

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Maureen Paine, Philippa Gorman, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, the people for whom we offer Mass this week.

→ SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET ON MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018 AT 5:00 PM AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB. Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24: and Mark 4:26-34

→ ALL ARE WELCOME!

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It is time for me to get serious about my diabetes and the diet I need to control it. Therefore, while I appreciate the gifts of sweet things, I ask you NOT to give me these things in the future. If you do, I will most likely give them to someone else. I am also going to try to cut down on potatoes, white rice and bread. I ask your cooperation and your prayers that I may be successful in my efforts. Thank you in advance!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR OUR FEAST DAY LUNCHEON!
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! There are envelopes in the back of the Church with raffle tickets in them. We ask that you take one or two envelopes and sell them to your neighbours and friends or buy them for yourselves. *Profits from the raffle will go to the Rye Food Bank.*

WE WOULD LIKE OUR BIGGEST CROWD EVER!

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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The **108 Martyrs of World War II**, known also as 108 Blessed Polish Martyrs, were Roman Catholics from Poland killed during World War II by the Nazis.

Their liturgical feast day is 12 June. The 108 were beatified on **13 June 1999** by **Pope John Paul II** at Warsaw, Poland. The group comprises 3 bishops, 52 priests, 26 members of male religious orders, 3 seminarians, 8 religious sisters and 9 lay people. There are two parishes named for the 108 Martyrs of World War II in Powiercie and in Malbork, Poland.

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St. Richard of Chichester

Bishop and leading figure in England during his era, also called Richard de Wyche. Born at Wyche, Worcestershire, England, he was orphaned while a young lad, managed to regain his fortune which had been mismanaged by others, and received an excellent education at Oxford, Paris, and Bologna, Italy. At Oxford, he studied under the famous Robert Grossteste and became friends with St. Edmund Rich. He earned a doctorate in law from the University of Bologna. He was appointed chancellor of Oxford in 1235 and then

chancellor to Edmund Rich, who by now was Archbishop of Canterbury. After accompanying Edmund into retirement at the Cistercian abbey of Pontigny, France, he departed the community upon Edmund's death, taught at the Dominican house in Orkans, and was ordained there in 1243. Upon going home to England, he was named chancellor to Edmund's successor, St. Boniface of Savoy. When King Henry III appointed Ralph Neville to the see of Chichester in 1244, Boniface declared the nomination invalid and named Richard to the post, an act which caused an uproar in the kingdom. Finally, in 1245, Pope Innocent IV found in Richard's favor, but Richard was prevented from entering his palace by the machinations of Henry. Only after the king was threatened with excommunication was Richard able to take up his duties. He insisted upon strict adherence to discipline among the clergy, aided the poor, and fearlessly denounced the corruption and vices of the contemporary Church and the royal court. His death came at Dover, in a home for poor priests, while delivering a plea for a crusade. Richard was canonized in 1262, and his tomb became a popular shrine noted for its miracles until the Reformation in England.

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

This prayer was made know to the public through the song, "Day by Day" in the rock opera *Godspell*.

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HIS NAME WAS JESUS from Saint Anthony of Padua

"And after eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised, His Name was called Jesus". (Luke 2:21)

Jesus, sweet Name, enchanting Name! A Name that comforts sinners and offers blessed hope. A Name that is a joyful cry for the heart, that is music to the ear and honey in the mouth!

The Bride in the Canticle of Canticles, rejoicing in the Name, exclaims: "Your Name is as oil poured out". (1:2) Oil has five properties: it floats on the surface of any liquid, it softens things that are hard, it sweetens things that are bitter, it provides light, illuminating the darkness, and it nourishes the body.

The Name of Jesus has similar properties. It excels every other name, whether of men or of angels, since "in the Name of Jesus every knee must bend" (Philippians 2:10). When preached, the Name of Jesus softens the hardest of hearts. When invoked, the Name of Jesus sweetens the most bitter trials. When meditated upon, the Name Jesus enlightens the heart. When it is borne in mind, the Name Jesus nourishes the soul.

The Name Jesus is said to have been "poured out". We may ask "from where?" and "upon what?" that is, its source and its destination. The Name Jesus was poured out from the heart of the Father in Heaven, onto the earth and under the earth. It was poured out in Heaven to the great joy of the angels who exultingly exclaim: "Salvation to our God Who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb", (Revelation 7:10), that is, to Jesus Christ, "Who is called salvation" (Matthew 1:21). The Name Jesus was poured out on the earth for the consolation of sinners, concerning whom Isaiah the prophet says: "Your Name and Your Remembrance are the desire of my soul. My soul has desired You in the night" (26:8-9). The Name Jesus was also poured out under the earth, in the lower regions, to free the captives' souls, who falling on their knees, acknowledge Jesus saying: "You have come, Our Redeemer!"

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Our Lady, Queen of the Franciscan Orders, pray for us!

