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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

13th April 2025



Parish Mass Times

Easter week mass times

Mon—Thursday 9.00a.m. Morning Mass

Maundy Thursday 7.00p.m.

Good Friday 3.00p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00p.m.

Easter Sunday 8.00a.m.

10.45a.m.

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 Gear-
ing 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 honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet." + St. John Vianney,

"Not a Kingdom of this world" (Jn18:36)

The Old Testament prophet Zechariah, who lived about 500 years before the birth of Jesus, gave a prophecy that the Messiah, "a salvific leader/liberator", would announce himself publicly in a most humble way - by riding a lowly donkey into Jerusalem (Zec 9:9-11).



When Zechariah gave this prophecy, there was no "Davidic" king in Jerusalem. The last king, Zedekiah, had been taken as captive to Babylon, where he later died as a prisoner, about a century before the time of the prophet Zechariah.

And throughout the turbulent history of the Jewish nation, the hope and longing for the return of the true King, from the line of David, who would come to restore the prosperity of the Jewish people became a deeply embedded cultural identity and desire. Herod after all had only been installed by the Romans as a puppet king.

And it is set in this context that Jesus, the meek, gentle and humble Christ (*christos* – chosen one) entered in glory into the city of Jerusalem. Not as a powerful warrior, with an army of battle hardened soldiers behind Him. But as a gentle, loving man, preaching the forgiveness and love of God.

And it is in this meek humility that Christ brings us to the pathway not of an earthly kingdom, but to the path that is the promise of the Kingdom of God, and the promise of eternity. He institutes the blessed sacrament that is the Eucharist and each Sunday, as the bread and wine becomes the very body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, we are reminded of this glorious self sacrifice, and promise of eternity, through the Paschal Mystery.

As we conclude our personal reflection of Lent, we are brought to one last question. Are we, like the Jewish people looking for worldly power and success or do we welcome the King of Kings into our hearts as the meek, humble, loving example of God who is calling us constantly to the kingdom that is to come and has no end?

Living our faith through action

Just a thought...

The symbolism of the palm in the Jewish tradition brings many layers of meaning, all of which the people of Jerusalem would have understood and embraced as they welcomed Christ into the city —

- The palm symbol in the Bible represents celebration, joy, and gratitude during the Old Testament's Feast of Tabernacles and signifies righteousness and strength in stories like that of Deborah.
- Repeatedly within the Psalms, palms symbolize spiritual vitality and endurance
- Spiritually, palm trees are linked with virtues such as righteousness, integrity, fruitfulness, and praise, embodying qualities desired in one's spiritual journey.
- The ancient world viewed palms as symbols of victory and triumph, which the Bible adapts to highlight Christ's ultimate victory over sin through His death and resurrection.



Second Collection for Father Max

As we all know, within the Catholic Church, our Parish Priests do not receive a salary or stipend like in the C of E. They maintain themselves via a small weekly allowance from their parish for food and general expenses and twice a year the second collection goes directly to them to cover living costs, like insuring their car, clothing etc.

The first of these is the Advent collection (this came to £280) and the second is the Easter Second collection. The red envelopes are for the Easter Second collection so if you have a donation for Father Max please place it in the red envelopes at the back of the Church .

And on behalf of Fr Max, thank you for your donation.

A Volunteer to build the Parish webpage

Jesus shared His Gospel in the manner of the times and in a way that was understood by the people around Him. Making the message relevant through relatable stories and analogies.



This is something that we hope to imitate and repeat in todays world and this means utilising the on-line world to share what we are doing as a community in the Lord's name and bring people to the gift of grace that is the blessed Eucharist.

Within our community, our Parish Family, do we have anyone who is able to help us to build our website and to bring the message of Christ tot the wider community? If so please see Fr Max or Simon to find out more.

There will be no Scripture Group on Bank Holiday Monday

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 .