



*Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church*  
*{formerly Saint Walburga, Abbess}*  
*Rye, East Sussex*  
*"At the Top of the Town"*  
*"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](http://www.thegreyfriars.org)  
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**The Secular Franciscan Order in GB:** <http://ofsgb.org>  
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**Poor Clares' Prayer Line-Text names to:**  
**07871 732 792**

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

**29 MAY 2022 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**"The Lord is King, most high above all the earth"**

**Times of Mass This Week**

<b>28 May Saturday</b>	+ Fr. Steve Murphy, OFM Conv.	<b>6:00 PM SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>29 May Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>29 May Sunday</b>	Special Intention for a Priest	<b>10:45 AM SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>30 May Monday</b>	For Catholics in France	<b>9:00 AM St. Joan of Arc, Martyr</b>
<b>31 May Tuesday</b>	For lapsed Catholics in our Parish	<b>9:00 AM Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>1 June Wednesday</b>	Paul Fletcher (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. Justin Martyr</b>
<b>2 June Thursday</b>	+ Freddy Keary (FM)	<b>9:00 AM Ss. Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</b>
<b>3 June Friday</b>	Mary Manning (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM Ss. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
<b>4 June Saturday</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory	<b>9:00 AM St. Petroc, Monk, Patron of Cornwall</b>
<b>4 June Saturday</b>	+ Ann Hamilton, req. Teresa Brooks	<b>6:00 PM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>5 June Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>5 June Sunday</b>	Intentions on the St. Anthony Board	<b>10:45 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>

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

➤ **THIS WEEK: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK [Not gift-aid]**

**THERE WILL BE NOT A HOLY HOUR until further notice .**

**THIS SUNDAY THERE WILL BE A SIMPLE CROWNING OF MARY  
 DURING THE 10:45 AM MASS.**

**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: Sheila Miller** [She fell in her home, no broken bones, only bruises, now with her daughter in Bexhill for a few weeks), Ron Peters, Audrey Hatter, Vickie Hatter (now both in Roseland Care Home), Fr. Paul Clarke, John Wakely, Ita & 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, 30 May, 2022.**

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**REAL TIME:** [\(958\) Real Time: Episode 21 \(20/05/2022\) - YouTube](#)

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK, LONGDON: SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**MASS: 11:00 AM, St. George's Cathedral Southwark**

**MARCH: 2:00 PM FROM THE EMMANUEL CENTRE**

**ENDS AT PARLIAMENT SQUARE, 4:30 PM.**

**JOIN US IN SAYING: 10 MILLION TOO MANY!**

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**FROM BISHOP RICHARD:** [Bishop Richard's Podcast for the 7th Sunday of Easter on Vimeo](#)

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension – the return of the Lord to the Father. Jesus had completed all that He was sent to do, and had promised the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday, the Gospel records the words of Jesus about those He has chosen: that we be one, and that through our witness the world will believe in Him. Such a Gospel must prompt us to examine our consciences, for we have failed so often to be in unity and we have failed so often in our witness.

The consequences of effective witness to the Gospel are plain as we listen to the First Reading this Sunday, which records the stoning to death of St Stephen, one of the first seven deacons. Stephen's closeness to the Lord is evident: he sees the Kingdom of Heaven through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The word 'martyr' means witness, and Stephen never flinches in his witness to Christ.

The Second Reading gives us the last verses of the Book of the Apocalypse. Come, Lord Jesus. Like Stephen, we must witness to Him. Like Stephen, we are called to be at one with Christ. The closer we are to the Lord, the more we are conformed to Him, the greater will be our unity with Him – and it is only in Him that we shall truly find unity. We cannot tell others about Jesus unless we know Him. Like Stephen, only when we are close to Christ can we truly witness to Him.

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 \(mi-sheffield.com\)](#)



**Francis Anthony Fasani (1681-1742) priest, O.F.M. Conv. [Part 3]**

In the pulpit, Saint Francis Anthony spoke passionately against vices and public scandals. From then on he was showered with reactions of anger and insults. He was called a hysteric and a boor, but in the end, people came just the same to confess to him. Every day, he spent many hours in the confessional, receiving all sorts of people with the greatest patience and a joyful face. His words often inspired the sinner to repent, and gave the will to mend one's ways. This ministry eventually consumed the best part of his time. His joy was great when he could bring about the conversion of persons of dissolute or scandalous morals, or inveterate sinners.

