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

"At the Top of the Town"

"The Greyfriars" since AD 1910

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

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The Franciscans (The Greyfriars)

The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org
St. Anthony of Padua, Rye:
www.thegreyfriars.org/rye-east-sussex

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

Saint Clare Fraternity, Poor Clare Convent, Hollington,
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Rye St. Antony School: <https://www.ryestantony.co.uk/>

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: [Home \(spuc.org.uk\)](http://spuc.org.uk) or 020 7091 7091

Poor Clares' Prayer Line-Tex7t names to:
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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Rev. Mr. Simon South, Deacon

3 APRIL 2022 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Neither do I condemn you, said Jesus; go away
and don't sin anymore.."

Times of Mass This Week

2 Apr. Saturday	NO MASS
3 Apr. Sunday	+ John Kilroy, req. Ita Bligh
3 Apr. Sunday	+ Delita Ferrari. req/ Jocelyn Rowe
4 Apr. Monday	NO MASS
5 Apr. Tuesday	NO MASS
6 Apr. Wednesday	NO MASS
7 Apr. Thursday	NO MASS
8 Apr. Friday	
9 Apr. Saturday	For the Parishioners
9 Apr. Saturday	+ Richard Carey, req. Kathy Lenihan
9 Apr. Sunday	For the Parishioners

XXXXX FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10:45 AM FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
XXXXX St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop
XXXXX St. Vincent Ferrer, OP, Priest
XXXXX St. Elstan, OSB, Abbot, Bishop (Winchester)
XXXXX St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
9:00 AM St. Julia Brilliart, Foundress, (Srs. ND)
9:00 AM St. Hedda, OSB, Abbot, Martyr (+ 84)
6:00 PM PASSION SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 AM PASSION SUNDAY OF LENT
10:45 AM PASSION SUNDAY OF LENT

**LET US CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR LENTEN SACRIFICES FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE
AND OTHER PLACES EXPERIENCING WAR AND VIOLENCE,
FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
AND FOR THE GROWTH OF OUR PARISH .**

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT BEFORE THE 9:00 AM MASS.

THERE WILL BE NOT A HOLY HOUR on 8 APRIL .

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Catherine Bowles, Paul Coleman (Aoife's brother), Richard Carey, John Kilroy, members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, those who die suddenly or violently, especially during war or unrest, and Mass intentions for this week.

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

WE ANNOUNCE WITH GREAT JOY AND GRATITUDE THAT FATHER LOUIS MAXIMILIAN, OFM CONV. WILL BE ARRIVING IN RYE THIS THURSDAY AND STAY UNTIL 8 MAY TO HELP ME AND THE PARISH DURING MY RECOVERY PERIOD.

**WELCOME FR. LOUIS MAXIMILIAN!!
YOU WILL CERTAINLY ENJOY YOUR STAY AT
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA,
ONE OF THE TOP 50 CHURCHES IN ENGLAND AND WALES
YOU MUST SEE BEFORE YOU DIE!**

And you get to see it for a month!!

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK, MONDAY 10 APRIL 2022 AT THE HUB ON RYE HILL FROM 3:30 – 5:00 PM. A GREAT WAY TO CONTINUE LENT!

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**BISHOP RICHARD'S PODCAST:** [Bishop Richard Moth's Podcast for the 5th Sunday of Lent on Vimeo](#)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Conversion of heart, conversion of life, are key themes of the Lenten journey. This Sunday's readings focus our minds very clearly on the call to new life, the call to conversion.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a new way. Just as God had brought the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, so He will "do a new deed." The old ways will go and, through the new life that God gives, all will come to Him. Isaiah speaks of a path through the desert, in which water is abundant. He looks to John the Baptist, who proclaims a way through the desert and who baptises for repentance. So much more significantly, Isaiah looks to the Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life – and to the waters of Baptism, the Baptism that we celebrate so significantly at Easter. Isaiah proclaims the new beginning that comes through conversion in Christ.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus meets the woman caught in adultery. In calling those who would stone her to death to reflect on their own sins, he gives a new way to the woman – and to all around him. The old way of condemnation is gone, and he calls the woman to new life, lived without the sins of her past. This Gospel calls us to reflect on our attitudes to all around us – and on our openness to the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

St Paul often speaks in strong terms in his letters and, in writing to the Philippians, he proclaims the abandonment of his old ways, and his embracing of the new Way, the Way of Christ. All before this he regards as rubbish. All he wants is Christ.

