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Rye, East Sussex*

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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org

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The Secular Franciscan Order in GB: <http://ofsgb.org>

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17 JUNE 2018 ~ TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“It is good to give You thanks, O Lord.”

Times of Mass This Week

16 June Saturday	+ Gilbert Cottais, req. Dominique
17 June Sunday	For the Parishioners
17 June Sunday	Angela O'Callaghan (FMA)
18 June Monday	+ Martin Birrane, req. Aoife Coleman
19 June Tuesday	In Thanksgiving, req. Sheila Miller
20 June Wednesday	Lis Birrane, req. Aoife Coleman
21 June Thursday	+ Fr. Berard Dudek, OFM Con.
22 June Friday	William C. Stevens, req. Ita Bligh
23 June Saturday	+ Fr. Samuel Zebron, OFM Conv.

6:00 PM 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
10:45 AM 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM St. Osmanna, French Nun
9:00 AM St. Romuald, Abbot
9:00 AM St. Alban, Protomartyr of England
9:00 AM St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
6:00 PM **Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Husband & Father, Martyrs**
9:00 AM St. Etheldreda, Abbess; St. Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr
6:00 PM BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
8:00 AM BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Collection for 10 June: £286.16

[Does not include direct deposit donations.]

Muchas Grazias!

SPECIAL COLLECTION OF THE DAY FOR LIFE: £147.04

Next week: Special Collection for Peter's Pence (The Pope's Charity)

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: Maureen Paine, Philippa Gorman, 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, 18 JUNE 2018 AT 5:00 PM AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB.** The Birth of St. John the Baptist: Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 49:1-6: and Luke 1:57 – 66, 80**

→ ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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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The Ultimate War: The legalization of abortion has had dire consequences on our society, on our church, on our nation and on the world. It has corrupted medicine by doing harm to mothers and babies instead of helping them to be healthy. It has corrupted the law which no longer defends the right to life of the unborn baby or the person who cannot defend himself. It has corrupted education by neglecting to teach the basic biology of the human person. It has corrupted the family by saying that the baby is an enemy to her mother. It has corrupted the economy by making murder a profitable business, at least for those at the top. Without an expanding population, there can be no expanding economy. It has corrupted the entire notion of profits by letting companies give millions of pounds to pro-abortion groups. It has corrupted our politics by allowing politicians to pass unjust laws. It has corrupted the churches who have compromised the preaching of the Gospel. I think that it is impossible to find any aspect of our society that has not been corrupted by abortion and its accompanying sins.

How did we get to such a point?

The first sin is pornography. This exploitation of women and children (men too, but they often are the promoters of this filth) destroys the entire teaching about the sacrament of marriage and the family as the fundamental building block of any society. It creates evil desires in the hearts of people urging them to commit adultery and fornication, urged on by immoral methods of birth control. Some in society arrogantly say that people have a right to these things, but mortal sin can never be a civil right. All of this destroys the barrier between good and evil, and soon anything is allowed.

As with all wars, this one began with multiple lies. We are told that thousands of women died before the legalization of abortion through "back-alley" abortions, but the death certificates do not bear this out. We are told the baby is an enemy of the mother, but we know this makes no sense. We are told that abortion is safer than carrying a baby to full-term, but this is another lie. There is no condition that a pregnant mother can have for which abortion is a helpful treatment. Thus said Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a Jewish agnostic, a leading proponent of abortion, then a doctor for babies within the womb, and then a convert to Catholicism and great defender and healer of both mother and child. He tells us in Aborting America that these are some of the lies that abortionists told us in order to legalize what should never be legal. He states that it was their plan to make the Catholic Bishops their enemies (not the average Catholic, but only the bishops).

Abortion in a real sense is a culmination of many sins.

Abortion is not the only problem. There are in vitro fertilization, cloning, freezing fertilized eggs, and euthanasia, homosexual unions, the suppression of pro-life news and activities, and the jailing of those who are pro-life, to name a few.

What can we do? We always start with prayer. One devout prayer such as the Hail Mary can achieve remarkable results. When you pray the Rosary make one of your intentions the conversion of abortionists and all who tolerate or support them. Our battle is primarily a spiritual one.

Join a pro-life group. Be informed. Speak up when you hear one of the abortion lies told by someone.

Find out what you can do to help in specific situations. Help mothers who need help on the local level by yourself or through an organization.

Demand from your politicians laws protecting the unborn, their mothers and others who are vulnerable. Do NOT accept their lame excuses. This is supposedly a Christian nation and God demands that we choose life.

When possible, boycott companies that fund abortion and other abominations against God.

A SIGN OF HOPE...

'This marks an important moment for the Church in this country,' one priest said

Nearly 500 British priests have backed a statement in support of the teaching of *Humanae Vitae*.

The clergy from across the country signed the document as the 50th anniversary of the encyclical approaches. *Humanae Vitae* affirmed traditional Christian teaching on the family and sexuality and restated the Church's total opposition to artificial contraception.

In the statement, the clergy say:

*At the time of the publication of *Humanae Vitae* many rejected its message and its warnings. Many found the teaching that the use of contraception was in all cases 'absolutely excluded' and 'intrinsically wrong' difficult to accept and challenging to proclaim. Fifty years later so much has unfolded in our society that has been to the detriment of human life and love. Many have come to appreciate again the wisdom of the Church's teaching.*

*As priests we desire to affirm on this 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* the noble vision of procreative love as the Catholic Church has always taught and understood it. We believe a proper 'human ecology', a rediscovery of the way of nature and respect for human dignity is essential for the future of our people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. We propose discovering anew the message of *Humanae Vitae*, not only in fidelity to the Gospel, but as a key to the healing and true development of our society.*

The organisers noted that the sheer number of signatories represents a significant shift in favour of the encyclical's teachings. "In 1968 very few priests spoke out confidently regarding this teaching and many dissented," they said.

One priest commented: "It is hard to get 100 priests – the size of an average diocese – to do anything together but to get 500 is very significant indeed.

"We hope that the Church here will now recognise the importance of *Humanae Vitae* and place it at the forefront of our pastoral strategies and evangelisation. This marks an important moment for the Church in this country."

The full statement:

*In 1968 Pope Paul VI issued a re-affirmation of central aspects of the Church's traditional teaching on human sexuality. The encyclical *Humanae Vitae* affirmed, in harmony with the Church's traditional teaching, the purity and beauty of the spousal act, always open to procreation and always unitive.*

Humanae Vitae predicted that if artificial contraception became widespread and commonly accepted by society then we would lose our proper understanding of marriage, the family, the dignity of the child and of women and even a proper appreciation of our bodies and the gift of male and female. The Holy Father warned that governments would begin to utilise coercive methods to control what is most private and intimate.

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Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us and restore to our human family respect for our God-given life!