



*Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
{formerly Saint Walburga, Abbess}
Rye, East Sussex*

"At the Top of the Town"

**Staffed by Order Friars Minor Conventual,
"The Greyfriars" since AD 1910**

"Jesus came to you, so that you can come to Him"

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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org

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www.thegreyfriars.org/rye-east-sussex

The Secular Franciscan Order in GB: <http://ofsgb.org>

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Rye St. Antony School: <https://www.ryestantony.co.uk/>

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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest

Rev. Mr. Simon South, Deacon

13 FEBRUARY 2022 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME

"Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!

This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets."

Times of Mass This Week

12 Feb. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM SIXTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
13 Feb. Sunday	+ Eileen Ashe, req. Michael Ashe	8:00 AM SIXTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
13 Feb . Sunday	+ Betty Elliott, req. Michael, her son	10:45 AM SIXTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
14 Feb. Monday	Ss. Cyril & Method Parish, Bing., NY	9:00 AM St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop
15 Feb. Tuesday	May McGilloway, req. Aoife Coleman	9:00 AM St. Claude de la Colombiere, Priest
16 Feb. Wednesday	For Employers & Employees	9:00 AM St. Onesimus, Slave, Martyr
17 Feb. Thursday	Nuns & Priests, living & deceased (FMA)	9:00 AM The 7 Holy Founder of the Servite Order
	Begin the Novena to St. Walburga, Abbess & our first Patroness	
18 Feb. Friday	Fr. Jonathan (FMA)	9:00 AM Bls. John Pribush & William Harrington, Priests & Martyrs
19 Feb. Saturday	Deceased Parishioners	9:00 AM Bl. Lucy, Martyr in China
19 Feb. Saturday	Patrick & Lesley (FMA)	6:00 PM SEVENTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
20 Feb. Sunday	Phil & Tom Conroy, req. Bill Doherty	8:00 AM SEVENTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
20 Feb. Sunday	For the Parishioners	10:45 AM SEVENTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME

➤ **THERE WILL NOT BE A HOLY HOUR AGAIN UNTIL THE FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT.**

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 for this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:, Audrey Hatter, Vickie Hatter (now both in Roseland Care Home), Fr. Paul Clarke, John Wakely, Bob Bligh, John Kilroy (at the Conquest), Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey (in the Conquest), Janet (Jane) Castro, all those confined to their homes or care homes, my nephew, Nathaniel, and Mass intentions this week.

**SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK, MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE HUB ON RYE HILL
FROM 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Come and join us!**

BISHOP RICHARD'S PODCAST: [Bishop Richard Moth's Podcast for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time on Vimeo](#)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the Beatitudes as recorded in Luke's Gospel. They are much shorter – and starker – than those in Matthew's Gospel, which perhaps we know better. In Luke, three beatitudes are contrasted with three sorrows. There are three themes here: poverty, hunger and sadness. There are also words about rejection, contrasted with worldly praise.

We might feel that the picture the Lord paints for us is bleak. Poverty, hunger, sadness and rejection are our lot. These we must accept, in these we must rejoice, if we are to reach the Kingdom of Heaven. The reverse – riches, plenty, happiness and praise – are, we are told, fruitless in the grand scheme of things.

At the very least, this is a warning that comfort can distract us from the Gospel. This is, surely, evident in Western society, where wealth, consumerism and immediate instant joy can take us away from the long view, bring us to look at ourselves, and lose sight of God's presence and the needs of our brothers and sisters.

The way of the Christian must be a continual striving for what endures, a fixing of mind and heart on the person of Christ. This focus will, of its very nature, take us away from the instant and virtual to that which is real – and reality can be, as we might say, 'difficult viewing'.

This way demands trust, as both Jeremiah and the Psalmist make plain for us. Our world needs us to trust, to be open to the courage that comes from the Holy Spirit, enabling us to see things as they really are, to take up the Cross and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

With every Blessing, + Richard

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[Synod | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

FROM REAL TIME: [Real Time: Episode 11 \(11/02/2022\) - YouTube](#)

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Sacred Heart: [Saint Life: Margaret Mary Alacoque ~ In the Side of Christ - YouTube](#)

From The Life of Saint Walburga, by Francesca M. Steele, AD 1921

[After the death of St. Walburga's mother, Winna, the first thought of her brothers was for their sister], and when St. Boniface suggested sending for some of the Wimborne nuns, they took counsel with him as to the expediency of asking Walburga to come and labour with them in the work they had undertaken.

