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**3 MARCH 2019 ~ EIGHTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDINARY TIME**  
**"You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone."**

**Times of Mass This Week**

<b>2 Mar. Saturday</b>	+ Neil McDermott (FMA)	<b>6:00 PM Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>3 Mar. Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>3 Mar. Sunday</b>	St. Anthony Prayer Board Intentions	<b>10:45 AM Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>4 Mar. Monday</b>	Sacred Heart Cong., Kattayim, req. Ivatts	<b>9:00 AM St. Casimir</b>
<b>5 Mar. Tuesday</b>	+ Elsie Palmer, req. Ita Blight	<b>9:00 AM St. John-Joseph of the Cross, OFM Alcant.</b>
<b>6 Mar. Wednesday</b>	For Lapsed Parishioners	<b>9:00 AM ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>7 Mar. Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>XXXXX St. Esterwine, Abbot (Wearmouth)</b>
<b>8 Mar. Friday</b>	Sr. Nirmal Bets, SH, req. Dave & Mags	<b>6:00 PM St. John of God</b>
<b>9 Mar. Saturday</b>	+ Bernadette Bissett (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. Bosa of York, Monk &amp; Bishop</b>
<b>9 Mar. Saturday</b>	+ Tony Coyne (FMA)	<b>6:00 PM First Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>10 Mar. Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM First Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>10 Mar. Sunday</b>	+ Philip Wilkinson, req. Rows	<b>10:45 AM First Sunday of Lent</b>

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST (ONE FULL MEAL & TWO SMALLER ONES NOT TO EQUAL THE LARGER MEAL) AND ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT). This continues for ALL Fridays during Lent.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS WEEK THE FRIDAY MASS IS BACK TO 6:00 PM.**

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Collections: 24 February: £.313.50; [Does not include direct deposit donations]

Thank you very much!

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**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:** Christopher Howard (4/3/1999, father of Ve Webb), members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, Mass intentions this week.

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**Scripture discussion meets this Monday, 4 March 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club, First Sunday of Lent: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; 1<sup>st</sup> Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke: 4:1-13. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet each Friday at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or [tdta.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:tdta.collins@btinternet.com)

!LAST WEEKEND FOR SIGN-UPS!

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU ARE GOING TO FIND INTERESTING!

Thursday, 7th March

6 pm at St. Mary's Centre

Everybody is invited to a Presentation with slides by Pauline Allan on the charity 'Let the Children Live' which helps the street children in Colombia. You may feel this is a cause you would like to support or just come and learn. Pauline was with us in Assisi and Padua last year. If you would like to attend, please add name to form at back of the church. Any questions please ask Jocelyn.

It will also be an opportunity to enjoy a meal together. Ham Joint will be provided.

Other victuals by courtesy of kind parishioners and friends!

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#### CHURCHES TOGETHER:

1. **LENT COURSE: "When I Survey":** Mondays during Lent, 11<sup>th</sup> March through 8<sup>th</sup> April; 2 PM – 3:30 PM, Rye Methodist Church.
2. **WORSHIP TOGETHER: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30 PM:** here at St. Anthony's Church.

**LENT SERVICE OF MUSIC AND PRAYER:** From Taize and Iona; Sunday, 10 March at 4:00 PM in the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury & English Martyrs, Magdalen Rd., St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET. If anyone would like to help lead the music, they are invited to attend a practice beforehand at 3:00 PM. Kevin & Linda Dignum, 01424 431 087.

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**LENT WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** This year at St. Anthony's we give our Lent a Marian theme. Lent is a time when we recall above all that *"Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at but rather took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of man.* We seek to become more like Christ by making small sacrifices in imitation of what He gave up for us.

After the Second Vatican Council the Church went through this silly argument about whether it is better to do "positive" or "negative" penance. That is, should we seek to do some good act for someone else or for our own edification rather than give up something like candy, coffee or alcohol. It is a silly argument because every act is both positive and negative. Whenever I do something positive, I am also choosing NOT to do something else.

