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Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:48)

A warm welcome to everyone from

Fr. Maximillian McKeown, OFM Conv, Parish Priest

Rev. Simon South, Deacon



Times of Mass This Week

11 Dec. Sunday	8:00 AM
11 Dec. Sunday	10:45 AM
12 Dec. Monday	9:00 AM
13 Dec. Tuesday	9:00 AM
14 Dec. Wed	9:00 AM
15 Dec. Thurs	9.00 A.M
16 Dec. Friday	9:00 AM
17 Dec. Saturday	9:00 AM
17 Dec. Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL)	6.00 P.M



**Our Parish
Community**

A family for all

**Thank you for your generous donations
and contactless contributions this week.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Catherine Bowles, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), Richard Carrey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven and members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and all those who have lost their lives in the Ukraine through the horrors of war.



PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Ron Peters, Sheila Hatter, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Janet (Jane) Castro, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Timothy O'Sullivan and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

Why does the Church use Violet through Advent?

Violet is the colour associated with funerals, so why is it so prominent in the Church during Advent? Funerals are a time of reflection as well as a time for pray, and remembrance. And it is in this context that we celebrate or observe Advent just as we observe Lent.

Historically, Advent was seen as a time of penance, preparation, and sacrifice, and the season was known as a "little Lent." That's why the penitential colour of purple makes an appearance during Advent, the organ was muted, and the Gloria—one of the most joyous hymns of the Mass—isn't sung.

As we journey towards the glorious Nativity and God's gift of His only Son for the Salvation of all mankind , Advent is a time to prepare our hearts; to reflect on why we need Jesus in our lives. Advent is a time to remember the spiritual trips, falls and mistakes that we have made, the things that we need to work on in our life ahead such as the worldly addictions we may need to overcome so that we can grow closer to God by growing in the likeness of His only begotten Son by loving God more deeply and our neighbor more generously.



Why does the Church use Violet through Advent? (continued)

And it is in this sense that the Church encourages us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent (two obligations of love, to attend confession—as a minimum, once in Advent and once in Lent).

As we reflect and consider why we need Christ in our life we understand more fully the challenges, the mistakes and the opportunities for us and so we are able to make a good and worthy confession. Our chance to kneel before God, in humility and gratitude for the coming gift of hope and joy—the coming of Jesus Christ this and every Christmas.

This Advent why not join us for our weekly Scripture Group held at the Rye Hub (top of Rye Hill) from 3.30p.m to 5.00p.m each Monday. everyone is very welcome to share, to listen and to be together. Come one come all.

Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve—Saturday 24th

9.00a.m Morning Mass

6.00p.m –Christmas Vigil

Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Christmas Mass



Please be aware that there is no Midnight Mass this year

Rye Pantomime.

Rye Players (including Angela from our choir) present "Snow White and the 7 dwarves" at the Rye Creative Centre Fri 9 Dec at 7.30pm, Sat 10 Dec 2.30pm & 7pm.

Tickets available on line. ticketsource.co.uk.

Let's Celebrate

Do you have any big birthdays or celebrations that you would like to share with your Parish Family?

If so let Simon know and we will add it to the newsletter each week



Do you have a Missio Box?

Bill Doherty has asked that if any of you have a Missio box at home could you please bring it in to the Parish for him asap so that he can collate and return the donation for the year.

If you are interested in supporting the wonderful work across the globe done by this charity, in the year ahead please speak to Bill or Fr Max.



St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

We will be looking to establish an SVP group in our Parish after Christmas so if you feel able to spend some time visiting the housebound, raising money or joining in however you feel able to do. All are welcome and called to share the love of Christ. See either Fr Max or Deacon Simon for more info

Dates to remember

Adoration will take place on Saturday 7th January after the 9.00a.m. Mass with Confession available .

Sunday 22nd January there will be a Churches together service at St Mary's at 10.30a.m