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14 JULY 2019 ~ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In Your great love, answer me, O God,
with Your help that never fails."

Times of Mass This Week

13 July Saturday	Jenny Smith, req. Aoife Coleman	6:00 PM 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14 July Sunday	All Who Attended or Wanted to Attend	8:00 AM 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14 July Sunday	For the Parishioners	10:45 AM 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 July Monday	Friars in formation in USA & BAPC	9:00 AM St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
16 July Tuesday	Friars at Aylesford Priory	9:00 AM Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 July Wednesday	+ Vincent Lambert	9:00 AM Martyred Nuns of Compiegne
18 July Thursday	NO MASS	XXXXX St. Edburga of Bicester, Nun
19 July Friday	Emma (FMA)	6:00 PM St. John Plessington, Martyr
20 July Saturday	+ Leo Konkel (KofC, USA)	9:00 AM St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
20 July Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 July Sunday	Philomena Connolly	8:00 AM 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 July Sunday	Special Intention	10:45 AM 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection for 30 June: £417.49 {Does not include Direct Deposits}

Tea & Coffee: £128.60

Candles: SH: £68.28; BVM: £167.76; St. Joseph: £58.58; St. Anthony: £61.90;

Maintenance: £51.78; Newspapers: £78.70 - Total: £487.00

➤ This Week: Collection for The Society of African Missions

Next Week: Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Marcella Duckworth, Veronica Pagnell, Ann Hamilton, Geoff Brown, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, Christopher Wilberforce, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel, Kennedy, and Mass intentions this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Ray Howard (2/7/2010), Ve Webb's brother, Betty Howard (4/07/2008), Ve Webb's mother, and members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, and Mass intentions this week.

Scripture discussion meets will meet this Monday, 15 July 2019, at 5:00 PM. Readings: 16th Sunday Ordinary time: Genesis 18: 1 - 10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1: 24 - 28; Gospel: Luke 10: 38 - 42.
ALL ARE WELCOME, VISITORS AND VACATIONERS, TOO. (You do not have to commit to coming each week. Come whenever you can!)

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will NOT meet this week, Friday, 12 July at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com

Fr. Francis Kemsley, O. Carm, the prior at Aylesford Priory, gave an interesting talk about the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Order of Carmelites. Originally hermits, they trace their inspiration back to the prophet, Elias on Mount Carmel. During a drought of several years, Elias sent his servant 7 times to the mountaintop to see if there was any sign of rain. The servant saw it and said: "**Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot.**" {1 Kings 18:44} The Carmelites see this as a sign of Mary, who as Mother of God, brings her Son Who gives us the Spirit (the water) which brings an end to the spiritual drought caused by the original sin and personal sin. It complements the passage in Genesis 3:15, "**I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed**"

Fr. Francis' talk fit in nicely with Fr. Stephen's talk who emphasized that Benedictine devotion to Mary (largely through St. Bernard of Clairvaux) grew from and supported the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. Jesus is truly God and truly Man. It is not just a costume that Jesus wears but He has united His Divine Nature with our human nature. Mary is truly His Mother who received Jesus into her heart and then into her womb.

Fr. Francis then went on to talk about Mary's maternity at the wedding feast of Cana whereby she asked her Son to go to His hour by stating, "**They have no more wine.**" Mary would, of course, accompany Jesus to the Cross where she will be given to us as a true Spiritual Mother.

During the Angelus we pray, **that we to whom the Incarnation of your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.**" For us Catholics, these two realities are always connected: The Incarnation and the Passion. Together they reveal the infinite Love and Mercy of the Father and Mary's important role as Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Mother of us all.

After the talk, we (about 15 of us) went to the garden where a lovely bring-and-share supper and a beautiful evening was enjoyed by all.

Thank you, Fr. Stephen the Benedictine monk and Fr. Francis the Carmelite friar for deepening our understanding of Mary and thereby of her Son as well!

PREPARING FOR PARISH CONSECRATION: Please remember to pray each day for our consecration.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham/Consecration of England: Our Lady of Walsingham Statue is making a tour of the dioceses and their cathedrals in England in preparation of the consecration of England to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She will be in our cathedral in Arundel from **Thursday 28th November until Saturday, 30th November**. We hope to organize a trip to the cathedral on one of those days.

14 Sept: Fr. Matt recites a prayer for his personal consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 6:00 PM Mass.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: We are organizing a parish trip to Walsingham as part of our preparation for parish consecration in December. Our dates are 8, 9, and 10 October. One of our parishioners has generously offered to pay for a mini-bus for us so expenses for all of us are reduced.

13-14 Oct: Individual parishioners who want to consecrate themselves at Mass may do so at the Mass that they attend that weekend.

Parish Consecration: On the weekend of **7-8th December** at all the Masses.

