

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 7 EASTER**
Mass at 9.30 am with Baptism of Arnodita Karikoga, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- MON** **St. Matthias, apostle, feast.**
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9 15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- THU** Mass at 9.30 am
ADORATION 10 am – 9 am Friday.
- FRI** Exposition until 9 am.
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Finance Committee meeting after Mass.
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am
1st Mass of Sunday (Pentecost Vigil) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Psalter Week 7 + Easter Readings etc.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(12): Eric Conn RIP; **Mon:** Michael Warren RIP; **Sat(19):** Richard Eades RIP.

READINGS

Reading 1: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26.

Psalm (97) Refrain: ***The Lord has set his sway in heaven.***

Reading 2: 1 John 4: 11-16.

Gospel Reading: John 17: 11-19.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Derek Dyer, Christine Coghlan's brother, who died recently, and for Christine and the family.

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAY 13 MAY, 2018

Dear Friends,

In the news on Friday night there was an item which spoke of considerable concern and puzzlement that suicide seemed to be so much on the increase among university students, as well as among older people.

What nobody even mentioned was any possible correlation between this phenomenon and the present day abandonment by so many people of the Christian faith and the Christian way of living. I don't want to be too simplistic about it and suggest that this alone is the cause; nevertheless it seems to me there must be some kind of relationship between the two, and to deny it is a bit like minutely examining the valves of a tyre to try to discover the reason for an escape of air and completely ignoring the six inch nail sticking out of the tyre!

If people are turning away from the very God who created them, and from the Redeemer who died to save them, is it any wonder that people's lives are in a mess? And if they are turning away from living the way of life that their Creator knows to be the only way that can bring them happiness, that will be healthy for them, that will alone bring them satisfaction, is it any wonder that people are failing to find happiness in their lives? If you were for instance, to operate some machine in the way it was never intended to be operated, because you could not be bothered to read the manufacturer's instructions, would it be any wonder if the machine got damaged? How much more will human beings be damaged if they won't follow their Maker's instructions for themselves!

Let us pray for our broken world, and try to live out the Gospel and to bear witness to Christ, so that we may be instrumental in helping others to discover the *only* way that can lead to happiness.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £200.09 Clergy Bldg/Maintenance Fund: £202.46.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY this w/e with retiring collection for the Church's work in the media.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

24(23) HOUR ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 9 am Friday.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

NOVENA: Leaflets are still available for the novena preparing for Pentecost. Please pray either at home, or with us after Mass on the weekdays when we have Mass. We will begin the day after Ascension and end on the Saturday of the Pentecost weekend. We will use the orange sheets for public praying of the Novena; there is also a CTS version available in the rack at the back of church which some of you might like to use for reflection at home – you will need to use a bible alongside this one for the scripture passages suggested. *We all need more of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives individually and as a parish to live out our Christian lives to the full – so do try to pray for his help using one form or other!*

PENTECOST VIGIL: Next Saturday (19 May) we will have our customary Pentecost Vigil which will have extra readings and be a little longer than the usual Saturday evening Mass.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER FOR PENTECOST: On the evening of Pentecost (20 May) we will as usual have our Evening Prayer celebration, and as in the last couple of years, we will invite the other local Churches and adapt it slightly to make it suitable for an ecumenical celebration.

FR DANNY WRITES FROM PERU: Saludos del Peru. I have just received the proceeds from the Maundy Thursday collection - £ 960!!! Your generosity overwhelms me. Many, many thanks. I should be back in the UK by the end of this year. Meanwhile I have a number of projects which I hope to complete before I leave Peru so your support is a tremendous boost. May the Lord bless your generosity. I wish you Easter blessings and the Blessing of the Risen Lord. Un abrazo fuerte. Fr Danny

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: Saturday 19th May 2018 at Queensway Chapel, 8.45am for 9.am. Speaker is Susie Romer. Please sign up on sheet at back of church before Wed. 16 May.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday 17th May 10am (Mass at 9.30 am) to Friday 18th May 9am: This period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours has a three-fold purpose.

1.To pray in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress to be held in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September 2018 Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, laity and religious which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession

of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. The Deanery Clergy have organised a programme of Eucharistic Adoration in the week 14th to 20th May 2018. Most of the parishes within the Deanery are taking part and having a period of Adoration on an allotted day that week.

2. "Thy Kingdom Come" This is an invitation from the Presidents of Churches Together in England to join again this year in a global wave of prayer for mission, evangelism, peace and justice. People around the world will be coming together to pray for family friends and neighbours to come to know Jesus Christ.

3. As we approach Pentecost to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit anew on our parish and its future when Fr. Richard retires.

This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and already have cover from 10am to 7pm. There are spare copies of the rota at the back of church to remind you of what time you have signed up for. Even if you are not on the rota, please feel free to come to join us as and when you can. Let us make it a real prayer time for our parish!

FROM NORA: May is the Month of Mary. Let us gather round the Blessed Mother and ask for Her intercession, She who was able to move Her divine Son to perform His first public miracle, can still do that for us today. Join in praying for vocation in the priesthood, religious life and for sanctifying grace for Christian families. Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church during May.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: unaccompanied children church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive entering or leaving the car children – and adults –

NEWSLETTER: Any please send to the supplied on the front of



for safety reasons, are not allowed in the

with great care when park, so that the lives of may not be put at risk.

information, articles, etc, presbytery at the address the newsletter.