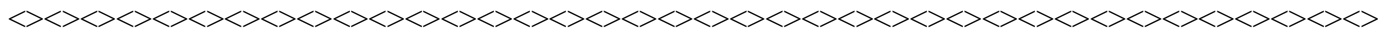


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, the people for whom we offer Mass this week.



→ **THERE WILL BE SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP THIS MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2018 AT 5:00PM** at the Rye Social Club. The readings are: Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10: 2-16.



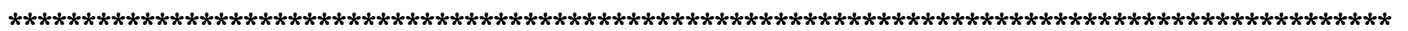
SUMMER AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

I think that our summer program was a success in terms of the number of people who attended, some from outside the parish (the longest traveler coming from Canterbury). Those who came were happy that they did, learning about our Faith in an enjoyable atmosphere and meeting new people. I hope to do something similar next summer with more advertising to attract more visitors and those who do not attend Catholic Mass regularly. Your suggestions for movies and topics and comments about these events are always welcome. Perhaps a daytime event can be planned. If we plan far enough in advance, I can ask various friars to give presentations. Thanks to all who came!



LOOKING AHEAD:

1. **CAFOD FAST DAY: 5 OCTOBER 2018.** Envelopes and prayer card are in the back of the church so that you can prepare for the day.
2. **Day for Communications and Media: Saturday, 6th October**, at DABCEC 4 Southgate Dr., Crawley, RH10 6RP, from 10 AM until 1 PM. Focus this year on developing the content and promoting the uptake of the A & B News. Book at ruthgerun@dabnet.org or www.dabnet.org/CoursesandEvents/Communications.
3. **Marriage Anniversaries Mass: Saturday 6th October**, at St. Joseph's Church, Redhill, 11:30 AM, celebrated by Bishop Richard, for those couple celebrating a special anniversary in 2018. Booking essential. Contact rosie.read@adabnet.org
4. **FAIRTRADE WEEKEND: 6-7 October:** We will have Fairtrade items on the church porch.
5. **A DAY WITH MARY: SECOND: Saturday, 13 October at St. John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. 9:45 AM: Entry Procession.** Flyers are in the back of church which you may take with you.



Update on Samara's Appeal: In the back of the church is an email sent from Samara Levy to Janet Waddams giving her an update on what Samara has been doing to help the people in the war-torn Middle East. Since we have participated in her appeals, Ann Hamilton and I thought some of you would like to see the update also. It is too long for the newsletter, but there are copies of it in the back of the church for those who are interested.

There are prayer cards in the back of the church from Bishop Richard for the success of the diocesan plan for the future of the diocese. Please take one and say the prayer when you can. Thank you!



FREE APPLES: There are free apples on the church porch for anyone who wants them courtesy of Jolly Tan.

“Let the Whole World Tremble”: St. Francis of Assisi’s Fiery Love of Jesus in the Eucharist

Brantly Millegan | Oct 04, 2013

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The great saint of Assisi is most remembered for his radical embrace of evangelical poverty and his love of animals, but it is his love of Jesus in the Eucharist that comes out most strongly in his writings.

[4 October] is the feast of the great St. Francis of Assisi, the saint after whom our Pontiff takes his name. Though he lived eight centuries ago, St. Francis still inspires people today with his radical embrace of “Lady Poverty” and his love for all of God’s creatures. Yet, it is his zeal for something else that comes out most strongly in his writings: his great love of Christ in the Eucharist and concern that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be offered properly. **“I conjure you all to show all reverence and all honor possible to the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,”** St. Francis wrote in his *Letter to All the Friars*, **“in whom the things that are in heaven and the things that are on earth are pacified and reconciled to Almighty God.”**

In his *Letter to All the Faithful*, he exhorts Christians to reverence priests, not on account of their own holiness (or lack thereof), but because they offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: **“We ought...to visit Churches frequently and to reverence clerics not only for themselves, if they are sinners, but on account of their office and administration of the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which they sacrifice on the altar and receive and administer to others.”**

He addressed priests as well, and wrote *On Reverence for the Lord’s Body and on the Cleanliness of the Altar* in which he exhorts them to take seriously their sacred duties at the altar. **“Let us all consider, O clerics, the great sin and ignorance of which some are guilty regarding the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His most holy Name and the written words of consecration.”** He continues: **“[L]et all those who administer such most holy mysteries, especially those who do so indifferently, consider among themselves how poor the chalices, corporals, and linens may be where the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is sacrificed. And by many it is left in wretched places and carried by the way disrespectfully, received unworthily and administered to others indiscriminately.**

“Shall we not by all these things be moved with a sense of duty when the good Lord Himself places Himself in our hands and we handle Him and receive Him daily? Are we unmindful that we must needs fall into His hands? Let us then at once and resolutely correct these faults and others; and wheresoever the most holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ may be improperly reserved and abandoned, let It be removed thence and let It be put and enclosed in a precious place.”

He solemnly warns priests that they will be judged by how they perform their sacred duties: **“[W]e know that we are bound above all to observe all these things by the commandments of the Lord and the constitutions of holy Mother Church. And let him who does not act thus know that he shall have to render an account therefore before our Lord Jesus Christ on the day of judgment.”**

But his ardent belief of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is expressed most clearly in his *Letter to All the Friars* with this poetic exclamation: **“Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread.”**

May we have a similar love of Christ in the Eucharist and reverence of Holy Mass! St. Francis of Assisi, please pray for us.

*Our Lady of the Angels, Patroness of the Franciscan Orders, pray for us, that we may understand the Most Ineffable Gift of your
Son in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!*