

NEXT WEEK: FAIR TRADE WEEKEND. We will be selling fair trade products after the Masses next weekend.

TODAY: *Sunday, 27 May 2018, after the 10:45 AM Mass (@12 Noon). Fr. Matthew is celebrating his 30th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood (actual date, 28 May 1988). PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO POSSIBLE WEATHER PROBLEMS, THE CELEBRATION HAS BEEN SWITCHED TO ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTRE.*

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
Franciscan Priest and Doctor of the Church and The Patron and Protector of our Parish
MASS AT 11:00 AM

LUNCH AT 12:30 PM AT SIMPLY ITALIAN, Cost: £21.50, (includes staff gratuities, but NOT drinks.)
Please give your money (cash or cheque made out to "ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH" to
Christopher Rowe in an envelope clearly marked with name(s) and phone number.

RAFFLE: WE NEED PRIZES! Profits to go to the Rye Food Bank

Menu (briefly)

Pollo: Chicken breast with spinach and tomatoes

Spigola: Fillet of seabass and fried, potatoes

Lonza di Maiale all Senape: Roasted Pork, roasted potatoes, veggies

Tagliatelle Dell'Orto: Red peppers, mushrooms, spinach, tomato sauce

WE WOULD LIKE OUR BIGGEST CROWD EVER!

ANOTHER BIG PARISH CELEBRATION!

Those of you who attend the 10:45 AM Mass on a regular basis have observed several of our children coming to the Communion Rail for a blessing instead of receiving the Sacred Host. They have been diligently preparing to receive their First Holy Communion for over a year.

FOR FOUR OF OUR CHILDREN 3 JUNE 2018, THE FEAST OF CORPUS ET SANGUINIS CHRISTI, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AT THE 10:45 AM MASS WILL BE THAT EXTRAORDINARY DAY FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARING AND AWAITING ANXIOUSLY. THIS IS CERTAINLY A MAGNIFICENT FEAST DAY TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Three of our children have already received First Holy Communion in Poland and have been receiving the Eucharist since they have come back to Rye. They are:

Milena Rusak Alicja Lena Skorupska Aleksy Skorupski

The Children who will receive First Holy Communion on 3 June are:

Jessie Scanlon Joseph Scanlon Rocco Davenport Spike Davenport

!THIS IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH!

After the 10:45 AM Mass on 3 June, there will be a further celebration in the Garden (as always, weather permitting). We hope that many of you can come to the Garden and offer

your congratulations and best wishes and prayers that this Special Day will be the centre of their lives for as long as they live and that they will always know the Companionship of Jesus Christ Who has promised to be with us until the end of time.

The annual Global Rosary Relay for the sanctification of priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 8 June 2018 will circle the world in prayer once again, in this its ninth year, with more shrines than ever taking part in what is now recognized as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. ***WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY DURING OUR ADORATION PERIOD ON FRIDAY, 8 JUNE FOR THIS INTENTION.***

DAY FOR LIFE is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated on **17 June in England and Wales**. For information and resources see: <http://www.dayforlife.org/home/about/>.

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Since I have been here for two and a half years and am now going through the Church Calendar for the third time, I must label England as the **LAND OF MARTYRS**. I must do more research to see if there is a single week when there are no feast days for English martyrs. Many among them were lay people who hid the priest-martyrs, certainly a courageous example of clergy and laity working together as the *Mystical Body of Christ*. Here are five more martyrs, four whose feast day is on the 28th and one on the 29th who "from their place in Heaven guide us still".



Blessed Margaret Pole: Martyr of England. She was born Margaret Plantagenet, the niece of Edward IV and Richard III. She married Sir Reginald Pole about 1491 and bore five sons, including Reginald Cardinal Pole. Margaret was widowed, named countess of Salisbury, and appointed governess to Princess Mary, daughter of Henry VIII and Queen Catherine of Aragon, Spain. She opposed Henry's marriage to Anne Boleyn, and the king exiled her from court, although he called her "the holiest woman in England." When her son, Cardinal Pole, denied Henry's Act of Supremacy, the king imprisoned Margaret in the Tower of London for two years and then beheaded her on May 28. In 1538, her other two sons were executed. She was never given a legal trial. She was seventy when she was martyred. Margaret was beatified in 1886.

Blessed John Shert: English martyr. He was born at Shert Hall, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, and educated at Oxford. Converting to the Church, John studied at Douai and Rome. Ordained in 1576, he went to England three years later, working only two years before his arrest. John was martyred at Tyburn with Blessed Thomas Ford and Blessed Robert Johnson by being hanged, drawn, and quartered. Pope Leo XIII beatified him in 1886.

Blessed Robert Johnson: English martyr. Born in Shropshire, England, he was a servant before he went to study at Rome and Douai, France, receiving ordination in 1576. Returning to the English mission, he served in the area of London for four years, until his arrest. Robert was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn with Blesseds Thomas Ford and John Shert. Robert was beatified in 1886.

Blessed Thomas Ford: Martyr of England. He was born in Devon and educated at Oxford. There he converted and set out for Douai, France. Ordained a priest in 1573, he was sent back to England three years later. Thomas labored in Oxfordshire and Berckshire until his arrest. He was martyred on May 28 at Tyburn by being hanged, drawn, and quartered. He was a companion of St. Edmund Campion, and he died with Blesseds Robert Johnson and John Shert. Thomas was beatified in 1882.

Blessed Richard Thirkeld: English martyr, also listed as Thirkild. Born in Durham, England, he studied at Oxford and was said to be quite old when he left the isle to receive preparation for the priesthood at Reims and Douai, France. Ordained in 1579, he went back to England and served the Catholics in the area around Yorkshire until his execution for being a priest on May 29 at York. His feast day is 29 May.

Our Lady, Queen of the English Martyrs, pray for England, your Dowry!