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Rye, East Sussex
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1 SEPTEMBER 2019 ~ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed"

Times of Mass This Week

31 Aug. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Sept. Sunday	+ Andre Wykeham-Hurford, req. Joh	8:00 AM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Sept. Sunday	+ Patrick Cunningham, req. a friend	10:45 AM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Sept. Monday	+ Jan Peter & Dorothy Van Heuven, req. by Dolores Don	9:00 AM Bl. John F. Burte, Severin Girault & Comps.
3 Sept. Tuesday	Intentions of St. Anthony Board	9:00 AM St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor
4 Sept. Wednesday	+ Leonard Rigo (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Cuthbert, Bishop
5 Sept. Thursday	NO MASS	XXXXX Bl. William Browne, English martyr
6 Sept. Friday	+ Angelina	6:00 PM Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
7 Sept. Saturday	+ Thomas & Kevin Miller, req. Sheila	9:00 AM Bl. John Duckett, Tyburn Martyr
7 Sept. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 Sept. Sunday	Luigi Bragoli	8:00 AM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 Sept. Sunday	+ Terry Cronin, req. son, Robert	10:45 AM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Collection for 25 August: £530.58 {Does not include Direct Deposits};
 St. Anthony Guild, Westminster: £163.31; Bake Sale: £205.20
 Candles: SH: £81.29; BVM: £150.24; St. Joseph: £37.63; St. Anthony: £58.42
 Newspapers: £83.42; Maintenance: £100.65
 Thank you Very Much!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Bob Bligh, John Kilroy, Edward Wroe (Angela Tyson's brother), Marcella Duckworth, Veronica Pragnell, Ann Hamilton, 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, Christopher Wilberforce, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel, Kennedy, and Mass intentions this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, those who die suddenly or violently and Mass intentions this week.

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Scripture Discussion will meet Monday, 2 September 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club on Market Rd.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Scripture Readings: Wisdom 9: 13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon (all of it, one page); Luke 14:25-33. ALL ARE WELCOME.
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In this year of our parish consecration two of Mary's feasts are overpowered by Sundays. Only solemnities can take the place of Sunday celebrations. The first is Sunday 8 September, the Birth of Mary. There are only three people whose births we celebrate on the liturgical calendar. Mary is one, her Son, Jesus is obviously one and John the Baptist (24 June) is the third. The births of the 2 merely human persons are celebrated because of their connections with the Birth of Jesus.

When Mary was born, the day of salvation was closer as a spiritual and historical event. At her Immaculate Conception 9 months before her birth, God was already applying the effects of His Son's Death and Resurrection to a specific human being who would become our spiritual Mother. The birth of John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets brought that day even closer occurring 6 months before the first Christmas Day. We believe that he received his sanctification while still in his mother, Elizabeth's womb. *The moment your (Mary's) greeting sounded in my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*

We can consider these three births a temporal "sun", like the center of our salvific solar system, around which all other historical events revolve, either increasing the light of God's Eternal Wisdom or decreasing it through self-centeredness and selfishness. This is true of the events in our lives. They either increase the light through virtue or bring about darkness through sin.

At the beginning of following week, Sunday 15 September, we would usually celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This feast is always a day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross which proclaims Mary as the Co-Redemptrix (redeems **with but not equally**) and the Mediatrix of All Graces. What was Mary thinking as she stood there watching her Son and Saviour die such an ignominious death? This was the sword of sorrow that Simeon told her would pierce her heart. Here were the maternal pains that mothers experience when they give birth or see their children suffer. This is what she said, "Yes" to when the angel Gabriel told her that she would be the Mother of the Son of the Most High. Here again at the foot of the Cross, she said with the **true freedom** of her Immaculate Heart and the **full consent** of her will: *I am the Handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word.* At this scene, most horrible and painted with defeat in the world's eyes, is the most victorious victory over sin and death. Here the Babe of Bethlehem becomes the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world and of Whom Abraham said to his son Isaac, *God Himself will provide a sacrifice.* At this dark hour in history, only Mary realized what was really happening: the rejection of the Messiah by the then leadership of her people. The ultimate blasphemy was being committed. With the words: *If He saved others, let Him save Himself*, they taunted Him. He did not save Himself so that He could save us.

During these hours of agony, Mary became our Mother and we became her sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to her Divine Son. Dare we recite her Magnificat with her as she stands at the foot of the Cross?

**My soul magnifies the Lord And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and
holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty. He has given help to Israel, his
servant, mindful of His mercy even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham
and to his posterity forever.**



*Mary, Mother of God and our Mother; Our Lady of Sorrows,
Gain for us the grace to consecrate our parish to you!*
