

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Rye, East Sussex

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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org
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3 FEBRUARY 2019 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDINARY TIME

"In short, there are three things that last: Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love."

Times of Mass This Week

2 Feb. Saturday	Ita & Fola (FMA)	6:00 PM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 Feb. Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 Feb. Sunday	Joan Harding (FMA)	10:45 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 Feb. Monday	Martin Finneran (FMA)	9:00 AM Bl. John Speed, Layman & Martyr
5 Feb. Tuesday	+ Canon Francis Moran	9:00 AM St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
6 Feb. Wednesday	Sylvia Heneghan (FMA)	9:00 AM Ss. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7 Feb. Thursday	NO MASS	XXXXX Bl. William Richardson, Priest & Martyr
8 Feb. Friday	Theresa McCormack (FMA)	6:00 PM St. Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit
9 Feb. Saturday	Michael Francis Barrett (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Trumwin, Monk & Bishop
9 Feb. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 Feb. Sunday	For Christians in Holy Land, M. Ashe	8:00 AM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 Feb. Sunday	+ Anna Chadwick (birthday, 1913)	10:45 AM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collections: 27 January: £276.05; [Does not include direct deposit donations]
Christmas Crib (correction): £206.34; --- Thank you very much!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Veronica Pragnell, Ann Hamilton, Elsie Palmer, Geoff Brown, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Canon Francis Moran, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances the people for whom we offer Mass this week.

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Day of Reflection for Readers: led by Bishop Richard, Sat. 9 Feb. at St. Dunstan's Church, Woking, Shaftesbury Rd., GU11 7DT, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Pease bring a packed lunch. To book (essential): ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or 01293 651 164.

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Scripture discussion meets this Monday, 28 January 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1st Corinthians 15:1-11:13; Gospel: Luke:5-1-11. ALL ARE WELCOME!

ATTENTION DEVOTEES OF ST. PADRE PIO: The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet this Friday at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. It will last between one-half hour to an hour. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come and see and pray! For more information please contact Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or tdta.collins@btinternet.com

**PASTORAL LETTER
for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd February 2019**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the months before Christmas last year, together with Sarah Kilmartin and Clare Wordsworth, I visited the Deaneries to present the Pastoral Plan. This was the fruit of a process that had begun over a year before and I wish to thank all those who attended those meetings. Thanks go, too, to Mgr. Tony Barry and Fr. Peter Newsam, the Episcopal Vicars for Surrey and Sussex who attended the meetings in their respective areas. By the time the round of meetings was complete, some 3,500 people from across the Diocese had heard the presentations. This is a wonderful beginning to a new stage in the life of our Diocese.

Today's Readings present some themes that will bear our reflection as we look to the future and the place that each of us has in the mission the Lord has given to us.

We must reflect that, like Jeremiah, we are known by God before ever we came to be. Like Jeremiah, we have a prophetic role to play. Both as individuals and as a community of faith, we must live out the message of the Gospel – not simply for our own good, but for the good of the world around us. Like Jeremiah, we may be fearful, feel that we are incapable of such a responsibility. However, we can – and must – be confident. There is no need for fear. We must not be dismayed. We must be people of action. God Himself will give us all the strength that we need, and more. As the psalmist reminds us: the Lord is our hope, we trust in Him.

In today's Gospel, the Lord is at first welcomed. However, when the import of His message becomes clear to his hearers, he is rejected. This may be our experience at times. There will be many of us who walked the path of misunderstanding and rejection on account of our Faith. This is difficult and can be a very great cross to bear. However, we know too that the way of Christ is one of victory, even over death itself. As St. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Romans, nothing "can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, our Lord."¹ The Lord is with us and His love overcomes all things, even death itself.

In today's second Reading, St. Paul writing to the Corinthians, speaks of the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. All these are gifts. Faith must be experienced by others in our actions. If not, as St. James states clearly in his letter, our Faith will be a dead thing.² Our Hope will be evident in our persevering prayer that is born of Faith and leads us to complete Trust. The Love that is the greatest of these three, is authentic when we open ourselves to the call of Christ and the power of the Spirit. These three gifts – when we are truly open to them – will enable us to be truly the Lord's disciples, courageous in witness and with minds and hearts devoted to the Mission He has given to His Church.

As we look to the future, then, let us be confident. There will be difficulties along the way for we are called to take up the Cross,³ but it is the Lord's work that we are doing and His strength will always be far greater than our fears, worries and concerns.

