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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

18th August 2024



### Times of Mass This Week

25 Aug. Sunday	<i>21st Sunday Ordinary time</i>	8.00 AM
		10.45AM
26 Aug. Monday		9:00 AM
27 Aug Tuesday	St Monica	9.00 AM
28 Aug. Wednesday	St Augustine	9.00 AM
29 Aug. Thursday	Beheading John the Baptist	9.00 AM
30 Aug . Friday	St Margaret Clitherow	9:00 AM
31 Aug. Saturday		9:00 AM
31 Aug. Saturday	<b>(SUNDAY VIGIL 22nd wk)</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>

**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.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Sheila Miller, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Richard Horner, Janet Luckman, 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.

**"Pray as though everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you."** - St. Augustine

### The way and the truth

There is an interesting paradox surrounding the reality of faith. Over the last few weeks we have read in the Gospel of John, that faith is a gift from God. Today Jesus affirms that no one can come to Jesus "unless the Father allows it". God opens our hearts and minds and plants a longing and desire within us, to be with God.

And yet in today's reading from John's Gospel we are also confronted with the reality that it is left to our own free will to accept the gift of faith or to reject it. God longs for us to be with Him, but He waits patiently for us to choose or decide.

Every day of our life we are asked the same question in our hearts, that Peter faces as Jesus asks him, "do you want to follow me or do you want to go your own way"?

**"Lord you have the message of eternal life and we believe" Amen.**



## Just a thought...

John's Gospel is full of the "titles" that Jesus represents in and for the world, and in our lives—"the messiah", "the Wisdom of God", "the light of the world", "the Good Shepherd", "the King of the Jews", "the lamb of God", "the bread of life" and "the Son of the Father".

With these aspects of our Lord's role and relationship with the world—  
Who do you say He is? Who is Jesus in your life?



## Parish Donation for Dementia Care

A huge thank you for your generous donations at our Parish "Bake Off" gathering. We raised £133 which has been sent to a local charity "the Association of Carers".



Based in Hastings they provide respite support for family members who are providing unpaid care; those who are caring for husbands, wives and family members with dementia, Alzheimer's and other debilitating conditions. Thank you so much for your generosity and care.



## Thank you

Our thanks go to our Parish Pastoral team for organising such a wonderful gathering last Sunday which we hope you all enjoyed. Special thanks to Brian and Maria who led the planning for us all. We look forward to our next gathering.

**OUR SCRIPTURE GROUP will be taking a break for a week due to the bank holiday normal service will be resumed on 2nd September.**

## 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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