited” link.

Parish Safeguarding Representative

The safety and well being of all our Parish Family is a central priority for us here at St Anthony’s. Should you have any concern that you feel unable to raise with Fr Max or Deacon Simon our Parish Safeguarding Rep will be happy to speak to you in total confidence.

Valerie Wright can be contacted by email on sg1rye@abdiocese.org.uk



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP meets 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.