

# St. Anthony's Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
17th September 2023

## Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those  
who wait for you, that your  
prophets be found true. Hear  
the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7  
Psalm 102  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

## Response to Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and  
love, slow to anger and rich in  
mercy.

## Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Speak, Lord, your servant is  
listening: you have the message  
of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

## Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in  
the shadow of your wings.



The Offertory collection for the  
9th and 10th September was  
€908.23. Thank you

**Dear Parishioners,**  
An Offertory donation can also be  
made by scanning the QR Code  
below using a Banking App. Thank  
you.



Coffee and doughnuts will be  
available after all Masses this  
Sunday

## Welcome to our Parish.

I would like to take this  
opportunity to thank all those  
who were involved in making  
our 'Welcome to our parish'  
and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a great  
success.

Many people and groups gave  
their time and energy to  
making the day a great  
success. I cannot name all  
those involved but I feel that  
some volunteers should be  
named.

First of all I would like to  
thank all the members of the  
Knights of St. Thomas More  
who provided the barbeque.  
Coupled with the Knights, I  
would like to thank all who  
provided different dishes of  
food and desserts for the  
occasion.

A special thanks to all our  
volunteers who manned the  
different tables highlighting  
the different activities that  
take place within our Parish.  
We also had the registration  
for First Communions and  
Confirmations, special thanks  
to Karen, Sara and Alice.

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary,  
it was highlighted by a special

cake made by a very talented  
person Sonia. Judging by the  
amount of photographs that  
were taken of the cake, and  
how quickly it was eaten, shows  
how much it was appreciated.  
To Kudzi and Suzanne our  
parish secretaries many thanks  
for the amount of work and  
time you put into getting  
everything ready for the big  
day.

There is a saying, that we keep  
the good wine to the last and  
this is certainly true of the  
person I take great pleasure in  
thanking and who made the  
success of the day possible and  
that is Brigid and her team,  
without whom chaos would have  
reigned.

In conclusion and on behalf of  
the Parish Councils, I welcome  
all new members to our/your  
parish and for all our  
parishioners thank you for your  
continued support of your  
parish.

To all past and present  
parishioners, Franciscan friars  
and others who over the past  
50 years made this parish  
possible, thank you.

God Bless to you all.  
Fr. Michael.

**COME SAY HELLO AT ST ANTHONY'S BOOKSHED**

Come discover hundreds of English-language (and some French, Dutch, etc., ) fiction for adults and children of all ages including collections from many popular authors. All books are just 1-2 euros. Pay directly into the cashbox (no change is possible) or conveniently scan the QR code and pay by phone. Located across from the car park between the entrance and exit, the Bookshed is open before/after every Weekend Mass. Thanks to those who've expressed an interest in helping? (We'll be in touch soon!) Do you have a spare bookshelf or two you would like to donate? Please drop by and let us know. **Until we get a few more bookshelves, we're at capacity, so please no more (fiction) book donations until further notice - Thank you**

**For Communion and Confirmation registrations, please contact the office on:**

**[stanthonyparish@telenet.be](mailto:stanthonyparish@telenet.be)**

**LOURDES**

There will be a brief presentation on Lourdes and the pilgrimage that takes place at Easter. It will take place on 30 September after the 6pm Mass and 8 October after both Masses. For further information, please contact Ludo at [ludo.celis@gmail.com](mailto:ludo.celis@gmail.com) or Elaine at [efalco736@gmail.com](mailto:efalco736@gmail.com).

**KNIGHTS OF ST. THOMAS MORE**

If you are a Catholic adult man looking for a way to support our parish and share your faith in practical ways consider joining the Knights of St Thomas More. For further info see: [www.catholic-knights.be](http://www.catholic-knights.be)

**Standing Order**

The most important source of income to the parish is the Standing Order. It guarantees a regular income to our parish.

Please find a copy of the standing order form on the table in the foyer. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider setting up a Standing Order.

**Family Room**

The family room, off the Foyer in the Church, is open to families with young children during Mass. A tv monitor and speaker are available to follow Mass in real time.

**Tombola Prizes**

**Please collect your tombola prize from the Parish office before end of September.**

**ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Please let the Parish Office know if you are leaving the Parish or have changed or are changing your address, telephone numbers, email address, etc. Thank you**

**ST NICHOLAS ORGAN RECITAL**

There will be an Organ Recital at St. Nicholas on Sunday, 24th September at 15h30. Everyone is invited

**Ukraine Appeal**

Parishioners who wish to continue to donate food, clothing and bedding may contact [action.ukraine.eu@gmail.com](mailto:action.ukraine.eu@gmail.com) or [stausboll@telenet.be](mailto:stausboll@telenet.be) to arrange delivery.

Financial support is also desperately needed. Donations can be made to Account: BE70 7330 7126 5425 / ACTION UKRAINE EU  
Thank you!

**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday at 18h  
Sunday at 10h and 11h30**

**Confessions every Saturday 12h-13h or by appointment with a priest.**

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Mon, Thu & Fri  
9.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00  
Tue & Wed  
9.00-13.00**

**A/C No:**

**BE60 7330 6428 5970**

**Other EN Masses in Brussels**

**St Joseph Community, 203  
Chaussée de Wavre 1050 Ixelles  
Sunday @ 11h30**

**Saint Nicholas at the Bourse  
Sunday @10.00**

**Rue Le Correge  
Sunday @ 19h15**