This Lent, as in every Lent, the Lord calls us to take His Way. He calls us to repentance, to the abandonment of anything that would keep us from Him. He calls us to throw out everything that is not of Him, that with our load lightened, we may run along the Way He alone marks out for us.

With every Blessing, + Richard

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**Ukraine Fundraising Message to Parishes:** People across our faith community have been deeply affected by the conflict in Ukraine, with Holy Hours and prayers for peace offered across our many parishes.

Since the start of the war more than 2 million people have been forced to leave their homes including, according to UNICEF, a number of children travelling alone. Many diocesan parishes and schools have already undertaken fundraising initiatives for Ukraine, with others enquiring about the steps they might take to help our brothers and sisters at this extremely difficult time.

Giving to established registered charities with experience of delivering humanitarian aid in challenging environments is often the most efficient and helpful way to support those in need. In light of this, and following advice from Bishops' Conference (CBCEW), Bishop Richard recommends parishes wishing to give financially support CAFOD, who are part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee

response to the conflict and have experienced charitable partners already working in Ukraine. You can find out more about CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

At a local level Bishop Richard and our diocesan central office team are exploring the measures we can take to offer practical help and support to Ukrainian refugees due to arrive in Sussex and Surrey in the coming weeks - we will keep you fully updated on these plans moving forward. As ever, we would ask for your continued prayers for the people of the region, and a peaceful end to the conflict.

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**FROM REAL TIME: [Real Time: Episode 16 \(25/03/2022\) - YouTube](#)**

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**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO FR. CIPRIAN AND FR. RORY FOR HELPING US OUT LAST WEEKEND AND THIS WEEKEND DURING MY UNFORTUNATE FALL! WE HOPE, THAT EVEN WITH THE INCONVENIENCE, YOUR VISIT TO RYE WAS ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE.**

**THANKS ALSO TO FR. JAMES AND FR. CIPRIAN FOR ARRANGING TO HAVE FR. LOUIS MAXIMILIAN VISIT WITH US FOR A MONTH BEGINNING THIS THURSDAY!!**

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**Dear Neighbours and Parishioners,**

*I thank you greatly for all of your thoughts, kindnesses, emails, cakes, phone calls, and most especially your prayers during my recent "trip" which was supposed to be to the USA, not to the hardwood floor of the entrance to the friary!! My across-the-street neighbours, Grahame who helped me get on my feet, and Michael, who called the ambulance many times, were of immediate help right after I hit the floor harder than a boxer with a glass jaw. The initial pain in my hip was so great that I did not notice that I had injured my elbow as well...then I tried to lean on my arm and received a quick notice from the nerves that I was not to do that again for 6 weeks.*

*During our 6-hour wait for the ambulance, we made quite a picture for those who were visiting the church. What kind of church has a priest in dusty pants leaning on a bench with no apparent reason to do so, laughing and chatting with neighbours and passersby? Well, I guess a Franciscan church!*

*When the ambulance finally arrived, they were remarkably professional, compassionate and successful in their primary duty...to get me into the ambulance with as little pain as possible. They first gave me an inhaler with pain medication that is often used with mothers who are delivering their babies. When I got to the hospital and had an x-ray, they gave me the feared news...complete break of the femur from the joint. A partial hip replacement was planned for Sunday morning. It was not the type of list on which I wanted to be #1. The anaesthetist explained to me that I would be getting an epidural to partially knock me out during the operation. That's right...they give it to mothers during delivery of their babies. Finally, another doctor came and did a sonogram (used on pregnant women but on a different part of the body) on my leg so that he could stick a needle in my leg and knock out one of my nerves. So, if nothing else, after this experience, I am ready for pregnancy! There was no "partial" to my knock out. As soon as my right arm was put in a cast, I was out until I awoke in the recovery room. One of the nurses asked me if I wanted to dance, but I told her I couldn't dance before the operation either.*

*Everyone at the hospital was wonderful, compassionate and competent, from the surgeons to the persons who brought my food and swept the floor. They came from all over...England, Nepal, Canada, India and other spots on the globe.*

*If you ever have a blockage in your intestine or a broken hip, I highly recommend the Conquest Hotel for a stay of a week or two. I think that they are pretty good at delivering babies as well!*

*As I often say, "Suffering is good for the soul and can be a powerful prayer." So, family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances, and most immediately, my parishioners, this one is for you!!*

*May Our Lady of Lourdes watch over all of us today, especially over those who suffer and equally on clumsy priests!!*