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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

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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

06 Oct. Sunday	27th Sunday Ordinary time	8.00 AM 10.45AM	
07 Oct. Monday	Our Lady of the Rosary	9:00 AM	
08 Oct. Tuesday	St John Henry Newman	9.00 AM	
09 Oct. Wednesday		9.00 AM	
10 Oct. Thursday		9.00 AM	Thank you for your generous donations last week, towards to running of our Parish .
11 Oct. Friday	St Pope John XXIII	9:00 AM	
12 Oct. Saturday		9:00 AM	
12 Oct. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 28th wk)	6.00 PM	

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.

Prayer is communication between us and the Lord. Prayer is a two-way conversation and we cheapen it if all we do is talk.

It's all about relationship.

We often refer to our faith a glorious mystery and in every sense of the word it really is. And at the heart of this mystery is one word—"relationship".

God continuously calls us to a special relationship throughout our life experiences. In fact, it is safe to say this is the purpose of our life here in the world. –to learn to love, and to allow ourselves to experience closeness through relationships (especially with God). The reality is that to be close to someone, we have to give up our own needs first, just as Christ taught us to do. You can't be close to someone if you can't give yourself either in friendship or in love.



Just as God is fully immersed in relationship in the Holy Trinity, we are brought into relationship with our parents, grandparents, children friends and family. As Christians we are also brought into relationship with the Church and the Parish family. Our lives are built on Christ's call for us to love God and love our neighbour. But we can only love another if we have a relationship with them—if we get to know them God, Christ and each other.

It's ironic in so many ways, the attempts of the Pharisees to trick Jesus into saying something that breaks the laws of Moses, when they are missing the point—it's all about love and its all about relationships.

Just a thought...

Jesus asks us today
"we welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child?"



In innocence? In complete trust? With an open heart? With submission?
Taking things at face value for what they are? Not with an anterior motive?

Ready to learn? Without prejudice? Filled with hope?

It's a tricky challenge as we carry the battle scars and defensiveness of our life experiences.

**But remember we are always the Prodigal child returning to the Father,
we are always welcomed with out stretched arms and unconditional love.**

Grandparents' Formation Day – Wednesday 6 November 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grand parenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. Book through the Diocesan website events calendar or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 16 November 10am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

The Diocese is pleased to be working with Mental Health First Aid (England) to provide a Mental Health Awareness Course focused on being able to identify the early symptoms, and warning signs, of mental ill health in those around you. Attendees will also learn how to signpost people to resources, networks, and appropriate medical professionals. Book through the Diocesan website events calendar or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Ministry of Consolation training (online) - Wednesdays, 8 January to 12 February 2025 9.30am-1.30pm

Would you like to support and accompany those who are grieving in our parish communities? The Diocese has a network of bereavement supporters able to accompany people experiencing bereavement or loss. Comprehensive training for the diocesan Ministry of Consolation begins on Wednesday 8 January 2025. To find out more please contact Simon South, Formation Adviser; simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. Book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Our Scripture Group meets on Mondays at The Hub on the Hill, from 3.30pm - 5pm to explore the Scripture readings for the forthcoming Sunday and reflect on their meaning in our everyday lives. The Sunday Liturgy sheets will be available, with Bibles and commentaries for reference, so just come as you are. A small donation towards the room hire is appreciated.

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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