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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

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Times of Mass This Week

12 Jan. Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord	8.00 AM 10.45AM
13 Jan. Monday		9:00 AM
14 Jan. Tuesday		9.00 AM
15 Jan. Wednesday		9.00 AM
16 Jan. Thursday		9.00 AM
17 Jan. Friday		9:00 AM
18 Jan. Saturday		9:00 AM
19 Jan. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL 2nd Sunday)	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,

“Prayer is the oxygen of the soul.” – St. Augustine

The Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord serves to remind us of our own baptisms. Baptism has liberated us from all evil, as we reject satan and embrace God (something we re-affirm at our confirmation). In baptism we also experience a rebirth, as God's "beloved children" and at this point we are also commissioned as God's children to His cause, to spread the kingdom of God.



One dilemma that this description brings to mind, is trying to understand then, is why did Jesus need to be baptised?

Pope Benedict's book 'Jesus of Nazareth' suggests one answer to understand this conundrum. Benedict explains that while Jesus did not have any sins of His own to be washed away in the waters of baptism, it could only have been our sins that He took down into the river Jordan. Naturally no one would understand this at that time, but they would realise this later when they understood that Jesus died on the Cross for our sins. So, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and his dying on the Cross are intrinsically linked; He did both for our sins. He took our sins on his shoulders as He went down into the Jordan and continued to do so as He died on the Cross.

Living our faith through action

Just a thought ... Living our Baptismal Promises—

- Do we reject Satan, and all his works? And all his empty promises?
- Do we **believe** in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
- Do we **believe** in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Do we **believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?



What does it mean to “believe” in our hearts?

Bringing faith into action

There are many ways that we can bring our faith to life, through prayer, care for each other, and through our Christ-like relationships with our families and friends.

But have you thought about volunteering your services in the Lord's name? Not always possible in a busy schedule but should you have a few moments spare (and the energy), you might like to think about the following ideas -

- Hospital Chaplaincy at the Conquest/Rye Memorial—for more information speak to Helen Ross.
- Supporting the ever growing food bank in Rye—for more information speak to Mags Ivatts.
- Supporting the ecumenical Street Pastors in Rye—for more information speak to Dcn Simon.
- Visiting the housebound and lonely—for more information speak to Dcn Simon.



Volunteers for Spring Cleaning

With Christmas decorations down and the winds of winter blowing leaves everywhere, we are going to do some spring cleaning on

Tuesday 21st January 9.30a.m.—11.30a.m.

Do come along, many hands make light work after all.

Our Scripture group will be meeting Monday

All are warmly welcomed to the Hub at the top of Rye Hill each Monday at 3.30p.m.—5.00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Scripture readings together, to share thoughts and explore the meaning for us in the week ahead. For more details speak to Angela, Fr Max or Dcn Simon.

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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