### *Mary, refuge of sinners*

In his fight against sin, the saint had recourse to Mary Immaculate. He emphasized that if the Mother of God was immaculate, it was so as to be the refuge of sinners. Her purity wipes away our stains and renders us pure; Her brightness drives away our darkness. After Adam and Eve's sin, God said to the serpent (that is, to the devil): ***I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers; She will crush your head, and you will lie in wait for her heel*** (Gn. 3: 15 [Vulgate]). The Fathers of the Church saw this prophecy fulfilled in the Immaculate Virgin, the new Eve, who in a singular fashion assisted her Divine Son, the new Adam, in His fight against evil. ***To sinners who wished to convert***, Father Fasani ceaselessly repeated that ***Mary, the enemy of sin, was at the same time the Mother of mercy and the «door to Heaven»*** because She encourages us to pray, to regularly go to the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist, to listen to Her Divine Son and to follow Him. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, two centuries later, would go so far as to say that the Immaculate is the personification of Divine Mercy. ***She adds nothing to the mercy of God which comes to us through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but, in accordance with His Father's wishes, Jesus desires that mercy be distributed through Mary's hands.***

In the Immaculate Conception, Saint Francis Anthony saw first of all the positive reality, the sublimity of grace which from the first moment elevates the person of Mary, perfectly sanctified in light of Her mission as Mother of God. He brought out, in contrast to the grandeur of the divine gift, the Virgin's humility as a creature. ***Her sublimity came to Her exclusively from God—it was not a conquest of human nature.*** Father Fasani also emphasized that after this dazzling beginning, the life of ***Our Lady was marked by constant spiritual growth in free conformity to graces from God.***

When going to preach, the saint generously distributed, especially to children, little pictures of the Immaculate Virgin, on the reverse side of which were written a pious recommendation, a short prayer or a noble thought. The spiritual fruits of this quite simple practice were numerous. The Blessed Virgin even deigned to perform miraculous cures by the touching of these pictures.

### *Model for souls of prayer*

Father Francis Anthony's sermons about Mary always concluded with a piece of practical advice—Christians can and should imitate Mary, the most perfect model of faithfulness to the Gospel, in order to attain, in Her company, intimate love for Jesus and to belong entirely to Him. He liked to contemplate in the Mother of God the model of the soul of prayer. The life of the Immaculate Virgin was a continuous conversation with God. Who better than her, after her Divine Son, can teach us to pray? The saint pointed out to his confreres: «We study God, we preach God, we discuss God, but the spirit remains dry, without devotion. Much knowledge, and no prayer.» But what is prayer? *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* answers this question by quoting Saint Teresa of Avila: «Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him Who we know loves us.' Contemplative prayer seeks *Him Whom my soul loves* (Canticle 1:7). It is Jesus, and in Him, the Father... Contemplative prayer is hearing the word of God. Far from being passive, such attentiveness is the obedience of faith, the unconditional acceptance of a servant, and the loving commitment of a child» (CCC, nos. 2709, 2716).

The choice of time and length of prayer indicate a determined will which reveals the secrets of the heart. ***We do not pray when we have the time—we make time to be with the Lord***, very determined to remain in His presence no matter what the trials and the dryness of the encounter might be. Prayer can become «contemplation,» that is, the gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. «I look at Him and He looks at me,» the peasant of Ars said to his holy parish priest about prayer before the Tabernacle. The light of Jesus' gaze illuminates the eyes of our hearts, which it purifies. This light teaches us to see everything in the light of His truth and compassion for all mankind. Contemplation also directs its gaze towards the mysteries of the life of Christ. It teaches us in this way to know the Lord with an intimate knowledge, in order to love Him more and to follow Him more closely (cf. Saint Ignatius, *Spiritual Exercises*, no. 104).

***O Mary, Mother of God and Mother of Mercy,  
gain for us the grace of contemplation,  
so that we might “gaze on Jesus as He  
gazes on us!”***