



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
{formerly Saint Walburga, Abbess}
Rye, East Sussex

"At the Top of the Town"

**Staffed by Order Friars Minor Conventual,
 "The Greyfriars" since AD 1910**

"Jesus came to you, so that you can come to Him"

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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org
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www.thegreyfriars.org/rye-east-sussex
The Secular Franciscan Order in GB: <http://ofsgb.org>
Saint Clare Fraternity, Poor Clare Convent, Hollington,
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Rye St. Antony School: <https://www.ryestantony.co.uk/>

[Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Home \(spuc.org.uk\)](http://www.spuc.org.uk) or 020 7091 7091

**Poor Clares' Prayer Line-Text names to:
 07871 732 792**

Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
 Rev. Mr. Simon South, Deacon

30 JANUARY 2022 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S 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

29 Jan. Saturday	Michael Fisher (FMA)	6:00 PM FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
30 Jan. Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
30 Jan. Sunday	Peter Fisher & Family (FMA)	10:45 AM FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
31 Jan. Monday	+ Geoffrey Mowforth, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM St. John Bosco, Priest, Founder
1 Feb. Tuesday	Barbara Parkhurst (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Brigid of Ireland, nun
2 Feb. Wednesday	John Smeaton (FMA)	9:00 AM The Presentation of the Lord
3 Feb. Thursday	Florence Murray (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Blasé, Bishop, Martyr
4 Feb. Friday	+ Ann Donaldson, req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM St. John Stone, OSA, Martyr Bl. John Speed, Layman, Martyr
5 Feb. Saturday	Holy Souls in Purgatory	9:00 AM St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
5 Feb. Saturday	Georges & Hélène Leroy, req. Sophie Carnell	6:00 PM FIFTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
6 Feb. Sunday	Yvonne Murray (FMA)	8:00 AM FIFTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
6 Feb. Sunday	For the Parishioners	10:45 AM FIFTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME

➤ **THERE WILL NOT BE A HOLY HOUR THIS FRIDAY. [4 February 2022 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM.]**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Audrey Hatter (now in Roseland Care Home.), Fr. Paul Clarke, John Wakely, Bob Bligh, John Kilroy, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Janet (Jane) Castro, all those confined to their homes or care homes, my nephew, Nathaniel, and Mass intentions this week.



SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK, MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE HUB ON RYE HILL FROM 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Come and join us! You might get an insight into the workings of God Who is Love.

BISHOP RICHARD’S PODCAST: [Bishop's Podcasts | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/podcasts)

DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON SYNOD WEB SITE:

[Synod | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod)

In place of Bishop Richard’s printed reflection (you can still get it with the above link), I have included a section of his letter about lifting covid restrictions:

“There is now no formal requirement for social distancing in our churches. However, I am mindful that this continues to be an area of anxiety for some parishioners and would ask parishes to consider some provision around this. Please note that the following practices can now resume: the use of hymn books, missals, etc; The filling of holy water stoups, renewed weekly as a minimum; Prayer of the faithful; Sign of peace. Holy Communion will continue under one kind only. For the safety of all the following good practices are strongly recommended: Sanitising hands on entering and leaving church; Encouraging the continued use of face masks; Ventilating buildings well; Maintaining usual forms of church cleaning. **Social activities can take place subject to normal Health and Safety risk assessments.** Home visits can continue, with an emphasis on Covid awareness, including the recommendation that those going into the homes of parishioners should take regular Lateral Flow tests. Anyone who is displaying symptoms of covid should be reminded of staying home. With every blessing, **+ Richard”**

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From a conference by Saint Thomas Aquinas

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the Passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the Passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the Cross and desire what He desired, for the Cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the Cross. And if He gave His life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for His sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the Cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the Cross, and did so patiently, because *when He suffered He did not threaten; He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and He did not open His mouth. Therefore Christ’s patience on the Cross was great. In patience, let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our Faith Who, for the joy set before Him, bore His Cross and despised the shame.*

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified One, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow Him Who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For as by the disobedience of one man, namely Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one Man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow Him Who is *the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the Cross He was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.*

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because *they divided My garments among themselves.* Not to honors, for He experienced harsh words and scourges. Not to greatness of rank, *for weaving a crown of thorns, they placed it on My Head.* Nor to anything delightful, for *in my thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.*

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FROM REAL TIME: [Real Time: Episode 8 \(21/01/2022\) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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From The Life of Saint Walburga, by Francesca M. Steele, AD 1921

