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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

7th July 2024



Times of Mass This Week

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| 07 July. Sunday | 14th Sunday Ordinary time | 8:00 AM |
| | | 10.45 AM |
| 08 July. Monday | | 9:00 AM |
| 09 July Tuesday | | 9.00 AM |
| 10 July. Wednesday | | 9.00 AM |
| 11 July. Thursday | St Benedict, Co-patron Europe | 9.00 AM |
| 12 July . Friday | | 9:00 AM |
| 13 July. Saturday | | 9:00 AM |
| 13 July. Saturday | (SUNDAY VIGIL 15th 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 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.

Pray hardest when it's hardest to pray

The eternal challenge of being faithful.

Today's extract from the book of Ezekiel, is a glorious snapshot not only of a life of faith 600 B.C but of humanities struggle with faith and temptation throughout the ages.

Ezekiel was called by God to go to the Jewish people held in the Babylon exile, because they were becoming too worldly, immersing themselves in the pagan culture of the peoples around them. God tells Ezekiel " the sons (people of Israel) are defiant and obstinate".

If this was not enough of a challenge for poor Ezekiel, he was then sent back to Jerusalem to speak to those who had been left behind after the exile. They had decided that they were in fact " holier" and better than the other Jews and were looking down on their brothers and sisters with contempt.

Tempted to become too worldly and reject their faith, or thinking of themselves as better than everyone else reflect very much the temptations in the wilderness that Satan puts before Jesus— " worship me not God", Satan says, and " throw yourself of the wall—your so special the angels will catch you before you fall" (I paraphrase slightly). A dilemma that leads St Paul today to thank God for the "thorn in the flesh" that stops him from getting too proud— the thorn that is his conscience formed in the love of Christ, which roots him firmly in his faith and trust in God.

Just a thought...

Last week we were asked by Jesus—"who do you say I am?". This week we see those who saw Him grow up answer this question and reject Him as "only the carpenters son".

Our journey through life is about building our relationship, our trust and our faith in the Risen Lord, but we will face many challenges, temptations and bumps on the way, the world constantly bringing temptation, selfishness and pridefullness into our view. We can't overcome them on our own. Only by turning to Christ can we find the strength, grace and hope we need to overcome.

Eternal Father, help me to trust in Your guidance and direction. Increase my faith to follow Your way, even when it may be difficult or uncertain. Teach me to rely on Your wisdom and to trust that You will make my paths straight. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

Parish Celebration

One of the many gifts God brings us in our lives is our Parish Community. A chance to live a Christian life, sharing our faith together, and coming together at the Lord's table each Sunday.

As with all friendships, spending time together is so fruitful and affirming. With this in mind we will be having a Parish celebration of the contribution that Ita Bligh brought to our Parish for so many years.



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.

To make it fun we will be having a "St Anthony's British Bake off" competition. It would be glorious if the bakers in the Parish could make a cake. Any funds raised by donation will be given to a local dementia charity.

Building a Parish Family together

Brian Cernuschi and Maria Duckworth, two members of our Parish Pastoral team, have been working hard to produce some wonderful plans and opportunities for us to come together, to get to know each other and to make new friends. Confirmed dates to follow— but to share the outline.



- August/September—a walk to Camber Castle and then back to the Parish garden for tea and biscuit.
- September/October—Bingo and a quiz evening.
- October/November— The Parish Probus Club—a few interesting talks through the winter months from members of our parish and local people with a good life story to share.

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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