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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

19th May 2024



### Times of Mass This Week

19 May. Sunday	<b>Pentecost</b>	8:00 AM
19 May. Sunday		10.45 AM
20 May. Monday		9:00 AM
21 May Tuesday		9.00 AM
22 May. Wednesday		9.00 AM
23 May. Thursday	<b>Jesus Christ high Priest</b>	9.00 AM
24 May. Friday		9:00 AM
25 May. Saturday		9:00 AM
25 May. Saturday	<b>(SUNDAY VIGIL The Holy Trinity)</b>	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, 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.

### Pentecost—The Gift of the Spirit.

The words of todays second Reading are some of my favourite within sacred Scripture because they help us to understand in our hearts, what it means to be Christian. Paul writes about the gifts that the Holy Spirit bring to our lives **“what the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control.”** - all capturing the essence of Christ's Ministry here on earth—all of which are the opposite of the scourge of selfishness—which Paul sees as the biggest temptation that we face in our daily lives.



The first of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is love, something that has been pre-eminent in the readings over the last three weeks as we journey to Pentecost. And yet love has become such a confused concept in today's world— love has become interchangeable with the word “lust” in our modern language which loses the Christian meaning. Christ came to show us that love is about personal sacrifice for others.

True “love” is about putting the needs of the other before our own. Its about a genuine giving of self. God gave His Son to teach and show us the way to eternity in love. God gave His Son to the point of death for our Salvation in love, and now at Pentecost God gives His Holy Spirit to work within us so that we might become more Christ like and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit with those around us— the gifts of **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control.**

## Just a thought...

What works does the Holy Spirit need to do in your heart this Pentecost and for the year ahead?

Loving God, whenever it may become my duty to make a choice, be my light and my counsel, and mercifully make the way known to me that I should follow. Preserve me from listening to the suggestions of my own selfish desires, or worldly influence, giving preference to your guidance and will. Let your good Spirit lead me into the right way, and let your providence place me, not where I may naturally feel inclined to go, but where all things may be most conducive to your glory and to the good of my soul. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, Seat of Wisdom, Help of Christians, pray for me



## Adoration and Benediction Each Month

As we have rediscovered through our Lenten, Eastertide and Pentecostal journey, Christ is our purpose and example in all things. Taking all our hopes aspirations, worries and joy to Him in prayer is who we are as Christians—we are guided by the Good Shepherd, we are the vine that grows from the root stock.



Bring your prayers to Christ on the last Saturday of each Month in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament straight after Saturday Mass. We will sit in prayer together in the Lord's presence, as His community in Rye, beginning on **Saturday 25th May @9.30 a.m. onwards**. Confession will also be available.

## Date for your Diary—Feast of St Anthony

The sign up sheet for our Parish Lunch on 13th June is now at the back of the Church. Our annual coming together to celebrate the Feast Day of St Anthony and our glorious community in Christ



## Franciscan Year of Celebration— by Mags Ivatts

You may be aware that Franciscans are celebrating significant anniversaries over the next four years and events are taking place all over the world.

Here in our corner of England special celebrations are taking place in Dover, Canterbury, Aylesford and London. The dates are between 9 -17 September. All details of special services and events are not yet released but our Franciscan family including Poor Clare Sisters, OFMs Capuchin and Conventual's are busy working out details. As soon as further details are known we will share them. Details to follow.

**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP will be meeting each Monday from 3.30p.m.-5.00p.m. (excluding Bank Holidays)**  
**All are welcome to explore the Gospel , its meaning for us in our lives and to build our relationship with Christ and each other. We will be meeting at the Hub on the Hill**

## 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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