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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

28th July 2024



Times of Mass This Week

28 July. Sunday	17th Sunday Ordinary time	8:00 AM
		10.45 AM
29 July. Monday	St's Mary, Martha & Lazarus	9:00 AM
30 July Tuesday		9.00 AM
31 July. Wednesday	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00 AM
01 Aug. Thursday		9.00 AM
02 Aug . Friday		9:00 AM
03 Aug. Saturday		9:00 AM
04 Aug. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 18th wk)	6.00 PM



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.

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, and members of our parish, families, friends, and acquaintances.

**Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul.
It is a daily admission of one's own weakness.**

God will provide

Last Sunday, we were reminded, by the prophet Jeremiah, that God will always be with us and that He will provide a shepherd to guide His people to the path that will lead us to eternity.

Today we see this promise being fulfilled as Jesus feeds and shows us the path to salvation, through the acts of self sacrifice and caring for those who have nothing of their own. In Matthew, Mark and Luke, the focus of this scene is very firmly on Jesus as the shepherd of God, while in John's Gospel, he also alludes to the time when Moses feeds the people with the manna from heaven, while in they were lost in the wilderness. Christ is the new Moses to lead the people back to God, the promised land, back to the new Eden.

The imagery surrounding the feeding of the five thousand is a prophetic foretelling of the Eucharist which is to come, following its instigation at the last supper. Christ provides physical and spiritual nourishment for those who acknowledge that He is the Son of God, those who seek the path to God. Through our act of faith we are nourished on the very body and blood of our saviour. But through the presence of the baskets of scraps, we are also reminded that there are no limits to God's generosity, to the overflowing abundance that is God's free and unconditional gift of His love for us all.



Just a thought...

The Eucharist, like all the great mysteries of our faith, is not something that one can explain rationally. How can Jesus, how can God, be contained in what appears to be a small wafer of bread? But that's our strong belief, that Jesus is truly present on our altars. Once we have received him in the Eucharist, He is present in our very persons, in our bodies. We believe that by the reception of the Eucharist we become tabernacles, with our Lord dwelling within our very selves. What a glorious mystery! And it's embracing the sense of mystery and , miracle that we approach the Eucharist with; that deep awareness, that deep faith, that deep belief.

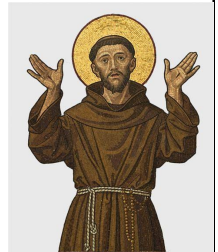


It is with this conscious awareness of the miraculous gift of the Eucharist, that we have introduced Adoration for 30 minutes before the 10.45 Mass. A chance to prepare and to talk to God about your personal intentions, seek spiritual guidance, or simply offer thanksgiving and adoration to God for the week that has just concluded. It's a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts to receive the love, strength, confidence, joy and forgiveness that we receive through the very body of Christ. Even just sitting in silence and allowing for God's presence to wash over you is both a blessing and a gift from our eternal Father.

800th birthday of the Franciscan Order

This year the global Franciscan family celebrates its 800th anniversaries. To find out more about the celebrations planned across the UK check out their website—

<https://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com/>.



No volunteers

Sadly our plans to explore a Children's Liturgy programme will need to go on hold for a while as we have had no volunteers come forward to support the idea.

Prayers for a prominent member of our Rye Community

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of John Percival on Friday 19th July. John ran the Bargain Box in Rye for many years. He played a big part in the Rye community with his friendly welcome for all. His shop is a hub for many locals to gather and his cheery greeting and chatter will be missed by many. May he rest in peace and his family be held in the consoling embrace of our Lord.



Parish Diary Reminder

On Sunday 18th August we will be having just ONE Mass at 10.45 a.m. so that we can come together, after Mass we will be holding a tea and cake gathering in the garden.

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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