They all knew her capabilities, her sanctity, her humility and sweetness of disposition, and when the brothers suggested the idea to their uncle, St. Boniface, he at once agreed that Walburga must be one of the party to be invited to come over to Germany from Wimbourne monastery. Accordingly they wrote to Abbess Tetta, asking that Lioba, Walburga and another relation of theirs, St. Thecla, should be the leaders of the missionaries, for so they were, and a very high calling it was, but the brothers and St. Boniface had very little doubt what the answer would be. None of these holy women would, they knew, shrink from accepting such a call, on account of the dangers and hardships attendant on it, if they were convinced that it was their duty to obey.

It was possible that Abbess Tetta might raise insuperable objections which had not occurred to them. She might not consider them strong enough for such a mission, but in the meanwhile all they could do was to wait for the answers to their letters, and to pray that their requests might be granted if it were God's will.

It seems that St. Boniface was able to find some faithful messengers, to whom he entrusted these important letters, and that they made a special journey to England to deliver them personally to Abbess

Tetta at Wimbourne. As Archbishop he would have had facilities for doing this, and the old biographers say that he did so. The same messengers doubtless brought back the answers, remaining in England until the decision on so important a step was taken. [pp. 80-82]

From Blessed Ivan Merz, Bosnian layman: [16 Dec. 1896 – 10 May 1928]

While waiting to join the army, having been called up (Europe was at war at the time), Ivan lived with his parents. He perceived the answers to many questions by the light of his Faith. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, he vowed to remain chaste until marriage. And on January 23, 1916, he wrote: ***I long to be humble! Extremely humble! I long to destroy all this natural pride, and humbly aspire to the truth, simply because of truth itself...*** On the 28th he continued: ***I am conscious that I am very far from any kind of perfection... Then I reflect upon my actions and I realize that I am a Christian in word but not in deed. Christianity has not yet penetrated my blood... I should pray to God more lengthily so as not to lose this mystical link with Him.*** Yet he noted on February 24: ***I love peace and silence very much; I can reflect, I can think about the mystery of the Eucharist, I can withdraw into motionless awe. I can pray at length... It is so much better in solitude. Nothing compares with retreating to a small dark church [like St. Anthony, Rye] and slowly praying the Rosary to the flickering of the tabernacle light, to the last rays of the sun, and marveling, marveling, marveling eternally at the Eucharist, that brilliance, that grandeur, that infinite Love...*** {From Saint Joseph the Clairval Abbey, Letter of Dec. 24, 2021, page 2.}

13 IS MY LUCKY NUMBER: Carrier bags, with revised prayer booklets, are available after the Masses or at the friary when I am home. Inexpensive, easily folded, easily mailable, buy more than one for those who may not come to this church or any church! Booklets are available without the bag for £1. Please put money in the big, green jar. Thank you!

PARISH LENTEN OUTING A day at Aylesford Priory with the Carmelite Friars on Tuesday 15th March Time of Departure: 9.45 am in time for tea/coffee on arrival. Transport: to be arranged and advised. **MASS** at 12 noon. **LUNCH** in Pilgrim's Hall. Talk in Cloister Chapel by Father Richard Copsey O. Carm followed by tour of the Priory. **Time of return: 4.30 pm** **COST:** to be advised when numbers known (to include small donation, lunch and share of transport). Please fill in form at back of Church **ASAP.** **Any queries to Jocelyn Rowe 01797 22201.** We will have 2 wheel chairs available for those who might need them for some of the walking.

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SAINT WALBURGA'S FEAST DAY IS FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY!

On Thursday, 17 November we will start a novena to St. Walburga. We will say the entire litany and prayers on our St. Walburga prayer folder before the Masses on 17 February and the Sunday Masses of that weekend. ON the other days we will say the opening prayer only. On the actual feast day, Friday, 25 February I would like to have a bring-and-share lunch at St. Mary's Parish Centre (if it is available; I am waiting for a response.) We will say the last day of the novena before we eat.

I would also like this to be a time when we can discuss together: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Rye: Past, Present and Future. As you know, the future of this parish was thrown into confusion about a year and a half before I arrived here. As a small parish with only one Franciscan priest, there is always the danger of the friars' deciding to leave for the sake of a larger parish and friary. Just this past week the parish priest at St. Clare's in Manchester had a stroke. Although he is back at the friary, his future is in question especially since he may decide to go back to Romania. Who shall replace him, if need be? Plus this is a chapter year when such decisions are made.

I would like everyone to make a serious effort to attend the lunch and to pray the novena at home if not in church. We must do something bold and dramatic! With many thanks!

St. Anthony of Padua, St. Walburga, all the saints in our church, St. Joseph, our protector, and Mary the Mother of the Church and the Mother of our Parish, pray for us!