



➔ **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET ON MONDAY, 4 JUNE 2018 AT 5:00 PM AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB. Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:9-15: After the Original Sin and Mark 3:20-35: A household divided against itself cannot stand.**  
➔ **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**THIS WEEK: FAIR TRADE WEEKEND. We will be selling fair trade products after the Masses TODAY!**

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I thank all of you for my celebration last week at St. Mary's Parish Centre! I thank you for your prayers, your gifts, your cards, your kind and encouraging words. As the psalmist sings: "For the love of my brethren and friends I say 'Peace upon you!' For the love of the House of the Lord, I will ask for your good."

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**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!** There are envelopes in the back of the Church with raffle tickets in them. We ask that you take one or two envelopes and sell them to your neighbours and friends or buy them for yourselves. *Profits from the raffle will go to the Rye Food Bank.*

**WE WOULD LIKE OUR BIGGEST CROWD EVER!**

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**TODAY IS ANOTHER BIG PARISH CELEBRATION!**

Those of you who attend the 10:45 AM Mass on a regular basis have observed several of our children coming to the Communion Rail for a blessing instead of receiving the Sacred Host. They have been diligently preparing to receive their First Holy Communion for over a year. **FOR FOUR OF OUR CHILDREN 3 JUNE 2018, THE FEAST OF CORPUS ET SANGUINIS CHRISTI, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AT THE 10:45 AM MASS WILL BE THAT EXTRAORDINARY DAY FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARING AND AWAITING ANXIOUSLY. THIS IS CERTAINLY A MAGNIFICENT FEAST DAY TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.**

Three of our children have already received First Holy Communion in Poland and have been receiving the Eucharist since they have come back to Rye. They are: Milena Rusak Alicja Lena Skorupski      Aleksy Skorupski

The Children who will receive First Holy Communion on 3 June are: Jessie Scanlon  
Joe Scanlon

Rocco Davenport    Spike  
Davenport

**!THIS IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH!**

After the 10:45 AM Mass on 3 June, TODAY, there will be a further celebration in the Garden (as always, weather permitting). We hope that many of you can come to the Garden and offer your congratulations and best wishes and prayers that this Special Day will be the centre of their lives for as long as they live and that they will always know the Companionship of Jesus Christ Who has promised to be with us until the end of time.

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**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.***

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

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**10 Quotes That Will Change the Way You Attend Holy Mass**

Saint Gertrude the Great once reported that for each and every Mass that we hear with devotion during our lives, Christ sends a saint to comfort us in death. I was deeply moved the first time I read this.

**Intellectually, I know that great value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – it is the solemn representation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Father in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. It's the source and summit of the Christian life. However, it is often difficult to remember this amazing truth in the midst of our common distractions during Holy Mass.

**Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that with the Holy Eucharist, the five senses fail.** Only faith can lift the veil and perceive the reality of Christ's presence and sacrifice.

**I recently came across 10 quotes from the saints about the importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

These quotes remind me of the hidden mystery of the Holy Mass. I plan to review them before Mass during Lent. I'd encourage you to do the same if you also struggle with distractions. I may print them out on a card and put them in my missal:

1. When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar. ~ St. John Chrysostom
2. The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass. ~ St. Augustine
3. If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy. ~ Saint Jean Vianney
4. The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross. ~ Saint Thomas Aquinas
5. Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."
6. "My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they've heard Masses." Our Lady to Blessed Alan.
7. When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt. ~ Saint Jean Vianney

8. There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us. ~ Saint Jean Vianney
9. When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee. ~ Saint Jean Vianney
10. It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

*Our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Most Holy Eucharist, pray for our  
First Communicants and pray for us!!!*