

Franciscan Guests: Fr. Aidan Walsh, OFM Conv. has returned to Dublin. He thanks all of you for your hospitality and gifts and looks forward to a visit next summer. Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. will be here from 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, 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.

The movie is rated PG, that is, it is not recommended for children under 12 years old. While a powerful move, there is some violence, namely murders, but you do not actually see people being killed.

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.

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.

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?

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**WORSHIP TOGETHER: CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RYE & DISTRICT, SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 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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Living the Gospel in the 21st Century: Learning from our Teens



Madrid, Spain, Aug 19, 2018 / 01:00 pm ([CNA](#)).- A young woman whose cause for sainthood is being considered by the Church demonstrated by her life that "you can be holy living your daily life," according to one of her closest friends.

Alexia González-Barros was recently declared "venerable" by Pope Francis, a step in the Church process that could lead to canonization. González-Barros died in 1985 at the age of 14, after a ten-month battle with cancer.

Begoña Hernandez, Alexia's classmate and one of her best friends, recalled that the youth lived out her illness "with joy" and trust in God. Hernandez said that she had the "conviction that [González-Barros] was a saint" from the moment that she died in 1985.

Alexia González-Barros was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1971 and was the youngest of seven siblings, two of whom died before they were born. Her parents, Francisco and Moncha, were supernumeraries in Opus Dei.

In February 1985, she was diagnosed with a malignant spinal tumor that quickly led to paralysis. She died in December that same year, just ten months after her diagnosis, in the University of Navarre Clinic in Pamplona, Spain.

During her sickness, the young girl offered her suffering for the Church and for the pope. Several biographies highlight her fortitude, peace and joy despite the severe pain she suffered.

In June, Pope Francis recognized her heroic virtues, the first step in the process of canonization.

The friendship between Begoña and Alexia began in nursery school. "We were in the same class since we were 4 or 5 years old until she died, and we were very close friends," Hernandez recalled in an interview with ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language sister agency.

"Alexia was a lovely person, joyful, friendly, a normal girl. I remember when I was a teenager I had a diary and I wrote down 'the people that especially help me' and on that list was Alexia. They were very simple things, but she helped me be a better person, to share with others and to not be capricious," she said. Hernandez said that "when we learned she could not move, all of us girls in her class went to see her. During her convalescence I continued to visit her and I sincerely say she always exhibited joy. With her you found peace and that was very surprising."

"You left the hospital with joy and not with anguish or suffering," Hernandez recalled.

A great help in maintaining hope despite the difficulties was González-Barros' mother, who "always trusted in God and reminded us that we are in his hands," Hernandez said.

During her illness, González-Barros used to repeat "Jesus I want to be healed, but if you don't want that, I want what you want."

Hernandez said that González-Barros' fortitude was rooted in her faith, because "she took everything that happened to her from the point of view of faith and that's why she endured all the suffering so well."

The process of canonization for González-Barros was opened in the Archdiocese of Madrid in 1993 and was sent on to Rome that same year.

"When Alexia died I had the conviction that my friend was a saint. Since then I have commended myself to her and I know that it has been through her intercession that she helped me on many occasions," Hernandez said, and assured that that is a common feeling among her other classmates.

Alexia's example shows the world that you can be holy living your daily life in a normal way. And she demonstrated that with her life," she emphasized.

Blessed Mary, Mother of Consolation, pray with me for the virtue of patience. There are so many times when my lack of patience keeps me from becoming the kind of person God wants me to be. Guide my thoughts to you and the example we have in your own life. Help me to become patient, as you were patient. Through your guidance, may I become more accepting of others around me. Assist me to welcome difficult times with a patient heart. May I be patient, Mary, as was your beloved husband, Joseph. His quiet acceptance of the will of Our Loving Father should be an example for me always. His patience was most wonderful in the eyes of God. Pray for me, dear Mother of God, that I will allow the Father to come into my heart and help me grow in patience. AMEN.