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Rye, East Sussex*

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## **The Franciscans (The Greyfriars)**

The Greyfriars: [www.thegreyfriars.org](http://www.thegreyfriars.org)  
St. Anthony of Padua, Rye:  
[www.thegreyfriars.org/rye-east-sussex](http://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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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest

20 MAY 2018 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

**“And you too shall be My witnesses.”**

## Times of Mass This Week

<b>19 May Saturday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>6:00 PM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>20 May Sunday</b>	Rose Ellen Marrinan (FMA)	<b>8:00 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>20 May Sunday</b>	For Married Couples	<b>10:45 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>21 May Monday</b>	David & Mags Ivatts (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	<b>9:00 AM</b> St. Christopher Magellanes & Comps. Martyrs of Mexico
22 May Tuesday	Rita & Dan McGowan (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Rita of Cascia, Wife, Mother, Religious
23 May Wednesday	Robert & Michelle (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Julia, Servant
<b>24 May Thursday</b>	<b>Fr. Peter Damian Fehlner, OFM Conv</b>	<b>9:00 AM Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis</b>
25 May Friday	For Ireland and Irish voters	6:00 PM St. St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor
26 May Saturday	Bernadette Williams (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Philip Neri, Priest
<b>26 May Saturday</b>	Shane Andrews (FMA)	<b>6:00 PM MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>27 May Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
<b>27 May Sunday</b>	+ Elizabeth Haynes req. Jill Knowles	<b>10:45 AM MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>

Collection for 13 May: £331.30

[Does not include direct deposit donations.]

SECOND COLLECTIN TODAY: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

(I forgot to have it last week. Sorry!)

### **Next Week: Special Collection for the Missionary Efforts of the Diocese**

ATTENTION GIFT-AID DONORS: YOUR TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE PICK THEM UP TODAY OR ASAP, WHICHEVER COMES SOONER!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:** Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Chris Howard (Ve's brother), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, and James (Fr. Brian's father).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY:** members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, the people for whom we offer Mass this week.

→ **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET ON MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018 AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB. ALL ARE WELCOME! SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 & Matthew 28: 16-20**

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**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, 27 May 2018, after the 10:45 AM Mass (@12 Noon). Fr. Matthew is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the Garden.**

**WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
Franciscan Priest and Doctor of the Church and The Patron and Protector of our Parish  
MASS AT 11:00 AM

**LUNCH AT 12:30 PM AT SIMPLY ITALIAN, Cost: £21.50, (includes staff gratuities, but NOT drinks.)**  
Please give your money (cash or cheque made out to "ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH" to Christopher Rowe in an envelope clearly marked with name(s) and phone number.

**RAFFLE: WE NEED PRIZES!**

**Profits to go to the Rye Food Bank**

**Menu (briefly)**

**Pollo: Chicken breast with spinach and tomatoes**

**Spigola: Fillet of seabass and fried, potatoes**

**Lonza di Maiale all Senape: Roasted Pork, roasted potatoes, veggies**

**Tagliatelle Dell'Orto: Red peppers, mushrooms, spinach, tomato sauce**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR BIGGEST CROWD EVER! PLEASE SIGN-UP EARLY!**

The annual Global Rosary Relay for the sanctification of priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 8 June 2018 will circle the world in prayer once again, in this its ninth year, with more shrines than ever taking part in what is now recognized as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. **WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY DURING OUR ADORATION PERIOD ON FRIDAY, 8 JUNE FOR THIS INTENTION.**

**DAY FOR LIFE** is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated on **17 June in England and Wales**. For information and resources see

the <http://www.dayforlife.org/home/about/>.

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**Yes, there is a St. Julia and here is her story:** St. Julia was born of noble parents in South

Africa. When she was still quite young, her city was conquered by barbarians. Julia was captured and sold as a slave to a pagan merchant, but she did not complain or feel sorry for herself. She accepted everything and performed the most humble tasks with wonderful cheerfulness. For Julia loved God with all her heart. In her spare time, she read holy books and prayed fervently. One day her master decided to take her with him to France. On the way, he stopped at an island to go to a pagan festival. Julia refused to even go near the place where they were celebrating. She did not want to have anything to do with those superstitious ceremonies.

The governor of that region was very angry with her for not joining in the pagan feast. "Who is that woman who dares to insult our gods?" he cried. [NOTE: How can one insult what doesn't exist?] Julia's owner answered that she was a Christian. He said, too, that although he had not been able to make her give up her religion, still she was such a good, faithful servant that he would not know what to do without her. [NOTE: She was primarily a servant to her God. Because she loved God above all people and things, she was able to be a good, faithful servant to her earthly master.]