Early Next Year: Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv., whom you know from his previous visits, will come to Rye to speak to us about the Militia Immaculatae which will be a fitting fruit of our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Jobe is presently travelling to every parish in Our Lady of Angels Province promoting the MI.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE TEA & COFFEE AND BAKE SALE WHICH WAS A ROUSTING SUCCESS!!

THANKS ALSO TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE BRING-AND-SHARE SUPPER AFTER FR. FRANCIS'S TALK!!!

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS: Each year we are given the opportunity to help our Catholic Church spread the Good News in another country. This year we will be blessed with a visit from Fr. Rozario Thyagaraj, a priest of the Society of African Missions (SMA). He will be here on the weekend of 13-14 July and will speak at all of the Masses. The second collection will be for the assistance of his community and the people they serve. I know that you will be generous as you have been in the past. Thank you ahead of time!

Sea Sunday: 21 July 2019 at Rye Harbour. Sea Sunday is actually 14 July but locally we will celebrate one week later. **We will still have the second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea on 21 July because we will have a missionary speaking at all the Masses on 14 July.**

Now... I would really like the black garden entrance door to be repainted. Not to be fussy, but I need someone who is really good at painting. I don't want to put just another coat of paint on the door. (Goodness, I can do that!) It needs to be scraped and sanded most likely and perhaps a primer coat. This job has to last for a long time. We want the first impression of our garden, which is the garden door, to be a good and lasting one. Thank you!

AUGUST: ANOTHER MONTH OF MARY?

We all know that May is the month of Mary, including the secular celebration of Mother's Day and that October is the month of the Holy Rosary because of the Rosary's being used as a spiritual weapon. But what about August?

On **2 August**, we have the Franciscan feast of **Our Lady of the Angels**. Francis considered this church to be his “portiuncula”, his own little portion of God’s earth. It is the only thing that he even remotely spoke about as if he actually owned it. Francis considered this place the Mother of the Order where a host of angels were constantly present. While he believed that God can bless anyone at any time and in any place, he also knew that there are certain places on earth (Bethlehem, Calvary, any church where the Blessed Sacrament is present) where God blesses people more frequently and more powerfully.

On 5 August, the church celebrates the **Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**. This feast commemorates the miracle of the snowfall that occurred during the night of August 4-5 in the year 358 on the site where the basilica now stands. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to two faithful Roman Christians, the patrician John and his wife, as well as to Pope Liberius (352-366), asking that a church be built in her honor on the site where snow would fall on the night of August 4-5. [Comment: This was not a date when anyone would be expecting snow!] Pope Liberius traced the outlines of the church in the snow and the first basilica was built on that site. It was completed about a century later by Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after the Council of Ephesus in 431 during which Mary was declared to be the Mother of God.

On 8 August we celebrate the feast of St. Dominic whose Dominicans have been great promoters of the Holy Rosary.

On 14 August the Franciscans especially celebrate the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., the Martyr of Charity at Auschwitz. St. Maximilian was a great theologian of the Immaculate Conception, constantly asking himself, the friars and the world: *Who are you, Immaculate Conception?* He saw this revelation as a motivation to evangelize the entire world, even going as far as Japan to found one of his Cities of the Immaculate. He founded the *Militia Immaculatae* to promote devotion to the Immaculate Conception, to encourage all people to spread the Gospel and to combat the Freemasons who he considered enemies of the Catholic Church.

Early next year Fr. Jobe will be here to tell us more about the MI. It will be a powerful fruit of our parish consecration.

On 15 August the church celebrates the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Body and Soul, into Heaven.** This event is not only the completion of Mary's Immaculate Conception, but is the certain sign that we too are created to be taken into Heaven where we will join Mary, Joseph and all the angels and saints in gazing upon the face of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** which indicates the importance of this dogma.

On 20 August we have the feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux from whom we have so many homilies and hymns honoring Mary the Mother of God. Fr. Stephen told us about how this devotion is an essential element of being a Benedictine monk and a good Catholic.

On 21 August Ireland especially celebrates the feast of **Our Lady of Knock.** In Mary's apparition she silently gives a revelation of the Mass as the earthly worship which is connected to the eternal Heavenly liturgy as portrayed in the Book of Revelation. It is one of the more important apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On 22 August we have the **Queenship of Mary** the Octave of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. "The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb" (Ven. Pius XII, *Ad. Coeli Reginam*). On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of Heaven as Queen. What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, that is, we should recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her and, by this means, establish in our lives the reign of Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

On 26 August there is the feast of **Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God**, an Italian Passionist priest who received **Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman's** confession of the Catholic Faith. *"The second spring did not begin when Newman was converted nor when the hierarchy was restored. It began on a bleak October day of 1841, when a little Italian priest in comical attire shuffled down a ship's gangway at Folkestone."* And, Newman relates in his "Apologia" how Barberi arrived soaked from the rain and as was drying himself by the fire when Newman knelt and asked to be received into the Catholic Church. I am not certain why Bl. Dominic had "Mother of God" added to his name, but with his role in Newman's conversion, he is certainly important to England!

