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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. Maximilian McKeown, OFM Conv, Parish Priest  
Rev. Simon South, Deacon

16th June 2024



## Times of Mass This Week

16 June. Sunday	<i>11th Sun Ordinary time</i>	8:00 AM
16 June. Sunday		10.45 AM
17 June. Monday		9:00 AM
18 June Tuesday		9.00 AM
19 June. Wednesday		9.00 AM
20 June. Thursday		9.00 AM
21 June . Friday		9:00 AM
22 June. Saturday	St John Fisher & Thomas More	9:00 AM
22 June. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 12th wk )	6.00 PM

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, ESPECIALLY**, Reg and Monica Flint, Ron Peters, Guy Horton, Mary Byrne, Catherine Bowles, Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Marcella Duckworth, Penny Setterfield, Dominique Chapinous, 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, 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.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

To bring us to a prayerful readiness to receive and welcome the Lord into our hearts at Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for the 30 minutes prior to celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday.

## The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed

The parable of the seed and the mustard seed are so simple that it is easy to overlook their deep significance for our daily lives. The message is the importance of growth. The message of the seed speaks of the Kingdom's gradual development in our hearts and our lives, while the mustard seed shows us the disproportion between the first stages of faith and the overwhelming glory of the final stages and the flourishing of God's grace in our lives.—the seed to the bush.



But we must not forget, that for a seed to flourish it must be planted in good soil, it must receive the nurturing of light and warmth and it must be nourished by the gift of the rain . And this is equally true of our spiritual life and growth. We receive nourishment from the Eucharist, we receive God's light through our prayer life and reading Scripture and the soil of our heart is prepared through Mother Church and the formation encouragement and affirmation of our Parish family.

Through this nourishment and nurturing the seed of God's kingdom begins to bear fruit in our hearts through our good deeds, and works, and as these mature they become fit for the harvest that is the promise of eternal life in God's presence.



## Just a thought...

Today's opening prayer (the Collect), captures so beautifully what we hope for through our faith journey—a faith that grows throughout our life like the mustard seed.

Why not spend time this week reflecting on today's opening prayer and listen for the gentle voice of God in your busy week ahead.



Sometimes you just have to stay silent because no words can explain what's going on in your mind and heart.

O God, strength of those who hope in You, graciously hear our pleas.

And, since without You, mortal frailty can do nothing,

grant us always the help of Your grace, that in following Your commands

we may please You by our resolve and our deeds

Through Christ our Lord - Amen

## In prayer seek the Lord's help in the following reflections.

Am I humble enough to place myself in God's hands? Do I understand and accept I can do nothing without God? Do I listen for God's voice in my prayers and my heart? Do I seek to follow God's commands in all I do? Do I see and appreciate God's grace in my life each day?

## Celebrating the gift of Grandparents on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne - 20 July 3pm at Arundel Cathedral

This Mass is held to honour the annual day Pope Francis has instituted. We are encouraging both natural and parish families to bring their more senior members of the community to join Bishop Richard in thanksgiving for all they do to sustain our faith through their lives and witness.

Please sign up through the link provided. [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(20-Jul-2024\) . ChurchSuite Events](#) through the Diocesan website.

## Calling all Volunteers

Come and join us on Saturday 22 June 10.00a.m –11.00 a.m. to give our beautiful Parish a spring clean and polish—all are welcome to care for our place of worship and community .



**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP will be meeting again on Monday's @ 3.30p.m.-5.00p.m.** 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 . For more info please speak to Angela

## 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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