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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 22nd June 2025

22 June. Sun	(Holy body and blood)	8.00 am
		10.45 am
23 June. Mon		NO MASS
24 June. Tue	Nativity John Baptist	9.00 am
25 June. Wed	.	9.00 am
26 June. Thurs		NO MASS
27 June. Fri		9.00 am
28 June. Sat		9.00 am
28 June. Sat	Most sacred Heart	6.00 pm

A community founded in prayer

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 & 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: Elizabeth Turner, Peter Turner, Sheila Miller, Aoife Coleman, 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.

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." (Jn6:55-56)

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

This Solemnity calls us to reflect on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church itself. The primary purpose of this celebration is to focus our attention on the Eucharist as the "source and summit of Christian life" as a Catholic (Catechism of Catholic Church 1324). Through the blessing and sacramental gift of the Eucharist we are fed on the very body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel reading, we are reminded that Christ knows exactly what we need, and He provides it for us. Furthermore, when Jesus feeds us we are always satisfied in both body and soul and, in fact, His generosity and self-sacrifice is always greater than our need. He knows no bounds to His gift of love for us all.

There is often a confusion when we talk about the Sunday obligation. We are called by the Church to go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. Does it really matter if we don't go to Mass occasionally? Here is an interesting thought to take to prayer - we aren't Christians because we go to Mass, but we go to Mass because we are Christians. We go to Mass to celebrate God's unbounded love for us and to participate in the action that followers of Christ have engaged in for 2000 years. Receiving the Eucharist is our response, our "obligation" of love for Christ.

And the Mass never ends. At the conclusion of Mass we told to "go forth!". To go forth is an action – an action to announce the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, to the ends of the earth, by our words and especially by our deeds. Because by receiving the very body and blood of Christ we are tabernacles of the Lord, we are commissioned with a special task: to be "bearers of Christ," christopher's (*cristoferos*, in Greek), to all people, until our final breath. All this from the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament and the gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity.

Living our faith through action

Just a thought....

As we approach the Lord's table to receive the blessed sacrament, today's collect is something to carry in our hearts—

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of Your Passion,
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption. Amen

Pope Leo XIV echoes the cry of Francis: War is always a defeat!

Warning that the “atrocities” of modern scientific weapons risks leading combatants “to barbarism far greater than in the past,” Pope Leo XIV reminds world leaders that “war is always a defeat” and “nothing is lost with peace; everything can be lost with war.”

He warned that the use of “scientific weapons of all kinds” in modern warfare risks “leading combatants to a barbarism far greater than that of times past.” Appealing directly to world leaders, Pope Leo echoed his predecessor, Pope Francis, who had so often declared, “War is always a defeat!”

He also recalled the words of Pope Pius XII, who led the Church during the Second World War: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything can be lost with war.”

(Source Vatican News)

Family picnic—2nd CHANGE OF DATE— SATURDAY 12 JULY.

Come and join us on **Saturday 12th July 12.00—2.00p.m.** at the Salts Park by the car park (by the bowling green and Skinners roundabout) for a picnic and fun. Get to meet and chat with the mums and dads, grannys and grandads of our parish and the children can get to make new friends as they play together. Just bring a picnic and blanket. **For more details speak with Dcn Simon or Lynn. Come one come all.**



Diocesan Festival of Hope: 20 September (Ardingly): (A message from the Diocese)

“The Diocese will be gathering to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese, the Jubilee Year of Hope, and the Pastoral Plan with its call to Mission. Sadly, space is limited which means that not everybody who might wish to attend will be able to. Each parish has a small number of tickets which will be allocated via its parish priest. Thanks for your understanding. The whole Diocese will be prayed for, and those attending will be encouraged to share back in their parishes the fruits of the day's reflections.” At Rye, we have been allocated 5 tickets. If you would like to go along to represent our Parish please let either Fr Max or I know .

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 .