Also, on 26 August the Polish people celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa.** Tradition says that St. Ladislaus was determined to save the image from repeated invasions. So, he went to his birthplace, Opala, stopping for rest in Czestochowa; the image was brought nearby to Jasna Gora {"bright hill"} and placed in a small wooden church named for the Assumption. The following morning, after the picture was carefully placed in the wagon, the horses refused to move. St. Ladislaus understood this to be a sign from Heaven that the image should stay in Czestochowa; thus, he replaced the painting in the Church of the Assumption, 26 August, 1382, a day still observed as the Feast Day of the painting. The Saint wished to have the holiest of men guard the painting, so he assigned the church and the monastery to the Pauline Fathers, who have devoutly protected the image for the last six hundred year.

PLEASE KEEP SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER OPEN IN YOUR DIARIES. As you know, we have an image of Our Lady of Czestochowa in our church. Many people ask me why she is here. I tell them the story as I know it and eventually, we will put the story beneath the picture. I would like to expand the shrine and include some Polish saints. (St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, St. Max Kolbe, our Polish martyrs in Peru, and some others.) This will be our "Poland in Rye". On the afternoon of 15 September, we will have a shrine blessing including the Rosary, Litany of Our Lady of Czestochowa and other prayers and hymns. Afterwards we will continue the celebration with a delicious Polish dinner. This event will be open to the public and we plan to advertise it especially to our Polish friends within the deanery. With hope, this will bring more people to St. Anthony Church on that day and in the future. **God has given us this magnificent image of Our Lady. Let us show our appreciation for this gift and take spiritual advantage of it with this celebration.** I think that this will be one of the more important days in the history of our parish. Please plan on attending.

OF course, we know something that "the world" does not know. We celebrate Mary, not only in May or October or August, but every day because it is every day that she watches over us.

We note with sadness the death of Vincent Lambert who was not dying of any illness or disease. He is a type of martyr and victim to the culture of death that pervades too many countries. May God look mercifully on him and through the intercession of Mary the Mother of the Risen Lord, may he rest in peace.

Vincent Lambert's death is a tragedy for the Church and the world

July 11, 2019 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Vincent Lambert, France's Terri Schiavo, died on Thursday, July 11 at 8:24 a.m. Paris time in a room of the geriatrics and palliative care department of Reims University Hospital, where he had been kept under lock and key for the last six years. The tetraplegic and brain-damaged 42-year-old man, who suffered terrible injuries during a road accident 11 years ago, did not die of illness or injury, but because he was deliberately deprived of food and fluids in order for his vital organs to fail and thus provoke death.

It is the tragic but inevitable epilogue to an end-of-life procedure against which parents Viviane and Pierre as well as two of his siblings, David and Anne, had fought as long as there was hope for Vincent to live and recover from the damage done by a cruel and inhuman dehydration and starvation process.

Three hours after Vincent died, [Pope Francis tweeted](#): “May God the Father welcome Vincent Lambert in His arms. Let us not build a civilization that discards persons whose lives we no longer consider to be worthy of living: every life is valuable, always.”

[Cardinal Robert Sarah](#) also published a tweet shortly after news of Vincent's death was broadcast: “On this sad day, I pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Vincent Lambert, who died a martyr, victim to the terrifying folly of the men of our time. I pray for his family and in particular for his parents, who are so courageous and so worthy. Let us not be afraid. God is watching.”

A number of French bishops also reacted to the news. Bishop Benoit-Gonnin of Beauvais said, “We are saddened by the epilogue of the drama that ended with the death of a person [who] was not at the end of his life.”

“The culture of death cannot have the last word,” wrote Bishop Matthieu Rougé of Nanterre, asking that “our society question itself about the respect and accompaniment given to the most fragile.”

Bishop Marc Aillet of Bayonne spoke of his “sadness” and “bitterness,” asking the priests of his diocese to offer Masses, this Thursday or Friday, for the intentions of the deceased.

Archbishop Michel Aupetit of Paris and Bishop Dominique Rey of Fréjus-Toulon had already asked all the priests of their respective dioceses to do the same yesterday. On the other hand, several hundred people, young and old, joined a vigil for Vincent on Wednesday evening in front of the Parisian church of Saint-Sulpice, where lawyers Jérôme Triomphe and Jean Paillot and several specialized doctors spoke in turn about their fight for Vincent's life and where public prayers were held for the dying man.

At the end of this tragic day for France, which makes clear that French end-of-life laws are tailored to allow and promote slow euthanasia by dehydration, the question now is how Vincent will be buried. That decision is in the hands of his wife Rachel.