

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Rye, East Sussex

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17 MARCH 2019 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

"This is My Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him."

Times of Mass This Week

16 Mar. Saturday	+ Anthony Hirrell (FMA)	6:00 PM Second Sunday of Lent
17 Mar. Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM Second Sunday of Lent
17 Mar. Sunday	Simon South in thanksgiving, req. Eliz. Turner	10:45 AM Second Sunday of Lent
18 Mar. Monday	+ Anthony Hirrell (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Edward the Martyr
19 Mar. Tuesday	NO MASS	XXXXX SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
20 Mar. Wednesday	+ Percy & John Hatter, req. Sheila	9:00 AM St. Herbert of Derwentwater, Hermit
21 Mar. Thursday	+ Joe Norman (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Berillus, Bishop ordained by St. Peter
22 Mar. Friday	Ben O'Sullivan, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM St. Nicholas Owen, English Martyr
23 Mar. Saturday	+ Mrs. Assumption Soares	9:00 AM St. Ethelwald, Monk, disciple of St. Cuthbert
23 Mar. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Third Sunday of Lent
24 Mar. Sunday	Ann O'Driscoll, req. Ita Bligh	8:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent
24 Mar. Sunday	For the Catholic Church in Ireland	10:45 AM Third Sunday of Lent

For the most part, we do NOT celebrate saints' days or Saturdays of the BVM in Lent. We do have a few feast days and sometimes have a commemoration of a saint. Nevertheless, I put the saints' days on the calendar for our own edification and prayers.

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Collections: 10 March: £430.80; [Does not include direct deposit donations]
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: Elsie Palmer (I believe she was our oldest parishioner; she would have been 96 years old on the day after she died), members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, Mass intentions this week.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY MORNINGS AND EVENINGS. After further consultation among the people I have decided that we will have Stations both in the morning and evening on Fridays. Mornings will be at 9:00 AM followed by Mass; evenings will be at 5:00 PM.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. ELSIE PALMER. TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019
 AT 12 NOON AT OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, CLARENCE RD.,
 HERNE BAY, CT6 8SP. ELSIE HAS REQUESTED THAT DONATIONS IN HER MEMORY MAY BE
 GIVEN TO: CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER), <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>
 SEARCH FOR: GERARD PALMER UNDER "MAKE A DONATION" OR
 SEND CHEQUE TO: Catholic Children's Society, 73 Saint Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ
"As her Faith united her to your people on earth, so may Your Mercy join her to the angels in Heaven."

At some time in the near future we will have a Mass for Elsie here at St. Anthony's as soon as I can arrange it with her family.

Scripture discussion meets this Monday, 11 March 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club, Second Sunday of Lent: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 102; 1st Corinthians 10:1-12; Gospel: Luke: 13:1- 9.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**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. Canon Richard Orchard of St. Mary the Virgin Church, will lead the discussion this Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March.
2. **WORSHIP TOGETHER: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30 PM: here at St. Anthony's Church.**

**CAFOD:**

*Dear Father Matthew,*

*I hope you are well. I was sorry to hear that our previous CAFOD volunteer, Miss Ann Hamilton from your parish has recently stepped down. She was highly regarded and much appreciated for her support.*

*I have been in touch with her to thank her for her hard work, I have been informed that Mrs. Valerie Wright is willing to replace her and wanted to let you know as a matter of courtesy. I hope that this is satisfactory. (It certainly is!)*

*Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Jenny Finlayson, CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator*

1. **FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019:** CAFOD is raising awareness of the fact that it is currently forced to turn away one in three requests for help. The year CAFOD is focusing on Bangladesh and the Family Fast Day tells the story of Mahinoor, a woman living in Bangladesh supporting her disabled husband and son. Mahinoor and her family often do not have enough to eat and sometimes just drink water for dinner. Manihoor is the one in three that CAFOD have been unable to help. **THERE ARE CAFOD ENVELOPES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GIFT-AID FOR THE COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**
2. **BIBLE SOCIETY:** The Bible Society is hosting a Lent Lunch on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's, Rye and are looking for volunteers to help with setting up the space, serving lunch, clearing tables and generally helping with the event. For more info contact: Valerie on 01797 225 917 ASAP.

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## **OUR LADY OF AKITA (JAPAN):**



Those who are familiar with the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to Sr. Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa in AD 1973 in Akita, Japan consider it a re-enforcement of the messages of Our Lady of Fatima to Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia in AD 1917. The messages emphasize prayer, especially the Rosary, and penance with predictions of persecutions and heresy within the Catholic Church.

This is very sad when Catholics persecute Catholics. Heresy is a cancer within the Church. Having an element of truth in it, which deceives the hearers, it eventually leads to a place that has little truth but much confusion.

The “apparition” was accompanied a wooden, weeping statue of Mary standing in front of the Cross in their chapel. The weeping statue actually appeared on Japanese television which made this small, out-of-the way place suddenly well-known. Sr. Agnes, who was deaf when the apparitions began, received her hearing back after the apparitions came to an end.

The local ordinary, Bishop John Shojiro Ito of Nigata approved the veneration of the Holy Mother of Akita.

Sr. Agnes, who was a convert from Buddhism, was in poor health most of her life. In fact, it was remarkable that she was allowed to become a nun at all. Her health improved slightly when she drank some water from Lourdes.

In 1973, Sr. Agnes reported the apparitions as well as stigmata on a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary which was said to have wept 101 times. The single stigmata on Mary’s hand appeared before the tears and disappeared after the weeping ended. Sr. Agnes also had a single stigmata on her hand.

The first message asked for prayer, especially the Rosary, and Acts and Prayers of Reparation. ***Pray very much the Rosary. I alone am able still to save you from the calamities which approach.***

The second message includes the following: ***Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair by their sufferings and their poverty for the sinner and the ingrates.***

The third message communicated on October 13, 1973

***My dear daughter, listen well to what I have to say to you. You will inform your superior. As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity...***

***The only arms that will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by my son. Each day recite the prayer of the Rosary. With the Rosary pray for the Pope, bishops and priests. The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, and bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres...churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord. The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them. With courage, speak to your superior. He will know how to encourage each one of you to pray and to accomplish works of reparation. It is Bishop Ito who directs your community. You have still something to ask? Today is the last time I will speak to you in living voice. From now on you will obey the one sent to you and your superior. Pray very much the prayers of the Rosary. I alone am able still to save you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in me will be saved.***

**COMMENT:** It is clear that is happening in the Church today is a fulfilment of the prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary in AD 1973. Her message is clear about praying, the Rosary and acts of reparation. One of the reasons that we hope to consecrate the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is to accede to her requests at

Akita, Fatima and other places. If one cannot pray the Rosary, there are other Marian devotions that can be done, but praying at least one decade of the Rosary is certainly not a time-consuming activity. During Lent we are encourage to do acts of reparation such as fasting, abstinence and alms-giving. Let us be wise children and listen to our Mother who is also the Mother of God.

**Our Lady of Akita, pray for us, for our Church, for our Pope, cardinals,  
bishops, priests, and religious!**