



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

Rye, East Sussex

"At the Top of the Town"

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

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The Greyfriars: www.thegreyfriars.org
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❖ **The MI in the UK:** mi-sheffield.com

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Fr. Matthew Chadwick, OFM Conv., Parish Priest

Rev. Mr. Simon South, Deacon

17 JULY 2022 ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
"Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son."

Times of Mass This Week

16 July Saturday	+ Mary Byrne, req. Keith Kettle	6:00 PM 16TH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
17 July Sunday	+ George Clarke (FMA)	8:00 AM 16TH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
17 July Sunday	For the Parishioners	10:45 AM 16TH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME
18 July Monday	Julie & Christopher Roberts (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Edburga of Bicester, Nun (Aylesford)
19 July Tuesday	+ Angela Haworth (FMA)	9:00 AM St. John of Plessington, Priest, Martyr
20 July Wednesday	Deb Poloczek & Joe Bradley (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr
21 July Thursday	NO MASS	XXXXX St. Lawrence of Brindisi, 1st Order, Priest, Doctor
22 July Friday	Geraldine Golden (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to Apostles
23 July Saturday	Gemma & Christopher (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
23 July Saturday	Maire Dixon, req. Aiofe Coleman	6:00 PM 17th SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDER
24 July Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM 17th SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDER
24 July Sunday	+ Cyril Spreadbridge, req. Teresa Collins	10:45 AM 17th SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY John Ryan (22/07/2009), 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: Anne Maskens, Fr. Aidan Walsh, OFM Conv., Sheila Miller, Ron Peters, Audrey Hatter, Vickie Hatter (now both in Roseland Care Home), Fr. Paul Clarke, John Wakely, Ita & Bob Bligh, Susan Clarke, Kathleen Sherwood, Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Janet (Jane) Castro, all those confined to their homes or care homes, my nephew, Nathaniel, and Mass intentions this week.

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❖ **THERE WILL BE SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK,**
Monday, 18 July, 2022 , 3:30 – 5:00 PM at the Hub on Rye Hill

➤ SEA SUNDAY CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RYE & DISTRICT SEA SUNDAY WORSHIP, 17th July, 2pm

Owing to warnings of “extreme heat”, moved to RYE HARBOUR CHURCH (maybe in churchyard shade) Bring your own lunch from 1pm,

REAL TIME: [\(306\) Real Time: Episode 27 - YouTube](#)

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FROM BISHOP RICHARD: [No audio this week.]

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel can be difficult to hear. Why is it that Mary has chosen the 'better part'? Why is Martha not praised for her hard work, and Mary told to help her?

There is in each of us something of the Martha and something of the Mary – the active and the contemplative. Being busy with so many things is often very good, even though we can worry and fret about the great list of things to be done. However, there are times when we must put aside the list of tasks to be done, the responsibilities to be carried – and sit quietly and listen to the Lord speaking to us.

Indeed, making this the priority gives shape and meaning to the activity. The purpose of work becomes clear and our motivation for action is set right – that motivation being the service of God, present to us in our brothers and sisters. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, whose gentle voice we hear in silence, we bring to others, and to the tasks we carry out, the love of Christ Himself.

Mary had a golden opportunity to listen to the Lord and it was an opportunity she took. We too must seize the opportunities that come our way. We must also make definite time, each and every day, to sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to Him. This 'better part' opens us to His presence and His love. We grow in conformity to Him and our daily busy-ness – often so hectic in our present times – is transformed into something wonderful in the service of Christ Himself.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion.

Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works.

Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen, and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land.

Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion.

Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need.

Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instill in us your strength, wisdom and understanding.

May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

The Jesus Prayer

One of the simplest prayers is the Jesus Prayer – the prayer of the heart – where we admit to ourselves, to our God that we are all sinners, that we all need redemption, and that we place ourselves in the loving hands of Our Lord. The prayer is one that is very simple. It doesn't take a lot of memory and it's a prayer that we can repeat and you can live with.

Jesus, Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner Amen

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“To conquer the whole world for Christ through Mary Immaculate.”

LOST IN GOD: ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, considered the fourth great saint of the Carmelite Order, saw in Mary the model of the contemplative, prayerful soul. Here is the beautiful exposition she wrote on the Mother of God. “There is one who knew this gift of God, one who did not lose a particle of it, one who was so pure and luminous, that she seemed to be the Light Itself.” [Comment: This is similar to the thought of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who said Mary is, of course, not God, but as close to being God as any mere human being can be. She exemplifies what God has said in the Old Testament: *Be holy for I am holy.*]



Elizabeth saw in Mary the model of the contemplative, prayerful soul. In the latter part of August 1906 she wrote two treatises, “Heaven in Faith” and “Last Retreat”, and in them gave a beautiful exposition on Mary:

“If you knew the gift of God”... There is one who knew this gift of God, one who did not lose a particle of it, one who was so pure and luminous that she seemed to be the Light itself. “Speculum Justitiae”. One whose life was so

simple, so lost in God that there is hardly anything we can say about it.

“*Virgo Fidelis*”; that is, Faithful Virgin, “who kept all these things in her heart”. She remained so little, so recollected in God’s presence, in the seclusion of the temple, that she drew down upon herself the delight of the Holy Trinity: “Because he has looked upon the lowliness of his servant, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed”. The Father, bending down to this beautiful creature, who was so unaware of her own beauty, willed that she be the Mother in time of him whose Father he is in eternity. Then the Spirit of love who presides over all of God’s works came upon her; the Virgin said her *fiat*: “Behold the servant of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word”. And the greatest of mysteries was accomplished. By the descent of the Word in her, Mary became forever God’s prey.

It seems to me that the attitude of the Virgin during the months that elapsed between the Annunciation and the Nativity is the model for interior souls, those who God has chosen to live within, in the depths of the bottomless abyss. In what peace, in what recollection Mary lent herself to everything she did! How even the most trivial things were divinised by her! For through it all the Virgin remained the adorer of the Gift of God! This did not prevent her from spending herself outwardly when it was a matter of charity; the Gospel tells us that Mary went in haste to the mountains of Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Never did the ineffable vision that she contemplated within herself in any way diminish her outward charity.

This blog is extracted from our book [Elizabeth of the Trinity](#), in which the fourth great Carmelite saint reminds us of the rich Catholic tradition of prayer and union with God.

[Lost in God: St Elizabeth of the Trinity on Mary | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#)

O Mary Immaculate, Queen of the Carmelites, pray for us!