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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

9th March 2025



Parish Mass Times

09 Mar. Sunday 1st Sunday Lent	8.00 AM
	10.45AM
10 Mar. Monday	9:00 AM
11 Mar. Tuesday	9.00 AM
12 Mar. Wed	9.00 AM
13 Mar. Thursday	9.00 AM
14 Mar. Friday	9:00 AM
15 Mar. Saturday	9:00 AM
15 Mar. Saturday (2nd Sunday Lent)	6.00 PM
Stations of the Cross 9.30a.m. & 6.00p.m. Fridays	

A community founded in prayer

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 Gearling 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.

Lenten reflection—why does Christ journey to the Cross for me?

Faith and trust

This weekend brings is the first Sunday of Lent. We start our pilgrimage with Jesus to the foot of His Cross this and every Easter. I use the word pilgrimage today because of all the deep nuances that the word brings and promises.

Those who have taken the opportunity to join a pilgrimage will know how relationships and friendships truly blossom as you journey together to a specific place with a shared purpose or aim. There is something about walking with someone that often brings an openness, a sharing and an honesty that can be missing in many everyday relationships.

Journeying together through the hardships, the physical and emotional difficulties, with a common spiritual goal truly does open our hearts and minds to each others true humanity, weaknesses and also helps us to encounter the presence of the Lord in our lives. And this is one of the promises of Lent. Walking the path to the Cross with Christ brings us the blessed opportunity of deepening our own relationship with the Lord as we reflect and consider what the Jesus does for each and every one of us. And in turn we discern in our hearts what Jesus truly means to us in our lives. We are also given the opportunity to reflect on what we are willing to sacrifice for our friendship (Jn15:15), for our brother (Lk8:21) , and for our Lord (Is 25:1). Are we too worldly? Are we too dependant on the wrong things?

This sense of hardship and testing of faith is the central message of today's Gospel, as Christ experiences the temptations of the body, the spirit, the ego and the heart while He is in the wilderness. The very same temptations that He faces when He is hanging on the Cross (Mt 27:39-43). And yet in the wilderness the taunts come from the devil, while on the Cross the same taunts come from humanity.



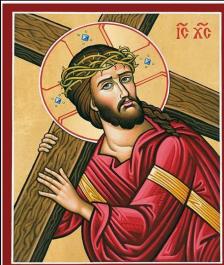
Living our faith through action

Just a thought...

In our second reading from Paul's letter to the Roman's we are called to "confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord", and to "believe in your heart".



What do these words mean to you this Lent ?



Stations of the Cross

We will be following Christ on His journey to the Cross together each Friday either at **9.30a.m. after Friday morning Mass or at 6.00p.m.**, for those who are working , at school or have commitments in the mornings.

Journey with the Lord , explore your relationship with Him on the pilgrimage of all pilgrimages.

CAFOD Family Fast day

This Lent, we will mark CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 14 March – a day when we have an opportunity to share hope with our sisters and brothers around the world through our fasting, prayer and almsgiving.



In his decree for the Jubilee Year 2025, "Hope does not disappoint", Pope Francis reminds us of the theological virtues - faith, hope, and charity - at the heart of our Christian life. He tells us that Christian "hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life."

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church for you to send your donations.

Parish Quiz Evening

Come and join the fun and get to know each other that little bit better . We will be holding a Parish quiz evening on March 17th . For more details see the notice on our Parish noticeboard at the back of the church and the sign up sheet . All are welcome, friends, family, quiz devotees or complete novices.



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

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 .