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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

24th March 2024



Times of Mass This Week

24 Mar. Sunday	6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday	8:00 AM
24 Mar. Sunday		10:45 AM
25 Mar. Monday		9:00 AM
26 Mar. Tuesday		9:00 AM
27 Mar. Wednesday		9.00 AM
28 Mar. Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.00 PM
29 Mar. Friday	GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 PM
30 Mar. Saturday	(Easter Vigil)	6.00 PM
31 Mar. Sunday	Easter Sunday	10.00 AM



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), Carol Gearing and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

Holy Week Services

We thought it worth clarifying the timetable for Holy Week so here we are -



- The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6.00p.m.
- The Good Friday service will begin at 3.00p.m. There are no organised Stations of the Cross afterwards but you are welcome to journey with the Lord at a time that suits you.
- The Saturday Easter Vigil will be at 6.00p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT

There will only be one Easter Sunday Mass at 10.00a.m. This is a glorious opportunity for our whole community to come together to celebrate the Rising of the Lord.

Father Max will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each of the Masses through the week.

Song of the Suffering Servant

Today's first reading introduces us to the reality of the life experience of our Lord, in the "Song of the Suffering Servant".



In the Book of Isaiah, we are given the four "Songs of the Servant" that describe the service, suffering, and exaltation of the Servant of the Lord, who is the Messiah. The Servant Songs can be found in Isaiah 42:1–9; Isaiah 49:1–13; Isaiah 50:4–11; and Isaiah 52:13–53:12.

All four "songs" show the Messiah to be God's meek and gentle Servant. He is a royal figure, representing Israel in its ideal form; He is the high priest, atoning for the sins of the world. Isaiah predicts that this Servant of the Lord will deliver the world from the prison of sin, but not without much personal suffering and sacrifice on His part.

In the royal terminology of the ancient Near East, a servant was a "trusted envoy," a "confidential representative," or "one who is chosen."

The contrast of Isaiah's suffering servant is not lost when seen in parallel with the Gospel narrative of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Over the coming journey of Holy week we are shown the sad reality that we all must face in our own faith journey. Joyously welcoming the coming of our saviour and God's chosen one on Palm Sunday and the dark contrast of the crowd baying for Christ to be Crucified—all within the short period of two days. The entry of the King of Kings contrasted with the rejection and humiliation on the criminals cross.

Oh suffering servant—forgive us our weakness and help us to love you more fully and deepen our faith this Pascal Season. Amen

Just a thought....

As we enter into Holy Week and the Lord's journey from triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to betrayal at the last supper, His arrest , conviction , execution and triumphant rising again in glory, how can we explain what this week means to us, to our friends, family, colleagues and neighbours?

How can we share the glory and hope that is Christ's Cross to those we meet on our own journeys this week?



Is there someone who I can bring to the Easter Triduum this week?

After all Christ died for us all and the salvation of all humanity and didn't He suggest to the bystander "come and see"?

OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP will not be meeting at the Hub on the Hill for the next two weeks. We will be returning on Monday 8th April, after Easter.

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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