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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 them. 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

14th April 2024



### Times of Mass This Week

|                   |                                        |                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| 14 Apr. Sunday    | <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>            | 8:00 AM        |
| 14 Apr Sunday     |                                        | 10.45 AM       |
| 15 Apr. Monday    |                                        | 9:00 AM        |
| 16 Apr. Tuesday   |                                        | 9:00 AM        |
| 17 Apr. Wednesday |                                        | 9.00 AM        |
| 18 Apr. Thursday  |                                        | 9.00 AM        |
| 19 Apr. Friday    |                                        | 9:00 AM        |
| 20 Apr. Saturday  |                                        | 9:00 AM        |
| 20 Apr. Saturday  | <b>(SUNDAY VIGIL 4th Easter Sunday</b> | <b>6.00 PM</b> |



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

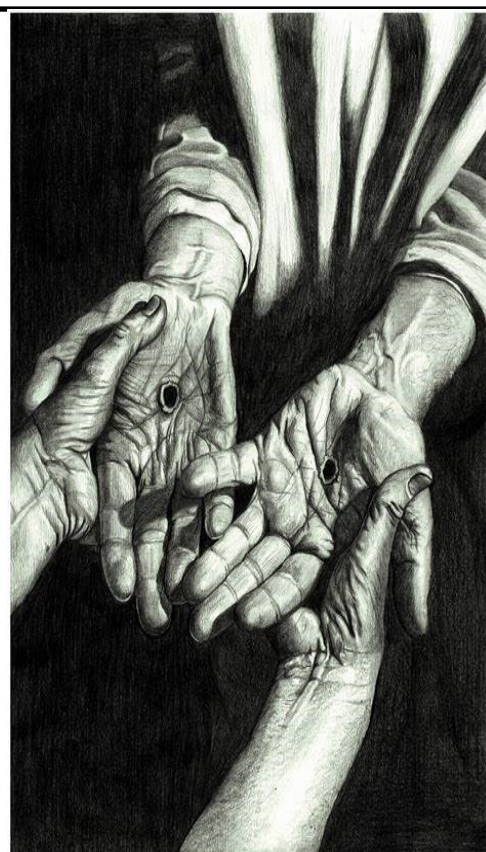
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, ESPECIALLY,** Ron Peters, Guy Horton, Mary Byrne, Catherine Bowles, Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Marcella Duckworth, Penny Setterfield, Dominique Chapious, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven. Patricia Swain, Veronica Pragnell, Elsie Palmer, Peter McKenzie-Smith, Tom Healey, John Russell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Tim Hodge, Nigel Winborne 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, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela's sister), Michael, Carol Gearing and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

### Seeing Christ in our lives

Isn't doubting Thomas such a relatable individual ! He is capturing what so many of us feel about so many topics in life "I know what everyone is saying but I just want to see for myself ! ". And once Thomas had encountered Christ, he was committed, he gave himself fully to sharing the story to all who would hear, "the Gospel " of Jesus. But what about us today can we '**see**' Christ too?

We all have the opportunity to actually encounter Christ through our daily lives. We have the opportunity to see the wounds, to understand the suffering and sacrifice that Christ makes for us all through our witness of the world around us, when we see the suffering in Gaza, we see the suffering of Jesus, when we see the mistreatment of the homeless we see the sorrow of Christ, when we see the rejection of Christianity in society , we see the rejection of Christ at the temple and in the *prætorium*. But so importantly, we have the opportunity, the grace, to see Christ in our hearts, in our prayers and in the gentle hands that hold us continually throughout our lives. Christ is, and always will be with you .



## Just a thought...

Today we are reminded of an important teaching of our Church. Two weeks ago Paul reminded us that while we suffer a death like Jesus, we will also experience a resurrection like His too. The resurrection of Jesus is the lifting up of not only His spirit (soul) and His divinity but also His full body. We too will experience this full spiritual and physical resurrection.

In today's Gospel and the encounter with Thomas, we are reminded of the sanctity of the human body and the dignity that this should bring to every human being, after all, we are all made in the likeness and image of God aren't we?



Last week the Vatican published a declaration called “**dignitas infinita**” or “On human dignity”. The publication of the by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith is in response to a growing concern at the way the wider world are mis-treating people and the way in which the dignity and value of human life is being eroded by much of western society and culture all for the glamour of money and power for the few. The document focuses on four topics we will explore in more detail over the coming weeks. The four areas identified as the most corrosive to the dignity of humanity are-

- **Poverty, war and human trafficking**
- **Abortion and surrogacy (and violence against women)**
- **Gender theory**
- **Digital violence—on line coercion, lies and manipulation through social media, the evil encouragement given particularly to the young and weak.**

## Prayer for Peace.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the true King of peace.  
In You alone is found freedom.  
Please free our world from conflict.  
Bring unity to troubled nations.  
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.  
Dispel all darkness and evil.  
Protect the dignity of every human life.  
Replace hatred with Your love.  
Give wisdom to world leaders.  
Free them from selfish ambition.  
Eliminate all violence and war.



**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP next meets on Monday's 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. For more information see Angela Tyson.**

## 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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