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Rye, East Sussex*
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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
1 SEPTEMBER 2019 ~ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed”

Times of Mass This Week

31 Aug. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Sept. Sunday	+ Andre Wykeham-Hurford, req. Joh	8:00 AM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Sept. Sunday	+ Patrick Cunningham, req. a friend	10:45 AM 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Sept. Monday	+ Jan Peter & Dorothy Van Heuven, req. by Dolores Don	
3 Sept. Tuesday	Intentions of St. Anthony Board	9:00 AM Bl. John F. Burte, Severin Girault & Comps.
4 Sept. Wednesday	+ Leonard Rigo (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor
5 Sept. Thursday	NO MASS	9:00 AM St. Cuthbert, Bishop
6 Sept. Friday	+ Angelina	XXXXX Bl. William Browne, English martyr
7 Sept. Saturday	+ Thomas & Kevin Miller, req. Sheila	6:00 PM Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
7 Sept. Saturday	For the Parishioners	9:00 AM Bl. John Duckett, Tyburn Martyr
8 Sept. Sunday	Luigi Bragoli	6:00 PM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 Sept. Sunday	+ Terry Cronin, req. son, Robert	8:00 AM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		10:45 AM 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection for 25 August: £530.58 {Does not include Direct Deposits};

St. Anthony Guild, Westminster: £163.31; Bake Sale: £205.20

Candles: SH: £81.29; BVM: £150.24; St. Joseph: £37.63; St. Anthony: £58.42

Newspapers: £83.42; Maintenance: £100.65

Thank you Very Much!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Bob Bligh, John Kilroy, Edward Wroe (Angela Tyson's brother), 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, those who die suddenly or violently and Mass intentions this week

Scripture Discussion will meet Monday, 2 September 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club on Market Rd.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Scripture Readings: Wisdom 9: 13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon (all of it, one page); Luke 14:25-33. ALL ARE WELCOME.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet this week, Friday, 7 September at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or teresacollinsfair1980@gmail.com IF YOU CAN'T COME TO THE FRIARY, TAKE A PAMPHLET HOME AND SAY THE PRAYERS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. FAIR-TRADE:** Due to a lack of interest, we are going to bring to an end the selling of Fair-Trade products. I will still be ordering items for the friary and for those who have consistently bought items each month. I can order something for anyone from time to time if you ask me to. However, there will no longer be a sale on the first weekend of each month. **WE WILL HAVE A FINAL GOING-OUT-OF BUSINESS SALE THIS WEEKEND 31 AUG./1 SEPT. AFTER ALL OF THE MASSES. EVERYTHING WILL HAVE REDUCED PRICES. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SALE!**
- 2. NEED A RIDE?** Some of our parishioners find it difficult to get to church on the weekend for reasons I think that everyone knows. If you drive a car, are you willing to lend a hand? If so, please tell Fr. Matt or Simon South of your willingness. Thank you ahead of time!
- 3. OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA EXPANSION AND BLESSING** on 15 September at 2:00 PM. There will be a Rosary, Litany, Blessing and some Polish refreshments in the garden. We need to start signing up now so that we have some idea of how many people will be coming. We will advertise this event around the deanery hoping to attract some Polish Catholics to come and see our beautiful church and icon. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. **PLEASE SIGN-UP EARLY!**
- 4. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY** is on Monday, 23 September. The Padre Pio Prayer Group is inviting everyone to a festive celebration. This will include the daily Mass at 9:00 AM, the prayers that we usually say on Friday mornings in the church, and then some tea, coffee and sweets in the friary.
- 5. NEXT PARISH MEETING: MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 2:00 PM IN THE FRIARY.**
- 6. PARISH LUNCHEON: SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER (THAT'S COLUMBUS DAY FOR US AMERICANS.) AT THE MERMAID INN AROUND NOON. £21 EACH. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. PUT IT IN YOUR DIARIES TODAY!**

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.

14/15 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 have 12 people (an apostolic number) going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 8-10 October 2019. One of our parishioners has generously offered to pay for a mini-bus for us so expenses for all of us are reduced. We will be praying for all of you and the entire parish, including our youth and our aged, the lapsed, the unchurched and unbaptized, and all those who are looking for Truth, sometimes in the wrong places.

13-14 Oct: CHANGE: I have decided to put off the individual consecrations until AFTER Fr. Jobe comes to tell us about the Militia Immaculatae (MI) sometime after the beginning of next year. It seems to me that people will understand the individual consecration better after Fr. Jobe's explanation. Then we can decide whether to do the individual consecrations at Mass, as a group or in a separate ceremony.

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.



In this year of our parish consecration two of Mary's feasts are overpowered by Sundays. Only solemnities can take the place of Sunday celebrations. The first is Sunday 8 September, the Birth of Mary. There are only three people whose births we celebrate on the liturgical calendar. Mary is one, her Son, Jesus is obviously one and John the Baptist (24 June) is the third. The births of the 2 merely human persons are celebrated because of their connections with the Birth of Jesus.

When Mary was born, the day of salvation was closer as a spiritual and historical event. At her Immaculate Conception 9 months before her birth, God was already applying the effects of His Son's Death and Resurrection to a specific human being who would become our spiritual Mother. The birth of John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets brought that day even closer occurring 6 months before the first Christmas Day. We believe that he received his sanctification while still in his mother, Elizabeth's womb. *The moment your (Mary's) greeting sounded in my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*

We can consider these three births a temporal "sun", like the center of our salvific solar system, around which all other historical events revolve, either increasing the light of God's Eternal Wisdom or decreasing it through self-centeredness and selfishness. This is true of the events in our lives. They either increase the light through virtue or bring about darkness through sin.

At the beginning of following week, Sunday 15 September, we would usually celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This feast is always a day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross which proclaims Mary as the Co-Redemptrix (redeems **with but not equally**) and the Mediatrix of All Graces. What was Mary thinking as she stood there watching her Son and Saviour die such an ignominious death? This was the sword of sorrow that Simeon told her would pierce her heart. Here were the maternal pains that mothers experience when they give birth or see their children suffer. This is what she said, "Yes" to when the angel Gabriel told her that she would be the Mother of the Son of the Most High. Here again at the foot of the Cross, she said with the **true freedom** of her Immaculate Heart and the **full consent** of her will: *I am the Handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word.* At this scene, most horrible and painted with defeat in the world's eyes, is the most victorious victory over sin and death. Here the Babe of Bethlehem becomes the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world and of Whom Abraham said to his son Isaac, *God Himself will provide a sacrifice.* At this dark hour in history, only Mary realized what was really happening: the rejection of the Messiah by the then leadership of her people. The ultimate blasphemy was being committed. With the words: *If He saved others, let Him save Himself*, they taunted Him. He did not save Himself so that He could save us.

During these hours of agony, Mary became our Mother and we became her sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to her Divine Son. Dare we recite her Magnificat with her as she stands at the foot of the Cross?

**My soul magnifies the Lord And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and
holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty. He has given help to Israel, his
servant, mindful of His mercy even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham
and to his posterity forever.**



*Mary, Mother of God and our Mother; Our Lady of Sorrows,
Gain for us the grace to consecrate our parish to you!*