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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



Parish Mass Times w/c 27th April 2025

27 Apr. Sun	Divine Mercy	8.00 AM 10.45AM
28 Apr. Mon		9:00 AM
29 Apr. Tue		9.00AM
30 Apr. Wed		9.00AM
01 May. Thurs		9.00AM
02 May. Friday		9.00AM
03 May Saturday		9:00 AM
03 May. Saturday (Divine Mercy)		6.00 PM

A community founded in prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHONERS, 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 par-

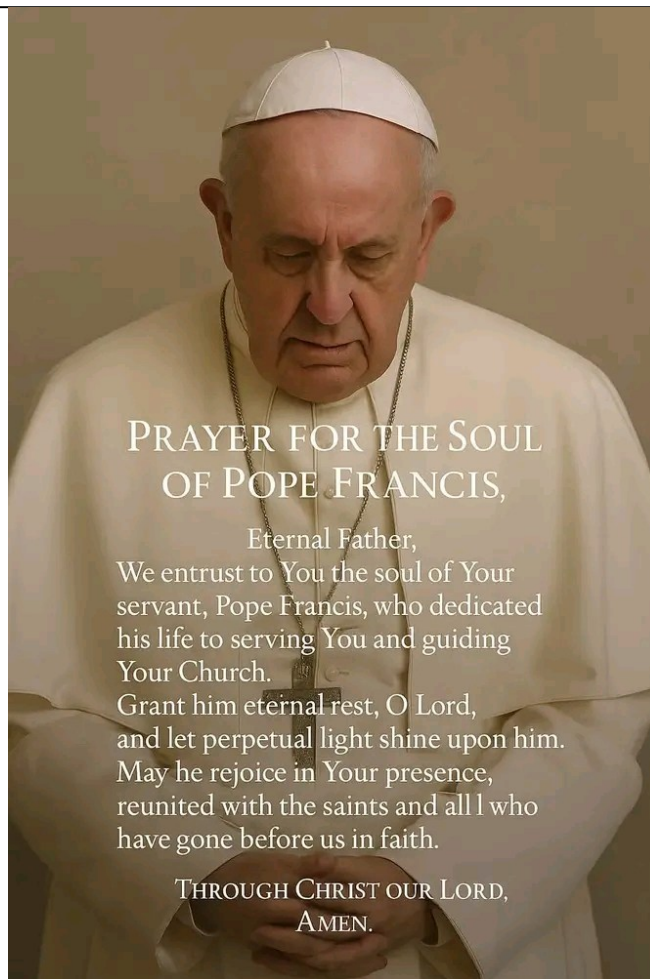
**Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love,
and the future to His providence. St Augustine**

There are no limits to God's mercy and love.

As Pope Francis is laid to rest, we remember the message that was so firmly embedded at the heart of his Ministry and life, the message reminding us of the love and forgiveness of Christ for all.

Again and again, Pope Francis drew us back to the Gospel message of hope for the poor, the refugee, and those rejected by the world. In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and sisters all)* he challenged the strong nations to be compassionate to the weak, the rich to encourage and share with the poor. In *Amoris Laetitia (the Joy of Love)* we are called to seek to understand the hurt, the isolated, the lonely, not to judge them or look down on them, but to bring the consolation of Christ to those who need it the most. While in *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)* Pope Francis asks us to open our heart's to the joy and love that is found in every word of the Gospel and in the Easter promise.

This Divine Mercy Sunday the message is again reinforced- that God does not see or judge as the world judges or see's, rather, God sees the heart of all His children and shows His unconditional love for us all. God cares for all His children from every walk of life. Jesus is calling us, challenging us, to love God and to love our neighbour in a Christ-like way, not an earthly way.



PRAYER FOR THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS,

Eternal Father,
We entrust to You the soul of Your
servant, Pope Francis, who dedicated
his life to serving You and guiding
Your Church.
Grant him eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rejoice in Your presence,
reunited with the saints and all I who
have gone before us in faith.

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD,
AMEN.

Living our faith through action

Just a thought....

In God's infinite mercy and love -

“ I would point out that the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak”

Pope Francis “*Amoris Laetitia*” footnote 351.



Thank you

Father Max would like to thank everyone who very generously contributed to the second Easter Collection (red envelopes) . There are two times each year when the collection is made for the Parish Priest to help with their cost of living , the first is the Advent second collection and the next is the Easter.

This provides an important income to enable our Parish Priest to cover expenses like car maintenance and insurance, clothing, books and keeping in contact with family.

A heart felt thank you once again for the very generous donation this Easter from Fr Max.

A family celebration.

We are very excited to see the Holy Spirit at work in our Parish Home as we prepare to formally receive new members to our Parish Family.

On **Sunday 18th May at the 10.45a.m.Mass** Juan and Ambrose will be receiving their First Holy Communion, Hollie will be received to the Catholic Church and confirmed, Hugo will be confirmed and Henry will be received to the Church. A truly blessed day of celebration.

Do keep the date free as we will be celebrating after the 10.45a.m. Mass in the garden with tea, cakes and plenty of chat. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and welcome our new family members and to build our community through friendship and joy.

Along with this joyous celebration, we also have a further baptism in May and two weddings. Rejoice -God is good



Our Scripture Group will be meeting Mondays (except Bank Holidays). 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 .