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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. Maximilian McKeown, OFM Conv, Parish Priest
Rev. Simon South, Deacon

Times of Mass This Week

10 Nov. Sunday	<i>32nd Sunday Ordinary time</i>	8.00 AM 10.45AM
11 Nov. Monday		9:00 AM
12 Nov. Tuesday		9.00 AM
13 Nov. Wednesday		9.00 AM
14 Nov. Thursday		9.00 AM
15 Nov. Friday		9:00 AM
16 Nov. Saturday		9:00 AM
17 Nov. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 33rd 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.



Let us pray . Lord, You are the God of peace and love in whom I place my trust. Give me a peaceful heart that rests in You and a loving spirit that pours fourth Your love to others

Give from the heart

In our Gospel today, we see the stark contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the absolute poverty of the widow. And yet Jesus sees the small gift that she makes from her heart, rather than the lavish wealth, pomp and glitter that surrounds Him in the temple.

These little coins were called "lepta" in Greek, meaning 'light', little more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up if you saw them on the ground. Yet as we all know, the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given.

You can imagine the widow debating with herself: could she survive without these two little coins, if she made this supreme gift to the Lord. What would she have to go without? This paltry gift, is a rich expression of her trust in God's love and care, of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of that exquisite and lavish temple, but it was a heartfelt expression of her love. And it is just the same with our prayers—a small heartfelt prayer of thanks, hope or love are worth so much more in the eyes of God that empty, hollow words.



Living our faith through action

Just a thought....

As we reflect on the gift of the penny's from the widow in today's Gospel—**what are we willing to sacrifice in our hearts and lives for our love of Jesus?**



Wednesday 13th November—National Prayer event for Human Dignity

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called for Catholics in England and Wales to join him, and the Bishops of our countries, to pause for an hour at **5:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November** to pray for the dignity of human life. On that day, the Bishops will pause for an hour in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a holy hour in light of the bill passing through the UK parliament that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The bill, is due to have its Second Reading with a vote, on Friday, 29 November 2024.

From the Bishops website— “We offer our prayers this holy hour for the dignity of human life,” said Cardinal Nichols. “In particular our focus is on the end of life and praying together in front of the Blessed Sacrament that assisted suicide will not become law in our lands. This would greatly diminish the importance and innate value of every human person, akin to saying that our life is *not* a gift of God. Instead we would be asserting that life is our own possession to do with as we choose. But we are far more important than that. We are a gift of God – a gift that is freely given. Then, when God is ready, we are called back to Him.”

From Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(18). *“in the heart of each person there is a mysterious connection between self-knowledge and openness to others, between the encounter with one’s personal uniqueness and the willingness to give oneself to others. We become ourselves only to the extent that we acquire the ability to acknowledge others, while only those who can acknowledge and accept themselves are then able to encounter others.”*

Pope Francis is telling us that we only become our true self as we learn to love our neighbour, because our true self is found in the image of Christ, so learning to love is learning to be like Christ.

Volunteers Required - Volunteers Required—

We will be giving our Church a clean and tidy , ready for the start of Advent

Can you spend an hour helping with some light cleaning?

Many hands make light work Saturday 23rd Nov 10.00a.m.



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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