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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

18th February 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

18 Feb. Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM
18 Feb. Sunday		10:45 AM
19 Feb. Monday		9:00 AM
20 Feb. Tuesday		9:00 AM
21 Feb. Wednesday		9.00 AM
22 Feb. Thursday	St Peter's Chair	9.00 AM
23 Feb. Friday		9:00 AM
24 Feb. Saturday		9:00 AM
24 Feb. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 2nd Sunday of Lent)	6.00 PM



**Thank you for your generous donations last week, towards to running of our Parish .**

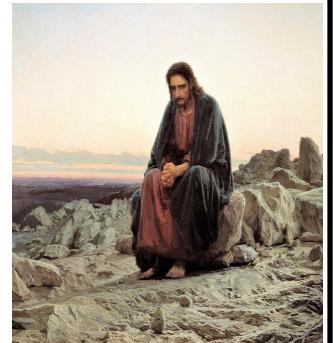


**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, ESPECIALLY**, Ron Peters, Guy Horton, Mary Byrne, Catherine Bowles, Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Marcella Duckworth, Penny Setterfield, Dominique Chapious, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven. Patricia Swain, Veronica Pragnell, Elsie Palmer, Peter McKenzie-Smith, Tom Healey, John Russell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Tim Hodge and members of our parish, families, friends, and acquaintances.

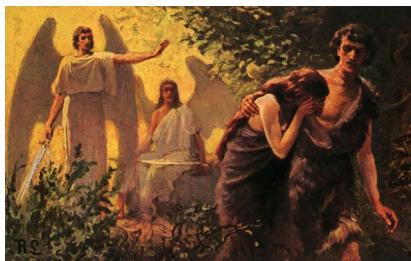
**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Sheila Miller, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Michael Jacobs, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister), Michael, Nigel Winborne (Friend of Keith) and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

## Tempted? Jesus understands.

It is a stark reality, but we face the allure of the world and of the devil every day. Beginning with the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden, Jacob, his brother and a bowl of soup, Samson and the lust of sex, Jonah rejecting God's call et al, temptation has and is an eternal challenge in its truest sense. Sadly, all too often we want to be God like and we always want more! Jesus experienced the same temptation of worldly glamour while in the wilderness but it was His faith and understanding of what is truly important in life that gave Him the strength to bring Him through these temptations unscathed.



The Biblical meaning of the word "temptation" is "a trial in which people have a free choice of being faithful or unfaithful to God". Satan tried to encourage Jesus to deviate from His Father's plan by misusing the gifts and authority He had been given—just as the devil tries to tempt us with the subtle encouragement to "reject God and become God" - the devil's eternal mantra.



Our culture tells us that to be happy we need to fill our lives with more and more "stuff"—but as Jesus warns us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."(Mt6:21), the consumerist machine needs our voracious appetites to buy more, to want more and to put our own needs ahead of everyone else's. Everything which is in reality, counter to the Gospel message of loving our neighbour and loving God and just temptation.

## Just a thought....

Our Lenten sacrifice is a sign of our love for our heavenly Father and a humble demonstration of our willingness to give something important up, or that we rely on, to break that addiction to worldly things, allowing us to embrace our true hearts desire of heavenly peace in the presence of God.

And if we trip or fall, our Lord is there alongside us, waiting to catch us and to help us back up. Just as Simon of Cyrene does as Christ carries His Cross and stumbles.



We never carry our Cross alone ,  
Christ is always there helping us  
to carry the burden

## Do we allow Christ to help us through life's challenges?

After all, Jesus tells us "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28).

## Stations of the Cross

At the heart of our Lenten preparation is our journey with Christ towards the Cross each week . Remembering what He suffered for the salvation of each and every one of us and for all humanity , and the love He has for all.

We will celebrate the Stations of the Cross each week after the 9.00a.m. Mass every Friday from 23rd February.

**Join the Lord on His journey of Salvation through our Lenten observances.**



## 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



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## Ecumenical 'World Day of Prayer' service,

We are invited to join the Christian community of Rye for a World Day of Prayer being held at the St Mary's Centre, 10.30am, Friday 1st March 2024.

**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.**

## 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.

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