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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

07th April 2024



### Times of Mass This Week

<b>07 Apr. Sunday</b>	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>07 Apr Sunday</b>		<b>10.45 AM</b>
<b>08 Apr. Monday</b>	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>09 Apr. Tuesday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>10 Apr. Wednesday</b>		<b>9.00 AM</b>
<b>11 Apr. Thursday</b>		<b>9.00 AM</b>
<b>12 Apr. Friday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>13 Apr. Saturday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>13 Apr. Saturday</b>	<b>(SUNDAY VIGIL 3rd 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.

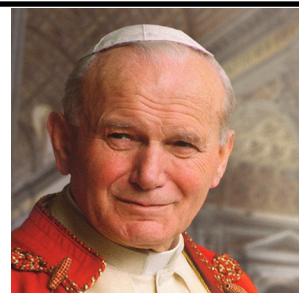
### **The Divine Mercy of Christ**

Pope St. John Paul II died on a Saturday evening, and he had already prepared the following Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) address for the next day which would have been Divine Mercy Sunday. With the wars, and global abuse that is raging across the globe currently, JP II's words become even more prophetic and necessary.

St. John Paul II begins his address focusing on the joy of the Easter season—"Today the glorious Alleluia of Easter resounds. Today's Gospel from John emphasizes that on the evening of that day he appeared to the Apostles and "showed them his hands and his side" (Jn 20: 20), that is, the signs of the painful passion with which his Body was indelibly stamped, even after the Resurrection. Those glorious wounds, which he allowed doubting Thomas to touch eight days later, reveal the mercy of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3: 16).

He then shifts his focus to Divine Mercy Sunday: "This mystery of love is at the heart of the liturgy today, the Second Sunday of Easter, dedicated to the devotion of Divine Mercy. As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace."

St. John Paul II ends his address by looking forward to the Annunciation, which is celebrated tomorrow: The solemnity of the Annunciation that we will be celebrating tomorrow urges us to contemplate with Mary's eyes the immense mystery of this merciful love that flows from the Heart of Christ. With her help, we will be able to understand the true meaning of Easter joy that is based on this certainty: the One whom the Virgin bore in her womb, who suffered and died for us, is truly risen (Redemptoris Mater 1987).



## Just a thought...

- Do I need the mercy of Christ in my life?
- Do I show mercy to others in my daily life as Christ has shown me?
- Do I pray to Christ to bring mercy to those most in need of it?

The Lord tells us to pray not just for the ones we love, but for our enemies too (Mt 5:44).



## Prayer for Peace.

**St Paul wrote to the Roman Church and said—**

"The word is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart: the word, that is, of the faith we proclaim. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved." (Romans 10:8-10)

Let us pray—

"Lord, may the leaders of the world see and believe this Easter, especially in the parts of the world that seem only to want to kill, destroy and control others. Help them to see the humanity in their fellow creation, to see that the people they wish to kill or control are also made in God's image, we ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through the Diocesan website—Events and then on the calendar.

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up [mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist](mailto:mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist) – it's a great way to stay in touch!

**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP next meets on Monday 8th April 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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