

→ **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET ON MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2018 AT 5:00 PM AT THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB.** Scripture Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6: 51-58.
→ **ALL ARE MOST WELCOME!** You don't have to come each week.

Franciscan Guests: Fr. Aidan Walsh, OFM Conv. is with us and will be here until 20 August. Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. 25 through 28 September. Fr. Brian is here until 5 September.

SUMMER AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH!

THIS WEEK: Tuesday, 14 August: On the eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, come and hear Fr. Brian speak about the Virtues of Mary and her faithful Franciscan son, St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv. It will be at St. Mary the Virgin Parish Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public.

NEXT WEEK: Wednesday, 22 August: **MOVIE NIGHT: THE MISSION.** The dramatic tale of the Jesuits in South America who evangelized the native population and at the same time taught them how to improve their lives materially by building their own little economy to provide the basic needs for their community. Tragically, there were also slave-traders who considered the newly converted Catholics to be “animals” and wanted to ruin the missions for their own worldly and evil desires. The Pope was asked to mediate the dispute between Spain and Portugal.

The movie is rated PG, that is, it is not recommended for children under 12 years old. While a beautiful move, there is considerable violence at the end of the movie.

You may bring in your own food and drink or buy it at the Kino. We will ask for donations to defray the £125 fee for 3 hours. If we get 25 people, that will only be £5 per person.

I have decided that having only parishioners sign-up until a day before the movie is not helpful in terms of keeping track of who is coming. It is also not convenient, especially for tourists, who may want to plan their time in Rye with a bit more certainty. So, I will sign-up people on a first come-first serve basis for both parishioners and non-parishioners. We already have 8 people signed-up for this movie. So, to put it another way, this event is open to the public.

Wednesday, 29 August: Fr. Brian will give a talk about Saint Bonaventure. St. Bonaventure is one of the great theologians of the Catholic Church and biographers of St. Francis of Assisi. He is considered by some as the second founder of the Order because he was able to put on paper a form of Franciscan Life that was more agreeable and definitive to the Church. You often see images of him (we have two in the church), holding a book to symbolize his writings, a staff to show that he was a bishop, with a candle to show how he helped illumine the mysteries of the Faith and dressed in a Franciscan habit. His cardinal's hat is usually on the floor. This will be at St. Mary the Virgin Parish Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Please bring a snack to share. **This event is open to the public.**

Tuesday, 4 September: MOVIE NIGHT: ON THE WATERFRONT is the uplifting story based on the corruption on the docks of New York City and of the real priest, Fr. John M. Corridan, SJ, played by Karl Malden who tried to bring the Gospel to the gates of Hell. Also includes one of Marlon Brando's greatest performances as the brave young man who decided he didn't want to be a bum anymore.

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Wednesday, 26 September: A talk from Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. on the various rites within the Roman Catholic Church. I think that you will find this talk quite interesting because most Catholics are not familiar with the liturgical variety within the Roman Catholic Church. The Church never tries to destroy culture (as the globalists do) because

culture and Faith are so closely connected. Rather the Church empowers the people to use their cultural customs to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Fr. Jobe himself is of the Maronite rite and is a Canon Lawyer of both the Eastern and Western Churches. He is of Lebanese descent, born in Canada. This will be at St. Mary the Virgin Parish Centre from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. We will have some simple refreshments. **This event is open to the public.**

YOU MAY SIGN-UP FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Your suggestions and comments about these events are always welcome or suggestions for other topics.

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CORRESPONDENCE: THANK YOU LETTERS

We have received the following letters and emails:

FROM BRO. FRANCIS & THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS: Dear Fr Matthew and Parishioners, I write on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers, Spiritans, to say thank you to you and the Parishioners for giving me the opportunity to come to your Parish to speak to you about the work we do and to also ask for your support for the work we do. I was really touched with the numbers that I saw in the first and second Masses, but their generosity was overwhelming. I am really very grateful.

I pray that God may bless you all, and make all your undertakings fruitful. And may God give you the wisdom and strength you need to do the work He has given to us.

Thank you once again. Yours in Christ, Br. Francis Dometiero. {We collected £483.25 for the Spiritans.}

From the Apostleship of the Sea: We are very grateful indeed for your support for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, and in particular for holding our Sea Sunday Appeal. As ever, you and your parishioners have been very generous, both financially and in prayer. We very much appreciate this, so please accept our thanks... Knowing that a stranger is thinking and praying for them gives seafarers great solace in what can be hard and lonely lives. [They] keep us all in their prayers and often express their gratitude to the parishioners of Great Britain. {We donated £170.66 A of S.}

From Mary's Meals: With all of my heart, I thank you for your donation of £331 and for helping to bring hope to children receiving Mary's Meals. In the Lakes state in war-torn South Sudan, we are feeding as many chronically hungry children as possible in school. The gift of food and education has never been more important for the little ones caught up in the terrible humanitarian crisis. Thank you for sharing this beautiful mission and for your great kindness. Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Founder & CEO of Mary's Meals.

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AN INTERESTING ENGLISH SAINT, ST. DRITHELM: A wealthy man of Northumbria, England, who supposedly died, experienced a powerful vision of heaven, hell, and purgatory, and then was found to be alive. He divided his possessions among his wife and children and made benefices for the poor before becoming a monk at Melrose Abbey. He lived as a hermit there with great austerities. St. Bede gives an account of his life.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN.

It wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church, *ex cathedra*. Because of this proclamation, Catholics are required to accept this dogma as a matter of faith.

Scriptural evidence for this dogma was taken from Genesis 3:15, the Letters of Paul, 1 Corinthians, 15:54, Psalm 132 and Revelation 12:1-2. Ancient and traditional practices were also a factor. Throughout history, the Assumption of Mary has been a popular subject for artists. Theologians and Church leaders have repeatedly taught and written on the subject throughout history.

Mary, like the saints, can hear our prayers. She has a special connection to Jesus Christ as His mother, and therefore we believe she can intercede for us. There is also substantial evidence that Mary has delivered revelations to people throughout history, and she remains active in our world today. Countless miracles are attributed to her intercession.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!