



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org
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www.thegreyfriars.org/rye-east-sussex
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15 MAY 2022 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**"By this love you have for one another,
 everyone will know that you are My disciples."**

Times of Mass This Week

14 May Saturday	+ Eileen McTiernan (FMA)	6:00 PM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
15 May Sunday	+ Richard Carey, req. Bill Doherty	8:00 AM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
15 May Sunday	For the Parishioners	10:45 AM FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
16 May Monday	Carmelites at Aylesford	9:00 AM St. Simon Stock, O. Carm., Priest
17 May Tuesday	Romilly Fenlon (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Paschal Baylon, 1st Order, Religious
18 May Wednesday	Dr. Anna Szadkowska (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Felix of Cantilice, 1st Order, Religious
19 May Thursday	NO 9:00 AM MASS TODAY	
	FUNERAL MASS FOR DOMINIQUE CHAPUIS: 12 NOON	
20 May Friday	Brenda Waters (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Bernadine of Siena, 1st Order, Priest
21 May Saturday	Deceased Parishioners	9:00 AM Ss. Christopher Magellanes & Compa., Martyrs
21 May Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
22 May Sunday	Brigid Heys (FMA)	8:00 AM SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
22 May Sunday	Natalie & Andy (FMA)	10:45 AM SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

➤ **THIS WEEK: Missionary Efforts of the Diocese [Gift-Aid]**

GIFT AID USERS: Your annual reports are available in envelopes on the last pew in the church.

THERE WILL BE NOT A HOLY HOUR until further notice .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Dominique Chapuis, Catherine Bowles, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, those who die suddenly or violently, especially during war or unrest, and Mass intentions for this week.

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

THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA IS BACK!

The Annual Parish Lunch to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua will be at Simply Italian on Monday 13th June at 12.30 pm. We hope as many parishioners as possible will attend. Form and details are at back of church.

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❖ **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK, Monday, 16 May, 2022.**

REAL TIME: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1QLQ9TWpml&feature=youtu.be>

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FROM BISHOP RICHARD: [Bishop Richard’s Video Podcast for the 5th Sunday of Easter on Vimeo](#)

Dear brothers and sisters,

From time to time, I am sure we all ask ourselves the questions: “What will be the measure of my life? - How will I be remembered? - Will I make a difference?”

Today’s first reading tells us of the work of Paul and Barnabas, and the report they gave in Antioch of their journey and their preaching. We read of their results: many had come to know the good news, and the disciples had fresh heart in their following of the Lord.

The Book of the Apocalypse speaks of the New Jerusalem. The old world has gone, there are no tears, all is peace and joy in the presence, for eternity, of God – the experience of love beyond our description.

Perhaps we think these readings are about results – the results of preaching journeys, the result that is the Kingdom of God. We might feel that such attainments are beyond us, that we are ‘not up to standard’.

The answer to this difficulty lies in Jesus’ words to the Apostles, spoken in the Upper Room after Judas had left them. Jesus gives the Apostles the commandment to love one another, as He loves. This is what is demanded of us. If we concentrate our minds, hearts and lives on living with the love of Jesus Himself, we need have no fear. All else will follow. We do not need to worry about the ‘end result’ if we simply allow our lives to be grounded in the love of God, the promptings of the Holy Spirit – that we may mirror the love of Christ Himself at every moment.

Knowing that every moment of our lives is lived in the Lord’s presence, that the smallest thing is done for Him – these are the ways to begin, and if we can be this open to the One who is all love, then our lives will be transformed in Christ. The results will not be ours – mine or yours – what we might want to call ‘results’ will be the things that the Lord will bring about in us.

With every Blessing, + Richard

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“To conquer the whole world for Christ through Mary Immaculate”

Militia Immaculatae [MI]: [Militia of the Immaculata – Official Website of the Militia of the Immaculata USA](#)
The MI in the UK: [Home \(mi-sheffield.com\)](#)

As a follow-up to Fr. Jobe’s presentation on the Militia Immaculatae, St. Maximilian Kolbe and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a characteristic of the Order Friars Minor Conventual, I will be presenting over the next few newsletters, further information about the saints mentioned by Fr. Jobe and their teaching about the Immaculate Heart. The first one is probably not as well known as the other Franciscan saints, but important for his contribution to the teaching about the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of Christ, the Church, and our own spiritual lives.



Francis Anthony Fasani (1681-1742) priest, O.F.M. Conv. [Part 1]

A study of the life of Fr. Francis Anthony Fasani shows clearly that his life was directed toward God in a singular manner from his very infancy, thanks to the Christian education received from his parents and to the workings of the grace of a religious and priestly vocation upon his soul.

