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# Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

27th October 2024



**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

## Times of Mass This Week

27 Oct. Sunday	<b>30th Sunday Ordinary time</b>	8.00 AM 10.45AM
28 Oct. Monday	Sts's Simon and Jude Apostles	9:00 AM
29 Oct. Tuesday		9.00 AM
30 Oct. Wednesday		9.00 AM
31 Oct. Thursday		9.00 AM
01 Nov. Friday	All Saints	9:00 AM
	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	6.00 PM
02 Nov. Saturday	All Souls	9:00 AM
02 Nov. Saturday	<b>(SUNDAY VIGIL 31st wk)</b>	6.00 PM



**Thank you for your generous donations last week, towards to running of our Parish .**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS, ESPECIALLY**, Audrey Hatter, 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, 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.

**FRIDAY 1st Nov IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

## “Your faith has saved you “

Did you know—“your faith has saved you” is the most quoted phrase used by Jesus in the Gospels? We meet today the blind beggar who meets Christ. The beggar is abjectly poor, has absolutely nothing, he relies on begging for his daily survival. By default he would have no job and no home. He is the complete opposite to everything we are told we need and should be, to have a worthwhile life by our consumerist world today.

And yet, amongst this poverty and desperation, he has the ultimate in riches—he has faith. He believes in Jesus, he trusts in God and just as we read in the opening piece from the prophet Jeremiah, God will always hold those who turn to Him in their need.

In this current moment in our history, we see the strong nations praying on the weak, we see personal ideology being proclaimed as truth, we see governments re-writing God’s laws to suite their economic needs and the new and sad reality that if you are seen as having no value— your life should be ended. The complete opposite of the Gospel message of love, and the reality that all people standing before God as equal, rich or poor. The only requirement made of us, to stand before the Lord is a faith in God’s goodness.



In faith we can become the hand of Christ

**Faith is our trust in God, trust in God is humility, and humility brings true love.**

# Living our faith through action

## Just a thought...

We profess our faith each Sunday at Mass— why not spend some time this week reflecting and praying on the words of the Creed - slowly and intentionally reflecting on the realities of our faith.

***"Your faith has saved you"***



## Society and it's focus on death or Christianity and it's focus on life?

In less than five weeks, MPs will vote on whether to legalise assisted suicide. This will be the most significant vote on life issues in a generation in our country.

Last month, the media revealed that the Prime Minister, was “paving the way” for a Bill on assisted suicide to be “rushed into law” through a private members bill.

Our nation is now on the verge of a monumental and destructive shift in how we see and treat human life and the vulnerable. We experienced a similar approach in 1967, when the Abortion Act was introduced, also by a Private Members’ Bill. This bill now has no semblance to its original wording and safeguards and has become “abortion by post” through a pill available to anyone who fills in the online form. Is this the future for assisted suicide?

If assisted suicide is legalised, hundreds of thousands of vulnerable lives will be at risk over the coming decades. As disciples of Christ, whose message was life and hope for all, we must stand and say **No** together. You can find details on the Diocesan website and a link to “Right for life”, or you can go directly to their webpage [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk) - to send a letter to our MP.

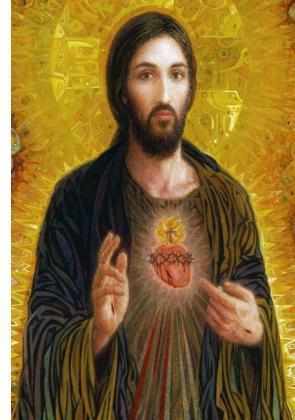


## 'Dilexit nos': Pope Francis' reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Pope Francis published a new encyclical focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the context of a world "which seems to have lost its heart."

"*Dilexit nos*" (**He Loved Us**) is Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, and it comes at a time of profound global challenges, and the greed and domination of many countries gradually destroying all they meet.

The world today is scarred by war, social and economic imbalances, rampant consumerism, selfishness and technologies that threaten to undermine human nature .



**There will not be a scripture group meeting on the 4th and 11th November, but we will resume again on the 18th November.**

## 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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