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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



A community founded in prayer

Parish Mass Times w/c 29th June 2025

29 June. Sun (St Peter and St Paul)	8.00 am
	10.45 am
30 June. Mon	9.00 am
01 Jul. Tue Dedication Cathedral	NO MASS
02 Jul. Wed	9.00 am
03 Jul. Thurs St Thomas Apostle	9.00 am
04 Jul. Fri	9.00 am
05 Jul. Sat	9.00 am
05 Jul. Sat (Vigil 14th Sun Ordinary)	6.00 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHONERS, 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.

Saints Peter and Paul, once Christ called you, you responded with total abandonment to His holy will. Through you, the Church was founded and began to grow. Please pray for us, that we will fully devote ourselves to the ongoing mission of the Church, so that God can use us according to His holy will. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us. Amen.

Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. St Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. While St Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, which is seen in his numerous letters in the New Testament that expound and explain the ministry and teaching of Jesus.

Church tradition states that they were both martyred on June 29, in Rome, making them twin martyrs. Their twin martyrdom reminds us that the Church must be both the stable "rock" to build our lives on and an out-pouring of love through the mission of sharing all Christ brings to the world and after. It must remain grounded in the eternal Truth, yet grow and flower with an ongoing understanding of the mysteries of faith. An image strongly reflected in the icon on the right. St's Peter and Paul coming together to form the foundations of Christ's Church.

As we honour these two pillars of the Church this Sunday, we also remember the fact that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could have never imagined. In the same way God is calling each and every one of us to our own mission of hope, charity and mission for the glory of God's kingdom.

We may not be called to rebuild the Church, or travel thousands of miles to proclaim the Gospel message, but we do know we are being called to love God, love our neighbour and to grow strong as a community of Christ, living a life of witness to the Christian message through our deeds and actions.



Living our faith through action

Just a thought....

Christ asks us all, today and every day,
“who do you say I am?”

Our answer will guide and lead us in how we live our lives.



Deanery gathering—JUBILEE OF HOPE SUMMER GATHERING @ The Holy Redeemer St Leonard's on 6th July .
For start time please see their website. This will be followed by a prayer service for the success of the new Parish of Eastbourne and St Leonard's. For more information please speak to Simon.

Date for your DIARY Bake off Champ 2025

Back by popular demand we will be having a “Great British (Rye) Bake Off Sunday again on 13th July . We will have just the one Sunday Mass (vigil as usual). To give that opportunity of coming together, building those friendships and having a little friendly fun on the way.

Please do watch the back of the Church for the sign up sheet. In the same format as last year we will have a vote for our favourite cake and the winning bakers will receive prizes. Come along enjoy the fun and vote with your taste buds and tummy.



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 Skinner's roundabout) for a picnic and fun. Get to meet and chat with the mums and dads, granny's and granddads 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 .