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## Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

18th December 2022

“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

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| 18 Dec. Sunday                  | 8:00 AM  |
| 18 Dec. Sunday                  | 10:45 AM |
| 19 Dec. Monday                  | 9:00 AM  |
| 20 Dec. Tuesday                 | 9:00 AM  |
| 21 Dec. Wed                     | 9:00 AM  |
| 22 Dec. Thurs                   | 9.00 A.M |
| 23 Dec. Friday                  | 9:00 AM  |
| 24 Dec. Saturday                | 9:00 AM  |
| 24 Dec. Saturday (SUNDAY VIGIL) | 6.00 P.M |



## Our Parish Community

A family for all

**Thank you for your generous donations last week which came to £149 not including your contactless contributions.**



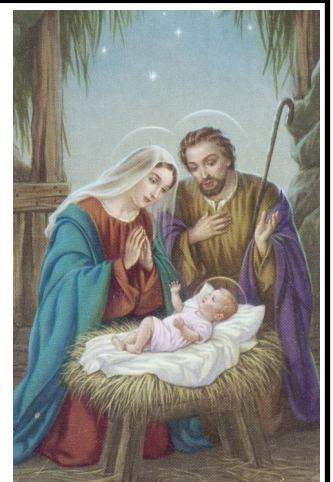
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY,** Catherine Bowles, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), Richard Carey, John Kilroy, Ann Hamilton, Roy Godwin, Dorothy and Peter Van Heuven and members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and all those who have lost their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

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Ron Peters, Sheila Miller, Judith Jones (Angela's sister) , 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.

### **With only a week to go**

The Lord's coming into the world is a moment filled with hope, with joy and with unconditional Love. Are we prepared in our hearts to receive and embrace this glorious gift from God? The gift of Himself, the gift of His only begotten Son, the gift that shows us how truly loved all our human family is.

Lord, may Your Kingdom come and Your will be done. Come, Lord Jesus, and establish Your glorious Kingdom in my life here and now. And as Your Kingdom is established in my life, help me to be prepared for Your glorious and total return at the end of the ages. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen



**A huge thank you** for your generous donations over the last couple of weeks towards the cost of Christmas Flowers . You have very generously donated £92 and we look forward to seeing the celebration of our Lord's coming with the glory of colour and fresh flowers

**We also extend a huge thank you** to Ve Webb and her family for donating to our Parish the Christmas tree that you see at the Altar rail.



### **Custos Fr Maximillian Martin OFM visit.**

Dear one and all,

I have been asked to share Fr Maximillian's thanks and gratitude for the very warm welcome he and Fr Colin received last weekend and for all those who joined him for a coffee and a chat at the St Mary's Centre after Mass. It was lovely to see so many of you braving the cold and the frost to join us in extending a Rye welcome.

Fr Maximillian (Custos) felt that we were a very friendly and open Parish and he is looking forward to coming along to join us for a longer period of time in the New Year to get to know us better.

### **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**

### **Celebrating together as a Parish Family**

**Congratulations to Ita Blight and Christopher Rowe who last Sunday received the Saint Philip Howard Medal for Services to the Diocese , presented on behalf of Bishop Richard by Custos Maximillian.**

**Ita has given so many wonderful years service to the Parish and to the Parish Priest, as housekeeper, as provider of many many meals, and friendship, making each of our Parish Priests feel so at home . Ita has, and continues to be in contact with many of our Priests to this day and I think it is fair to say , there are not many of the Franciscan's in London who have not experienced her warmth and companionship in the name of our Lord.**

**Christopher Rowe has been also been at the heart of the Parish for many years offering his experience, wisdom and guidance as the Chair of our Finance Committee, as well as seeing us through the challenges of the lockdown years. Christopher has also been an active member of previous Parish Councils as well as both a School Governor and Chair of the School Governors at St Mary Star of the Sea in St-Leonard's for many years.**

**On behalf of the Diocese, our Parish and the Franciscans we offer them both our sincere thanks and gratitude for all they have done in the name of their faith.**



**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.**

### **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**