He was born in Lucera on August 6, 1681, the son of Giuseppe Fasani and Isabella Della Monaca. His parents had the joy of seeing their "Giovanniello" (this was the name they gave him at Baptism) grow up endowed with promising moral and intellectual gifts. He began his studies at the Franciscan friary of the Friars Minor Conventual at Lucera; there Giovanniello's understanding of his vocation became clearer—a vocation to which he gave himself with generous enthusiasm. He entered the Order of Friars Minor Conventual and took the names of Saints Francis and Anthony, thus expressing his fervent desire to follow their example by consecrating himself to an evangelical and apostolic life. Professing his vows in 1696, the young Friar Francis Anthony completed his liberal arts studies and followed with his philosophical studies in the seminaries of his religious province. Thereafter, he began theological studies in Agnone and continued them in the General Study Centre at Assisi near the tomb of St. Francis. It was there that Francis Anthony was ordained to the priesthood in 1705 and there, too, that he completed his theological studies in 1707.

His application to his studies, carried out with diligence and with a lively desire to assimilate the salvific value of the mysteries of Faith, made him "profound in philosophy and learned in theology." The Venerable Antonio Lucci, bishop of Bovino, attests to this in the canonical hearings investigating Fasani's holiness. Bishop Lucci was a fellow student of his and imitated him in the exercise of religious virtue. At the same time, by means of an intense spiritual formation aided by enlightened spiritual masters, Francis Anthony progressed in a life of union with God, patterning himself on the Lord through religious consecration and the priestly charism.

From 1707 until his death he continued to live at Lucera for thirty-five years, always giving splendid witness to the Gospel life and zealous pastoral ministry. For this reason he was admired by the faithful of Lucera and all of Daunia and Molise. Within his Franciscan Order he fulfilled offices of special responsibility. He was a respected teacher of scholastic philosophy and a revered master of novices and the professed, making notable contributions to the spiritual and doctrinal formation of his confreres. In 1709 he received a graduate degree in theology and from that time on Fr. Fasani was known to all as "Padre Maestro" ("Father Master"), a title which is still attributed to him today in Lucera. He exercised the offices of local superior and minister provincial with charity and wisdom, demonstrating that he was an effective animator of the religious life of the brethren.

The spiritual life of Fr. Fasani was characterized by those virtues that made him like his Seraphic Father St. Francis. In fact, it was said in Lucera: "Whoever wants to see how St. Francis looked while he was alive should come to see Padre Maestro." In imitation of St. Francis he built his religious life on the basis of a generous participation in the mysteries of Christ through the most faithful practice of the evangelical counsels, which he considered to be a radical expression of perfect charity. In his constant prayers, inflamed with seraphic love, he called out to God, saying to Him: ***"O Highest Love, Immense Love, Eternal Love, Infinite Love."***

His fervent devotion to the Immaculate Mother of the Lord was nourished by his intense dedication to knowing ever better "who Mary is" and making her known to others, while at the same time knowing and making known the maternal role entrusted to her in the history of salvation with faith and love.

The priestly life of Father Anthony Fasani is a splendid testimony to fidelity and dedication to the mission given to all priests in the Church. It is their duty—as Vatican Council II so vigorously confirms—to promote "the glory of God the Father in Christ by their ministry and their life" (PO, 2).

In exercising this evangelical mission Fr. Fasani gave himself devotedly from the very moment of his priestly ordination, to such an extent that a witness could assert: "He allowed himself no rest in the salvation of souls." His pastoral ministry shows that he was involved zealously in many fields and forms of the apostolate according to the needs of the particular Churches in which he ministered.

The ministry of preaching the word of God assumed a special role in his apostolic life. He preached popular missions, retreats, Lenten devotions and novenas almost constantly - at Lucera and wherever he was called. The duty which falls to all priests *"to invite all people to conversion and holiness"* (PO, 4) was carried out by Fr. Fasani through a type of preaching based on the Scriptures that was well prepared,

persuasive, and had the particular purpose, as one witness recalled, "of rooting out vices and sins and planting in their place goodness and the exercise of virtue."

Among the devotions that he cherished there were especially a tender love for the Immaculate Mother of God, a childlike affection for the Infant Jesus, and fervent devotion, also night adoration, of the Holy Eucharist.

Once, while Saint Francis Anthony Fasani was absorbed in prayer, someone who happened to be in the church heard a voice saying: "*This priest prays much for his people.*"

*○ Mary Immaculate,
Queen of the Franciscan
Order, gain for us a
child-like devotion to
your Son, Jesus!*