Let us, as individuals and as a community of Faith, be people of action. May we all be open to the changes that will be necessary for the work that lies ahead. Through a renewed commitment to daily prayer and to an ever-deepening understanding of all that the Lord has done for us, may we truly embrace the Mission that the Lord, in his Love, has entrusted to us

With every Blessing, Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard

Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

QUESTION: Would there be any interest in having a weekly or monthly discussion about the Catholic Faith? We could work our way through the Catholic Catechism, or some book or decide on the questions from week to week or from month to month. The format and topics can be flexible. We would do some advertising of this and make it open to the public. IF you can come to the church on Tuesday, 12 February at 7:00 PM. Comments appreciated before then, if you so choose, in person or by email.

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Our Year of Consecration: Devotions to Mary: Our Year of Consecration will not be successful if our parishioners do not pray more than they have in previous years. Do not be afraid. I am not suggesting that you pray for a much longer time than you have in the past. In fact, many saints, including the Franciscan ones, tell us that praying fervently is much more important than praying for long periods of time or saying a large number of prayers. If you are not praying five decades of the Rosary each day, than our Blessed Mother Mary and her many devotees will recommend that you do. It can be prayed easily while walking around town or while driving to a destination. If five decades is too much for you, you can pray a decade a day which only takes 5-10 minutes. In five days, you can pray a complete set of mysteries, and in one month you can pray all 4 sets of mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious).

The Angelus at least once a day is also a spiritually profitable practice. Ideally, you will pray it when you get up, when you eat lunch, at supper time and before you go to bed. However, even one Hail Mary more than you pray daily now will be good for you, your family and the parish. Finally, there are the traditional Marian prayers that every Catholic should learn when he or she is a child— the Salve Regina (recommended particularly before you go to bed at night), the Memorare, the Alma Mater Redemptoris (Loving Mother of the Redeemer) and the brief, “O Mary conceived without sin”. Any or all of these have been recommended by the Church and by her Saints for hundreds of years. If it was good for them, it will be good for us.

This month I want to suggest another Marian prayer which is very brief and yet, I believe to be very effective. I suggested it in a newsletter shortly after I arrived in Rye back in September of 2015. It can be prayed at any time we have 10 seconds available to lift our minds and hearts to God.

O Mary, Immaculate Mother of Jesus, offer we beseech thee to the Heavenly Father the Precious Blood of your Divine Son, to prevent at least one mortal sin from being committed somewhere [in the world] {today}.

What I like about it, aside from being brief, is that it is rich in dogma about Mary’s maternal intercession for us, about the Son continually offering Himself to the Father, which He does every day at Mass, and in our belief that our prayer can prevent sin in the world. Mary told us at Fatima that many souls go to Hell because sinners do not have anyone to pray for them. Here is a quick and deeply theological way to fulfill Mary’s request that we join in her and her Son’s roles as mediators on behalf of our family, our parish, our Church or the world.

The other thing I like about this prayer is its flexibility. The bracketed words can be changed according to what you want to pray for. For example, in the world, can be changed to “within Rye” or “within our nation” or “within our parish” or “within our nation” or “within my extended family” or within any place or group of people for whom you want our Mother’s intercession.

Likewise, “today” can be changed to this morning, or afternoon, or evening or week or whatever time period you want the prayer to cover. I always say it before Mass and change “today” to “during this Mass”. Easy to memorize, deeply theological, and I believe to be highly effective. Think: if 100 people said this prayer each day, we could possibly stop 100 mortal sins from being committed. What if 1,000 people prayed this prayer several times a day. Don’t we need to do what we can to stop sin in the world. OK, God stops sin, but, in His deep humility, He wants us to ask Him to act in this way.

“O Mary, Immaculate Mother of Jesus, offer we beseech thee to the Heavenly Father the Precious Blood of your Divine Son, to prevent at least one mortal sin from being committed somewhere in our parish today.”

“The Word Himself, becoming incarnate in the Blessed Virgin, made her flesh His temple: the One Who came forth was, from the external point of view, man, but on the inside, true God...He, for His part being truly God, destined for Himself, at the moment of clothing Himself with humanity, in the

fullness of time, a manner of being born different from that of anyone else. She who is rightly considered blessed must therefore be called “Mother of God” and “Virgin Mother”: He was not just any sort of man, in fact, that Jesus Who was born from her.” St. Cyril of Alexandria