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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

30th June 2024



### Times of Mass This Week

<b>30 June. Sunday</b>	<b><i>St Peter and St Paul</i></b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>01 July. Sunday</b>	Dedication of the Cathedral	<b>10.45 AM</b>
<b>02 July. Monday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>03 July Tuesday</b>		<b>9.00 AM</b>
<b>04 July. Wednesday</b>	St Thomas Apostle	<b>9.00 AM</b>
<b>05 July. Thursday</b>		<b>9.00 AM</b>
<b>06 July . Friday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>07 July. Saturday</b>		<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>07 July. Saturday</b>	<b>(SUNDAY VIGIL 14th wk)</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,** Reg and Monica Flint, 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, 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.

**Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God.**

### **"Who do you say I am?"**

Today we are asked the question, which is probably one of the most important questions we face in our lives. Just as Jesus asks Peter the question—each and every day He asks us all the same thing—who do we believe that Jesus is?

It's a glorious truth that Christ never tells us what we should think, He never demands anything of His Disciples. Rather He encourages us to reflect, to discern, to find our response to faith in our minds and our hearts. How often does He tell His followers "it is your faith that has saved you". It is our response in faith to this question that brings us to His saving presence. And when we have found our answer to this foundational question, we are able to act in love and "make disciples of all nations".

Jesus teaches through parables, to encourage us to reflect and consider our response and in this process of reflecting, we are able to encounter the indwelling Holy Spirit and through faith and reason, proclaim "you are the Christ" from our hearts. Holding this soul searching question in our hearts each day brings us ever closer to the answer we hear from Peters lips—"you are the Chosen one of God—the Christ".



## **Just a thought... Government built in the Image of Christ .**

As we approach the National Elections this week, the Church is very clear that who we vote for is a personal choice based on our own consciences. Within this context Mother Church explores the importance of ensuring that our consciences are formed in the image of Christ. And it is for this reason, the Church speaks publicly and repeatedly on the role and purpose of social leadership - because of its impact on humanity, all who are formed in the image of God.

The Church has a rich and glorious expression of how the Gospel message should influence the thoughts of those who lead nations and governments across the globe called Catholic Social Teaching.

According to Catholic Social Teaching, the role of government is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good (solidarity) through allowing local decisions to be made at a local level (subsidiarity); while making decisions and choices that benefit the majority and not just a chosen few.

The teachings of the Church insist that government also has a moral function: protecting human dignity and securing basic justice and safety for all members of their community.

While we all have responsibility for the common good, government's special role is to guarantee the minimum conditions required to provide the respect for the dignity of all humanity and to ensure fair equitable opportunities for all, while providing rich and fulfilling social activity, namely ensuring "human dignity and justice".

## **Thank You**

A big thank you on behalf of the Parish to John, Angela and Sophie for their very generous support in cleaning our Church last weekend.

We are looking to hold a monthly cleaning group to keep our place of worship worthy. If you are you able to offer your support, please let Simon know if you are able to join the monthly team.



## **Visiting the sick and housebound**

As part of our Pastoral Mission, we are bringing together a small group of volunteers to visit the housebound and those in the care homes of Rye and surrounding villages to share God's love and friendship. Do you feel you have time to offer in this way?

If you would like to find out more about this wonderful ministry please speak to Kathy Lenihan (8.00a.m.) or Helen Ross (10.45a.m.)

**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP will be meeting again on Monday @ 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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