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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

26th January 2025



## Times of Mass This Week

26 Jan. Sunday	3rd Sunday in ordinary time	8.00 AM 10.45AM
27 Jan. Monday		9:00 AM
28 Jan. Tuesday	St Thomas Aquinas	9.00 AM
29 Jan. Wednesday		9.00 AM
30 Jan. Thursday		9.00 AM
31 Jan. Friday	St John Bosco	9:00 AM
01 Feb. Saturday		9:00 AM
01 Feb. Saturday	(SUNDAY VIGIL Presentation of the Lord)	6.00 PM



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS, ESPECIALLY**, Fr David Young, 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 & Peter Van Heuven, Patricia Swain, Veronica Pragnell, Elsie Palmer, Peter McKenzie-Smith, Tom Healey, John Russell, Timothy O'Sullivan, Tim Hodge.

**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.

**To pray is to accept that we are, and always will be, wholly dependent on God for everything.**

## All are needed, all are special in God's Kingdom.

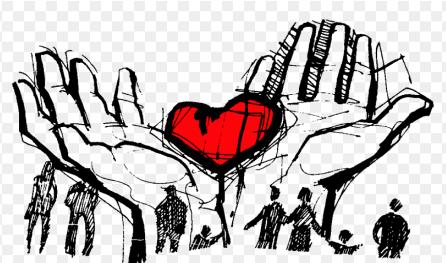
This weekend we are brought a wonderful message of love and inclusion for all.

Nehemiah was calling those returning to Isreal at the end of the Babylonian exile to return to God and the Jewish way of life; embracing God's teachings and come back together again as a community, united in God's wisdom.

In a similar way, St Paul's letter to the Corinthians, graphically and passionately reminds each and every one of us, that we all have an important and personal purpose to fulfil within the community of both the Parish and the universal reality that is God's Kingdom and that we are all called to communion with God and with each other.

This message of unity, common purpose and the call for the common good, is again brought before us in the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel. Addressed to "Theophilus"— this is a name which is often translated as "lover of God". And yet this translation is oversimplified in our modern language. "Theos" rightly translates as "God"; however, "philia" is more than just "love". It is the special type of love experienced between family and close friends; Luke's Gospel is addressed to all who have an intimate and special familial love with God.

God draws us all together so that using our unique and God given gifts and charisms we might serve Him through serving our community and loving each other as family. Afterall, His Sons shows us the gift of sacrifice for others founded in love for all.



# Living our faith through action

## Just a thought... Are you a nose? An ear? An arm?

What are the unique gifts and charisms that God has given to you for the glory of His kingdom and His body here on earth that is the Church?

Friendship, compassion, vision, gentleness, hope, passion and zeal, determination, understanding, welcoming, speaking God's word, caring for the sick and lonely, organiser, pragmatist, enthusiast, contemplative, prayerful, inclusive—the list is endless and we all have a blessed gift—what is yours?

## Requiem Mass for Father David Young

The Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 12th February - 10am at St. Clare's, Blackley, followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool. Please remember Fr David in your prayers.

## Dates for your diary in 2025

We have a full diary of events to come together and build the joy within our Parish Family this year . Do put the dates in your diary and come along. If you would like to be involved in the organising or planning, please speak to the Pastoral Team (for details see notice board at the back of the Church).

- Monday 17th March - Quiz evening.
- Sunday 18th May - Parish celebration of the baptism, confirmation and reception of the new members of our Parish (we have six in preparation) with a celebration in garden after 10.45 Mass.
- Sunday 13th July - one Mass Sunday with "bake off" - tea and cake gathering after Mass in the garden.
- Saturday 20th September - Sponsored Walk and picnic.
- Sunday 5th October - One Mass Sunday to celebrate the Year of Jubilee - "The Year of Hope" . With a Parish gathering after Mass in the garden.
- Monday 22nd December - Candlelight Carol service.

We will also be organising a Parish pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory to celebrate the Year of Jubilee with details to follow.

## Thank you

On behalf of the Parish, our sincere thanks go to all the wonderful volunteers who turned up this week to keep our lovely Church clean and tidy. Thank you from both Father Max and me.



## Our Scripture Group will be meeting Monday

All are warmly invited 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 or Fr Max.

### Parish Safeguarding Representative

The safety and well being of all our Parish Family is a priority for us all 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. Valerie Wright can be contacted by email on [sg1.rye@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.rye@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Parish Pastoral Team

Your Pastoral Team Chairperson is Brian Cernuschi and the Team Secretary is Sophie Carnell.

For details of our community events, see notice board at the back of our Church .