"I will give you four of my best women slaves for her," offered the governor, but her master refused. "No," he said, "All you own will not buy her. I would willingly lose the most valuable thing in the world rather than lose her."

When the merchant was asleep, however, the wicked governor tried to make Julia sacrifice to the gods. He promised to have her set free if she would, but she absolutely refused. [NOTE: The tyrant did not know what true freedom is; Julia did.] **She said she was as free as she wanted to be as long as she could serve Jesus.** Then the pagan ruler, in great

anger, had her struck on the face and her hair torn from her head. She was next put on a cross to hang there until she died. [NOTE: How is that for imitating Christ?!]. Her feast day is May 23rd.

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As I think that many of you know, Ireland will be voting on 25 May about keeping in law protection for the unborn child. We all know that abortion is an abomination before God, and like Abel's their blood screams to God for justice. More so, we know that our Saviour Jesus Christ came to us as a little Infant within the womb of His Blessed Mother Mary. Again, Jesus tells us that we must be like little children in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. How tragic that so many Catholic countries, and those who claim to be Christian, allow this mortal sin to continue.

This Thursday's Mass will be offered for Ireland and her voters that they go to the polls with all the love that God has put into their hearts. We will also place the figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on Mary's altar, presently occupied by St. Joseph, with vigil candles lit. I urge all of you to pray this week for Ireland. Come to the church if you can and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and our Holy Family. Get together with other people to pray the Rosary and other prayers beseeching God that He inspire the voters in Ireland not only to vote correctly this Friday, but to ensure the right to life for all persons, before birth, during birth and throughout their lives.

### **Man with Down Syndrome urges Ireland to protect babies from abortion**

IRELAND, May 18, 2018 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) -- The pro-life LoveBoth campaign has launched a new advertisement featuring a man with Down Syndrome, urging his fellow Irish citizens to vote to keep the 8th Amendment that protects babies like him from abortion.

"I love my life," Conor O'Dowd, from the Irish town of Drogheda, declares in the video. "Please save babies with Down Syndrome. **Do not repeal us.** Protect the 8th." The [8th Amendment](#), which affirms "the right to life of the unborn" deserving equal legal protection to the mother's life, is the target of a May 25 national referendum on whether to repeal it.

"We are delighted to be joined by Conor and his family today at the launch of this video," LoveBoth spokesperson Cora Sherlock [said](#) at the May 15 event revealing the ad. "Conor is just one of the people with Down Syndrome who have come forward in the last few weeks to speak out against the government's abortion proposals."

Repeal supporters have already [prepared legislation](#) legalizing abortion in the first trimester, subject to a 72-hour waiting period, to push through if they win. Later-term abortions would ostensibly be limited to risks to a mother's life or health, or fatal fetal abnormalities, but [pro-lifers warn](#) that those exceptions are a pretense for much larger loopholes.

"Yesterday [Irish Health Minister] Simon Harris said that the government 'specifically excluded disability' as a grounds for abortion in the proposed legislation but this is not correct," Sherlock continued. "The reality is that there is no such exclusion in the bill, specific or otherwise."

She explained that the mental health exception for later abortions was broad enough that it could be used to justify aborting Down Syndrome babies, and more dangerously, that Down Syndrome can be diagnosed before the cutoff for elective abortions.

"Already three obstetricians, Dr Peter Boylan, Dr Rhona Mahony and Dr Fergal Malone all confirmed last week on the radio that abortions happen after Down Syndrome is detected by new medical tests and that it can be detected as early as 10 weeks with 99% accuracy," Sherlock said.

A 2011 study [found](#) that 99 percent of people with Down Syndrome described themselves as "happy," and only 4 percent of parents of Down syndrome children expressed regret at having their child. Yet countries with abortion-on-demand disproportionately target Down syndrome babies for death in the womb.

The ad notes that [90% of babies in Great Britain](#) to receive a Down Syndrome diagnosis are aborted. It has also been estimated that [65 percent](#) of Down syndrome babies are aborted in Norway, [virtually 100 percent](#) in Iceland, and [95 percent](#) in Spain. Precise data is not collected in the United States, but in 2015, the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute [estimated](#) that abortion reduces the American Down syndrome community by 30 percent.

Irish pro-lifers don't want their country to become part of that trend.

Harris "wants to airbrush people with Down Syndrome out of this debate, but we won't let him," Sherlock declared. "The only way to protect unborn children with Down Syndrome is to vote 'no' on the 25th of May."

***Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us and for Ireland!***