

Franciscan Guests: Fr. Aidan Walsh, OFM Conv. will be leaving Rye this Monday 20 August. Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. 25 through 28 September. Fr. Brian is here until 5 September.

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SUMMER AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH!

THIS WEEK: Wednesday, 22 August: MOVIE NIGHT: THE MISSION. The dramatic tale of the Jesuits in South America who evangelized the native population and at the same time taught them how to improve their lives materially by building their own little economy to provide the basic needs for their community. Tragically, there were also slave-traders who considered the newly converted Catholics to be “animals” and wanted to ruin the missions for their own worldly and evil desires. The Pope was asked to mediate the dispute between Spain and Portugal.

The movie is rated PG, that is, it is not recommended for children under 12 years old. While a beautiful move, there is considerable violence at the end of the movie.

You may bring in your own food and drink or buy it at the Kino. We will ask for donations to defray the £125 fee for 3 hours. If we get 25 people, that will only be £5 per person.

I have decided that having only parishioners sign-up until a day before the movie is not helpful in terms of keeping track of who is coming. It is also not convenient, especially for tourists, who may want to plan their time in Rye with a bit more certainty. So, I will sign-up people on a first come-first serve basis for both parishioners and non-parishioners. We already have 8 people signed-up for this movie. So, to put it another way, this event is open to the public.

NEXT WEEK: Wednesday, 29 August: Fr. Brian will give a talk about Saint Bonaventure. St. Bonaventure is one of the great theologians of the Catholic Church and biographers of St. Francis of Assisi. He is considered by some as the second founder of the Order because he was able to put on paper a form of Franciscan Life that was more agreeable and definitive to the Church. You often see images of him (we have two in the church), holding a book to symbolize his writings, a staff to show that he was a bishop, with a candle to show how he helped illumine the mysteries of the Faith and dressed in a Franciscan habit. His cardinal’s hat is usually on the floor. This will be at St. Mary the Virgin Parish Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Please bring a snack to share. **This event is open to the public.**

Tuesday, 4 September: MOVIE NIGHT: ON THE WATERFRONT is the uplifting story based on the corruption on the docks of New York City and of the real priest, Fr. John M. Corridan, SJ, played by Karl Malden who tried to bring the Gospel to the gates of Hell. Also includes one of Marlon Brando’s greatest performances as the brave young man who decided he didn’t want to be a bum anymore.

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Wednesday, 26 September: A talk from Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. on the various rites within the Roman Catholic Church. I think that you will find this talk quite interesting because most Catholics are not familiar with the liturgical variety within the Roman Catholic Church. The Church never tries to destroy culture (as the globalists do) because culture and Faith are so closely connected. Rather the Church empowers the people to use their cultural customs to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Fr. Jobe himself is of the Maronite rite and is a Canon Lawyer of both the Eastern and Western Churches. He is of Lebanese descent, born in Canada. This will be at St. Mary the Virgin Parish Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. We will have some simple refreshments. **This event is open to the public.**

YOU MAY SIGN-UP FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Your suggestions and comments about these events are always welcome or suggestions for other topics.

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CATHOLIC TIMES: We are providing a different newspaper this week. You can find it on newspaper rack on the porch. It costs £1.30. Why not give it a try?

WORSHIP TOGETHER: CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RYE & DISTRICT, SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST, 5:00 PM, PETT LEVEL BEACH, IN CHURCH IF WET, BRING YOUR OWN TEA; DRINKS PROVIDED FROM 4PM, LIFEBOAT OPEN DAY, PARKING OPPOSITE SMUGGLERS

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**AMERICA: THE LAND OF THE FREE IF YOU ARE POLITICALLY CORRECT.** When I was a child and heard the inspiring stories of the martyrs and those who suffered for the Faith, we thought: “That could never happen in America where our religious rights are guaranteed by the US Constitution”. In recent years we have seen a growing attack on people of Faith. Social media are shutting down any person who expresses a Christian view while allowing those who promote every kind of evil access to the airwaves. Pro-lifers are being banned from praying in front of abortion mills. And some people are being asked to use their talents to approve grievous sin. **Are we ready to fight against these evil forces and stand up for our Faith? Here is one troubling story from the USA.**

Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that Colorado cannot treat cake artist Jack Phillips differently than others, state officials have continued to do just that in response to a more recent complaint filed against him. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing Phillips and his cake shop filed a federal lawsuit late Tuesday against those officials for doubling down on their anti-religious hostility.

On June 26, 2017, the same day that the Supreme Court agreed to take up *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, an attorney asked Phillips to create a cake designed pink on the inside and blue on the outside, which the attorney said was to celebrate a gender transition from male to female. Phillips declined the request because the custom cake would have expressed messages about sex and gender identity that conflict with his religious beliefs. Less than a month after the Supreme Court ruled for Phillips in his first case, the state surprised him by finding probable cause to believe that Colorado law requires him to create the requested gender-transition cake.

“The state of Colorado is ignoring the message of the U.S. Supreme Court by continuing to single out Jack for punishment and to exhibit hostility toward his religious beliefs,” said ADF Senior Vice President of U.S. Legal Division Kristen Waggoner. “Even though Jack serves all customers and simply declines to create custom cakes that express messages or celebrate events in violation of his deeply held beliefs, the government is intent on destroying him—something the Supreme Court has already told it not to do. Neither Jack nor any other creative professionals should be targeted by the government for living consistently with their religious beliefs.”

As the new lawsuit explains, “The Constitution stands as a bulwark against state officials who target people—and seek to ruin their lives—because of the government’s anti-religious animus. For over six years now, Colorado has been on a crusade to crush Plaintiff Jack Phillips...because its officials despise what he believes and how he practices his faith. After Phillips defended himself all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won, he thought Colorado’s hostility toward his faith was over. He was wrong. Colorado has renewed its war against him by embarking on another attempt to prosecute him, in direct conflict with the Supreme Court’s ruling in his favor. This lawsuit is necessary to stop Colorado’s continuing persecution of Phillips.”

In the case that Jack won before the Supreme Court, the state admitted that cake artists—including Jack—are free to decline to create custom cakes with a “specific design” that they will not make for anyone. That includes orders for wedding cakes that “featur[e] a symbol of gay pride,” cakes that contain “pro-gay designs or inscriptions,” or cakes with images opposing same-sex marriage. Although the state has repeatedly found no probable cause in other cases where cake artists refused to create custom cakes, the state treated Jack differently when he declined a request for an expressive cake celebrating the idea that sex—the status of being male or female—can be chosen and changed and that it is determined by perceptions and feelings.

“The arbitrary basis on which the state is applying its law makes clear that its officials are targeting Jack because they despise his religious beliefs and practices,” said ADF Senior Counsel Jim Campbell. “Jack shouldn’t have to fear government hostility when he opens his shop for business each day. We’re asking the court to put a stop to that.”

ADF attorneys filed the lawsuit, *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Elenis*, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

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Fr. Brian gave us a talk on the Virtues of Mary. She is the gift that God gives to us to teach us and help us proclaim the Gospel in our lives. We pray: ***Loving Mother of the Redeemer, Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea, assist your children who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of creation, you bore your Saviour, yet remained a Virgin as before. You who received Gabriel’s joyful message, have pity on us poor sinners. AMEN.***