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## Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua

Our Parish Newsletter

8th January 2023

“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

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



**Our Parish  
Community**

A family for all

**Thank you for your generous donations towards to running of our parish each week.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY,** Catherine Bowles, 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. Timothy O’Sullivan, Paul Coleman (Aoife’s brother), and all those who have lost their lives in the Ukraine and across the world through the horrors of war.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Ron Peters, Sheila Miller, Audrey Hatter, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Janet Castro, Coleen, Louis Carnell, Isabella Rose, Judith (Angela’s sister) and all those confined to their homes or care homes along with Mass intentions this week.

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

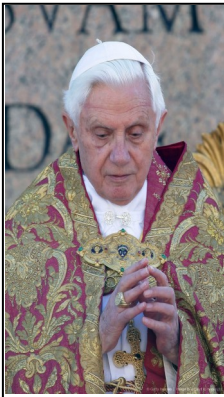
If Baptism washes away our sinfulness and places the Holy Spirit in our hearts , why does Jesus get Baptised in today’s Gospel ?

After all He is without sin and He is part of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit is already with Him and in Him—He does not need to receive it?

The Church teaches that Jesus’ baptism was His complete acceptance of, and beginning of His mission as God’s “suffering Servant”. By His act of humility in receiving baptism, Jesus places Himself in amongst the throng of humanity, He joins us in our reality, in our need for forgiveness—He gets in amongst His people, He is showing us that He is our advocate, He is journeying alongside us throughout our lives and He is showing us that He is “ the Lamb of God who takes away our sins”. And through this act of humility, through this willingness to give Himself to the will of God, He is acknowledged by the eternal Father when we hear “ this is My Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on Him”.



Questions from today’s Gospel must include then—are we willing to humble ourselves before God, to accept His will and His call to love and service in our daily lives? Are we willing to embrace the living example of Jesus, when He calls us and His disciples to “come follow me”?



## A statement from Bishop Richard on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

“We are deeply grateful for the life and service of Pope Emeritus Benedict. While we mourn his loss, we are thankful for his steadfast witness and legacy. His firm resolve during eight years of papal ministry saw the Pope Emeritus broaden opportunities for dialogue with people and groups outside of the Catholic Church.

More locally, many in our community will have been touched by his gentle presence during his visit to these shores in 2010, not least in his meeting with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the time of prayer in Hyde Park and the Beatification of St John Henry Newman. Masses for the repose of the Pope’s soul will be offered across the churches of our Diocese in the coming days. We entrust Pope Benedict to the Father of all mercies and pray for the repose of his soul.”

### St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Being a Christian means different things for different people. But at the heart of our calling to faith that we all share, is a call to love God and to love our neighbour.

The SVP is a national organization that was founded to bring these two Commandments to life in a specific way. By organizing at a Parish level to reach out to those who need friendship, company or simple practical help, whether in person or by a phone call.



**Do you have an hour to spare either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to help those who need that support, encouragement, who need the consoling hand of Christ’s love?**

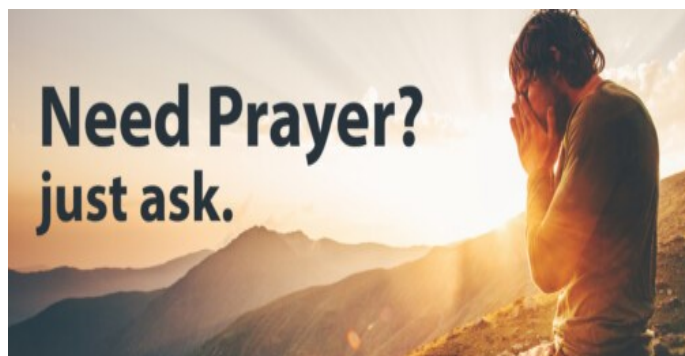
If the answer to this is yes then do think about joining our Parish SVP group. We will be getting together to talk about this as a Parish idea on **SUNDAY 22nd January after each of the Masses for 15 minutes ( 6.00p.m Sat , 8.00a.m/10.45 am Sunday).** You are very welcome to join us, to find out more and to decide if this is something you would like to be involved in.

In the mean time for more information ask either Fr Max or Deacon Simon or check out their website St Vincent de Paul Society <http://www.svp.org.uk>



### A new year a new relationship with Christ

On our journey to knowing the Lord that little bit better why not join our weekly Scripture Group held at the Rye Hub (top of Rye Hill) from 3.30p.m to 5.00p.m each Monday from 9th January. Everyone is very welcome to share, to listen and to be together. Come one come all.



### Let’s Celebrate

Do you have anything that you would like to share or celebrate with your Parish Family?

Are there any special blessings that you would like to share ?

If so please email Simon on [simon.south@yahoo.com](mailto:simon.south@yahoo.com)



### Diocesan weekly newsletter

Have you signed up for the weekly Diocesan newsletter with details of courses, gatherings and meetings, there’s so much information and support on your faith journey <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>  
(Go to bottom of the webpage & sign up for e-newsletter)

### Dates to remember

# 9th Jan Scripture Group begins at Rye Hib from 3.30p.m to 5.00p.m.

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