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**Rye, East Sussex**  
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**21 JULY 2019 ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"It is Mary who has chosen the better part;  
it is not to be taken from her."**

**Times of Mass This Week**

<b>20 July Saturday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>6:00 PM 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>21 July Sunday</b>	Philomena Connolly	<b>8:00 AM 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>21 July Sunday</b>	Ron Peters, req. Pam (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	<b>10:45 AM 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>22 July Monday</b>	Breda Flaherty (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles</b>
<b>23 July Tuesday</b>	Pauline Milligan (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe</b>
<b>24 July Wednesday</b>	Elavia Morenas (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. Sharbel Makhlef, Priest</b>
<b>25 July Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>XXXXXX St. James the Greater, Apostle, Martyr</b>
<b>26 July Friday</b>	Joe & Vee Bolton	<b>6:00 PM Ss. Joachim &amp; Anne, Grandparents of Jesus</b>
<b>27 July Saturday</b>	Susan & Martin McConnell (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM Our Lady on Saturday</b>
<b>27 July Saturday</b>	+ Jan P. & Dorothy VanHeuven, req. niece, Dolores Don	<b>6:00 PM 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>28 July Sunday</b>	For the Parishioners	<b>8:00 AM 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>28 July Sunday</b>	Alma Corrigan & Michael Martin (FMA)	<b>10:45 AM 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

Collection for 30 June: £385.27 {Does not include Direct Deposits}

Society for African Missions: £222.43

Thank you very much!

This Week: Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:** Marcella Duckworth, Veronica Pragnell, 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.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY:** Vincent Lambert, 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.

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**Scripture discussion meets will meet this Monday, 22 July 2019, at 5:00 PM. Readings: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time: Genesis 18: 20 - 32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2: 12 - 14; Gospel: Luke 11: 1 - 13.**

**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 meet this week, Friday, 26 July at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or [teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com](mailto:teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com) IF YOU CAN'T COME TO THE FRIARY, TAKE A PAMPHLET HOME AND SAY THE PRAYERS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.**

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 **7-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sea Sunday: THIS SUNDAY 21 July 2019 at 3:00 PM at Rye Harbour, across from William the Conqueror.** Sea Sunday was actually 14 July but locally we celebrate **this week**. We will have the second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea this Sunday, 21 July.

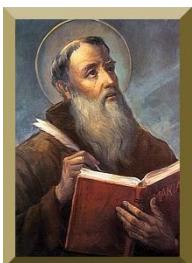
God blessed us with four or more volunteers to work in the garden. One is Michael Lee who has already done a great job in clearing out the left-hand side of the bottom level of the garden. The others are the Thornes family, Geoff, Maria and their son, Owen who are only here on weekends. They have done a remarkable job working of the middle level of the garden on Saturday (20/07)

The garden is much improved due to their hard work. Hopefully, we can soon have an event back there so that all of you can see how beautiful it looks.

I have also gotten a volunteer for the garden door, but the work will not begin for a few weeks.

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**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi:** If today were not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast day of St.



Lawrence of Brindisi, a Franciscan theologian and doctor of the Church. He should be more well known among those who do not study theology in a formal way. Of course, for Franciscans and all Catholics, the love of God is everything... everything that God does is an expression of His love, especially when He sends us difficulties that make us more dependent on Him.

The Incarnation is God's first plan when He created humanity in the persons of Adam and Eve. All is created for Him, all is created through Him including each and every one of us.

Jesus was not God's Plan B that He had to bring into effect because of the Original Sin. Jesus is the Redeemer of the world, but He is primarily our link with the Trinity through His taking on our humanity. God, Who cannot dislike any of His creation, loves us not because we have sinned but because we are created in His image and likeness. This is what He sees when He looks on us, the Face of His Son, not sinners, but His sons and daughters (cf. Luke 15)

We do not celebrate Lawrence's feast day today, but we can always read what he said about God Who loves because He is love.

**God is love, and all his operations proceed from love. Once He wills to manifest that goodness by sharing His love outside Himself, then the Incarnation becomes the supreme manifestation of His goodness and love and glory. So, Christ was intended before all other creatures and for His own sake. For Him all things were created and to Him all things must be subject, and God loves all creatures in and because of Christ. Christ is the first-born of every creature, and the whole of humanity as well as the created world finds its foundation and meaning in Him. Moreover, this would have been the case even if Adam had not sinned.**

## AUGUST: ANOTHER MONTH OF MARY

I am repeating some of this information from last week's newsletter because of its importance, especially about Our Lady of Czestochowa.

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

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.

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 and great theologian of the Immaculate Conception, constantly asking himself, the friars and the world: ***Who are you, Immaculate Conception***

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.

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 **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

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 years.

**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. Laudislaus, St. John Paull 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.**

***O Mary, Queen of the Universe, pray for us!***

