

Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy
Beverley High Road, HU6 7JJ
A Message from Father Antony

Dear Loving Friends,

New Year is the time where we are especially encouraged to live in the spirit of hope and enthusiasm. It is a time that can also be a moment of new discovery and decision, of new opportunities.

Since I am leaving our parish, I would like to thank all our parishioners and all those who come to join us for any of our community activities, for the support and generosity shown to me in so many ways over the years. My sincere thanks to Bishop Draine and the Diocese of Middlesbrough for all the generous support granted to me. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our dearest parishioners, and to all who are involved in any parish committee or ministry. My grateful thanks to Deacon Bob for his relentless support - I am so much indebted to him. Special thanks to all the parish councillors for their generous support. All your services ensure that our parish is a vibrant one where the message of Jesus Christ is witnessed to in a whole variety of ways. Your input makes such a difference to the parish. In particular, I thank all who do such great work in our parish, all who give so generously and voluntarily of their time in all areas of the parish. I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. Our community is truly a Family as a result of your enduring and relentless efforts.

I wish to ask for your gracious prayers and support for the new parish priest, Rev. Father Joseph Pinakkat. I pray for you, and ask your fervent prayers for me. I will be serving in the Diocese of Southwark, in the Parish of St. Christopher's in Cheam. Miles may separate us but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Through the intercession of St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous life. Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass.

May God bless you.

Fr Antony

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'Goodbye', Father Antony – from the Parish

Today is a very sad day, when we say our official 'goodbye' to you, Fr. Antony. But it is also a day of great gratitude and wonderful memories. You didn't come to Hull expecting to be a parish priest, and ended up at St. Anthony's for a year. That one year miraculously turned into eight, and what an eight years it has been! Those of us fortunate to be able to watch daily Mass online during the dark days of lockdown will never forget those joyful celebrations and dancing from the chapel in the presbytery! You have brought friendship, a deep spirituality, wisdom and humour to our parish, and you leave us a stronger and closer family who will try to build on what you have taught us. Thank you for all you have given us. We wish you happiness in your new parish.

We shall always remember you, Fr. Antony, and keep you in our prayers.

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