

16 August. The second visitor will be Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., one of the temps you had in AD 2015, who will be here from 25 September through 28 September.

Fr. Brian, who was with us for two weeks in 2016 will also be here for several weeks; we are working on the exact dates. We will have a second collection one weekend for the support of the education and formation of the student friars, both priests and brothers.

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MISSIONARIES COMING: We are going to have two missionaries come to St. Anthony's this summer for mission appeals. These are collections that the diocese asks us to have. The first one is from SURVIVE-MIVA and he will be here for the Masses on 21-22 July (two weeks from now). The second one is from The Spiritans who will be here on the weekend of 4-5 August. As you know the friary is small, and I will have friars staying here over the same period of time. With reluctance, I would like to ask if there is a parishioner or two who has a beautiful home and enough space (I don't want anyone pitching a tent in their backyard or giving up their bedrooms) who would be willing to put up a priest for one or two nights on those weekends. Thank you in advance! I will take them out to dinner on Saturday night (and you too, if you'd like) and give them a meal on Sunday.

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THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

As I have stated before, one of the goals I have here at St. Anthony is to strengthen the bonds between Bl. Angelus of Pisa Custody and the parish. In line with this, I would like a small group to travel to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to meet the friars who have recently moved there. The Greyfriars are returning to Walsingham after hundreds of years of absence. The rector, Msgr. John Armitage and Bishop Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia, have made us a generous offer for us to return.

I would like to bring some gifts with us such as a nice picture of St. Anthony of Padua, some local souvenirs, some local delicacies, and other such items.

Here is the bonus: We will be there for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: 24 September! We will leave here on Sunday, 23 September and stay for two nights and return to Rye on Tuesday, 25 September. It will be fantastic to be there on Mary's day, important to all of England, Mary's Dowry.

BUT WE MUST DECIDE QUICKLY! Since it is her feast day, there will be large crowds there. I have reserved 7 basic rooms (sink, shared facilities; £33 per night, inc. breakfast) and 3 ensuite rooms (one of which is mine; £47 per night inc. breakfast). I can reserve more rooms if there is interest and we do it quickly. We will most likely car pool it to get there and back.

AND ANOTHER SURPRISE: Fr. Jobe Abbass, who was here for two weeks during the pastoral interlude when you did not have a parish priest, will be at Walsingham at the same time. He would like to come to Rye for a few days and we can give him a ride back.

WE MUST DECIDE QUICKLY! I AM ASKING THAT YOU DECIDE WITHIN TWO WEEKS, BY SUNDAY, 8 JULY [CORRECTION FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF TWO WEEKS AGO WHICH SAID 8 AUGUST]. I DON'T LIKE PUTTING PRESSURE ON PEOPLE, BUT WE MUST GET THIS ORGANIZED WHILE THE ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. THANK YOU!

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Sea Sunday - 8th July: Sea Sunday is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. On Sea Sunday Catholic Churches around the UK take up a second collection with all funds raised going to the Apostleship of the Sea to support our work. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. For information and resources see <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/>.

What some of your donations to the Apostleship of the Sea accomplishes:

Burmese seafarer assisted [06th March 2018]

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us!