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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest

9 SEPTEMBER 2018 ~ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"Jesus does all things well, He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Times of Mass This Week

8 Sept. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
9 Sept. Sunday	Bob & Ita Bligh, 50 th Anniv. req. Kathy Lenihan & Eliz. Turner	8:00 AM 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
9 Sept. Sunday	+ Dorothy Roxburgh, req. Jocelyn	10:45 AM 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
10 Sept. Monday	Akua Appiah-Ampoto (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Frithesstan, Bishop of Winchester
11 Sept. Tuesday	+ Fr. Patrick Gallagher, OFM Conv.	9:00 AM St. Bangor, 1 st Bishop of Bangor Vawr
12 Sept. Wednesday	+ Fr. Michael Scanlon, OSA	9:00 AM Most Holy Name of Mary
13 Sept. Thursday	NO MASS	9:00 AM St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
14 Sept. Friday	Tommy & Sheila McGrane	6:00 PM Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Sept. Saturday	+ Charles & Anna Chadwick (73 rd Anniv.)	9:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows
15 Sept. Saturday	Marie Grace	6:00 PM 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16 Sept. Sunday	+ Brian MacDonagh, req. Bill Doherty	8:00 AM 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16 Sept. Sunday	Carmel Tansey.	10:45 AM 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection for 2 September: £ 428.55

[Does not include direct deposit donations.]

Friars' Education Fund: £500

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This Sunday: Catholic Education Service (Not gift-aid)

Next Sunday: Collection for the Home Missions (Not gift-aid)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Geoff Brown, 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, 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.

→ THERE WILL BE A SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP THIS MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT
 THE RYE SOCIAL CLUB at 5:00 PM: READINGS: Isaiah 50: 5 - 9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18;
 Mark 8: 27-35. ALL ARE WELCOME AND YOUR VISITORS TOO!

Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. will be here from 25 through 28 September

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SUMMER AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH: OUR FINAL EVENT!

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.**

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

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CATHOLIC TIMES: We are providing a different newspaper this week. You can find it on newspaper rack on the porch. It costs £1.30. Why not give it a try?

The Title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, “This Child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare” (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple; Mary’s meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary’s standing at the foot of the Cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the Cross; and then our Lord’s burial. In all, the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother’s heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, “Let it be done unto me according to Thy word”, first uttered at the Annunciation.

This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. Granted, some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church.

Interestingly, in 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. The word *compassion* derives from the Latin roots *cum* and *patior* which means to suffer with. Our Blessed Mother’s sorrow exceeded anyone else’s since she was the Mother of Jesus, Who was not only her Son but also her Lord and Savior; she truly suffered with her Son. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the Feast of Our Lady of Compassion in the Roman Calendar on Friday before Palm Sunday. This feast was suppressed with the revision of the calendar published in the Roman Missal of 1969.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolors was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the Cross with her dying Son: The Gospel of St. John recorded, “Seeing His Mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His Mother, ‘Woman, there is your son.’ In turn He said to the disciple, ‘There is your Mother’”. (John 19:26-27). The Second Vatican Council in its *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* wrote, “She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth” (#58).

St. Bernard (d. 1153) wrote, “Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart.... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His (*De duodecim praerogatibus BVM*).

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful, “Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from

Bethlehem to Calvary. 'And thy soul too, a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the Mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!" (1980)

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of Faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: "Father, as Your Son was raised on the Cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing his sufferings. May Your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life". Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of May, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust.

MY COMMENT: This may be a particularly powerful feast this year considering the scandals from which the Church is suffering, especially in the USA which may have far-reaching effects throughout the Universal Church. Our Lady of Sorrows prays for us and with us, for the victims, their families and friends, innocent bishops, priests and religious, and for the repentance of those who have so arrogantly, defiantly and boldly violated the most sacred trust with which they have been endowed, and for those who ignored and tried to cover up these grave sins.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

1. **Inclusion Festival:** A day to celebrate diversity in our Diocese and the value of each person. All welcome. At St. Wilfrid's School on Sunday 16 September, 2018, from 11 AM. Mass with Bishop Richard at 2:30 PM. Picnic lunch needed. Please book at Margaret.fraher@dabnet.org.
2. **Annual Dialogue and Unity Day 2018:** Come along, bring your friends from other Churches, share our experiences of working, praying and growing together. Our theme is the Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church. We will hear from Fr. Sebastian Ostryński, Head of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK, a Catholic community with a charism for ecumenism. Times of prayer, sharing and information. Bring a packed lunch, tea, coffee and cake provided. Book your place at ruth.gerun@dabnet.org.
3. **Day for Communications and Media:** Saturday, 6th October, at DABCEC 4 Southgate Dr., Crawley, RH10 6RP, from 10 AM until 1 PM. Focus this year on developing the content and promoting the uptake of the A & B News. Book at ruthgerun@dabnet.org or www.dabnet.org/CoursesandEvents/Communications.
4. **Marriage Anniversaries Mass:** Saturday 6th October, at St. Joseph's Church, Redhill, 11:30 AM, celebrated by Bishop Richard, for those couple celebrating a special anniversary in 2018. Booking essential. Contact rosie.read@adabnet.org

TWO DAYS WITH MARY

FIRST: Saturday, 15 September 2018 at St. Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth nr Guildford: Morning tea at 9:30 AM.

SECOND: Saturday, 13 October at St. John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. 9:45 AM: Entry Procession.

Both days will have similar schedules: Procession, Angelus, Crowning, Sung Litany, Eucharistic Exposition and Procession, Luminous Mysteries, Adoration, Meditations on the Passion. Sermon on Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Benediction, Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal. Finish around 5:00 PM. Flyers are in the back of church which you may take with you.

**Our Lady of Sorrows, Mother of God and of the Church,
pray for those who bear heavy sorrows!**