However, penance must involve abstaining from something we like. Thus, the Church still insists that on Fridays in Lent we abstain from meat and fast by having one large meal and two that are not equal to the third.

- The law of abstinence binds all Catholics, beginning on the day after their 14th birthday.
- The law of fasting binds all adults (beginning on their 18th birthday) until the midnight which completes their 59th birthday.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, as in all aspects of the Catholic life, will send us the grace to decide what we should give up and the will to do so. We should ask her for advice on what we should do this Lent. We should not attempt to give up something that is too difficult for us at this stage in our lives, nor give up something that supports our health. We might consider instead of giving up something completely, reducing the amount of what we do or take. For example, we can watch less TV or drink only one cup of coffee or tea as a sacrifice.

The Blessed Virgin Mary said to the angel Gabriel, *"Be it done unto me according to thy word."* This then is the goal of our Lenten practices: we want the grace to live the word of God more completely.

Some people like to give up something that will improve their health such as smoking or eating less. While these are good practices, the essence of sacrifice is freedom and love.

When we get an unexpected gift from someone we tend to say, "Ah, you didn't have to do that!" So it is with our sacrifices: we don't have to do it strictly speaking, but we do it like the one who gave us the unexpected gift --- because the giver loves the one to whom he gives the gift. Likewise, our sacrifices during Lent do not have to be done for health or for any other reason than to say to God, "*I love you and I thank you for all of Your gifts to me, namely Jesus Your Son and the Catholic Church through which He remains with us in Word and Sacrament.*"

Whatever you choose to do, I ask that you add to your intentions the grace for our parish to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Lent is also a good time to pray for lapsed Catholics especially within our parish and among our Catholic friends and relatives.

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### HEAVEN OPENED BY THE PRACTICE OF THE THREE HAIL MARYS

One of the greatest means of salvation, and one of the surest signs of predestination, is unquestionably, the devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. All the holy doctors of the Church are unanimous in saying with St. Alphonsus Liguori: "*A devout servant of Mary shall never perish.*"

The chief thing is to persevere faithfully until death in this devotion.

Can there be an easier or more adaptable practice for all than the recitation each day of three Ave Marias in honour of the privileges conferred by the Adorable Trinity on the Blessed Virgin?

One of the first to say the three Hail Marys and to recommend them to others was **the illustrious St. Anthony of Padua** [our patron]. His special aim in this practice was to honour the spotless Virginity of Mary and to preserve a perfect purity of mind, heart and body in the midst of the dangers of the world. Many, like him, have felt its salutary effects.

Later on, **St. Leonard of Port-Maurice** [also a Franciscan], the celebrated missionary, had the three Ave Marias recited morning and evening in honour of Mary Immaculate, to obtain the grace of avoiding all mortal sins during the day or and night; moreover, he promised in a special manner eternal salvation to all those who proved constantly faithful to this practice.

After the example of these two great Franciscan Saints, St. Alphonsus Liguori adopted this pious practice and gave it his most ardent and powerful support. He counselled its use and even imposed it as a penance on those who had not adopted this good habit. The holy Doctor exhorts, in particular, parents, and confessors to watch carefully that children be faithful in reciting each day their three Hail Marys, morning and evening and recommended it to all the devout young or old.

It is this Saint who suggested adding the aspiration after each Hail Mary: "*By thy Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy.*"

This practice has been revealed to St. Melchilde with the promise of a good death, if she was faithful to it every day.

**COMMENT:** I recommended this devotion shortly after I arrived here in Rye. I am doing so again because I love the theology within it, including Mary's role in salvation. It is simple to do and easy to memorize. It can be done in the morning and the evening, as the saints recommend, or any time during the day and multiple times.

I believe that many people waste time during the day when prayers can be said, especially like the simple ones I mention in the newsletter. This devotion can be said multiple times during the day while we wash our hands, wait for a traffic light to change, while waiting on line in a store, while walking or any free moment that we have during the day.

*O Mary, our most powerful intercessor before the Most Holy Trinity, gain for us the grace of consecrating our lives and our parish to the Sacred Heart of your Son through your own Immaculate Heart!*