

**QUEEN ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY II**  
**Pictured with her son and heir, King Charles III**



**21 APRIL 1926 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**96 YEARS OLD**  
**QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**6 FEBRUARY 1952 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**79 YEARS AND 214 DAYS**  
**THE LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH**  
**OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**AND THE LONGEST REIGNING**  
**FEMALE MONARCH OF**  
**ANY SOVEREIGN NATION**





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“At the Top of the Town”*

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**11 SEPTEMBER 2022 ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME**

**“...it was only right that we should celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother here was dead, and come to life,  
he was lost and is found.”**

**Times of Mass This Week**

10 Sept. Saturday	For the Parishioners	<b>6:00 PM 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>
11 Sept. Sunday	+ Queen Elizabeth II	<b>8:00 AM 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>
11 Sept. Sunday	+ Dorothy Roxburgh, req. Jocelyn Rowe	<b>10:45 AM 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>
12 Sept. Monday	+ Suzanne Allan (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
13 Sept. Tuesday	+ George Miller (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</b>
14 Sept. Wednesday	Annette & Terry (FMA)	<b>9:00 AM Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
15 Sept. Thursday	+ Charles & Anna Chadwick (m. 1945)	<b>9:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows, Co-Redemptrix</b>
16 Sept. Friday	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9:00 AM Ss. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian, Martyrs</b>
17 Sept. Saturday	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9:00 AM Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi</b>
17 Sept. Saturday		<b>6:00 PM 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>
18 Sept. Sunday		<b>8:00 AM 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>
18 Sept. Sunday		<b>10:45 AM 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN GOD'S TIME</b>

**THIS SUNDAY: Collection for Catholic Education (NOT Gift-Aid)**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Sunday for England & Wales**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY, Queen Elizabeth II, Ann Hamilton (01/09/2021), Cardinal Cormac-Murphy (01/09/2017), 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:** 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.

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

**PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF HM THE QUEEN**

Almighty God,  
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;  
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,  
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands  
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life  
promised to all those born again  
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
God, forever and ever,  
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,  
And let Perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen

**PSALM 121 – A SONG OF ASCENTS**  
lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil;  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming,  
both now and forever.

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

**CANTICLE OF SIMEON** (Luke 2:29-32)  
At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation  
Which you have prepared for all nations,  
The light to enlighten the Gentiles  
And give glory to Israel, your people.

## **PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY**

Almighty God, source of all consolation,  
we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss  
of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.  
Uphold them in your love  
and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.  
Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
comfort in their sadness,  
certainty in their doubt  
and courage to live through this hour.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE KING**

O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King  
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,  
so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure and preserve  
for the people entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
God, forever and ever,  
Amen.



**STATEMENT FROM HIS EMINENCE, VINCENT CARDINAL NICHOLS ON  
THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'**

**Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.**

**Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.**

**At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.**

**In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, "To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'**

**This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.**

**Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.**

**Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.**

**We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.**

**God save the King!**

# HM The Queen RIP

**Canon Jonathan Martin**

to Priests, Religious, Laura, Bishop

8 September 2022, 9:24

Dear Fathers

It is with deep sadness that I send this email to you following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty the Queen this afternoon. May the Lord receive her soul into his loving mercy and pour his consolation upon the King, Queen Consort and all the Royal Family, and those in our lands and across the world who will mourn her loss.

Attached to this email is the statement of His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, together with Prayers to be distributed to all the parishes and communities in our dioceses.

One Mass this weekend may be celebrated in parishes for the repose of the soul of The Queen (Propers to be used would be *ad libitum* from page 1450 onwards of The Roman Missal).

The Cardinal will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral tomorrow at 5.30pm and at some point in the near future, there will be a more formal and national celebration of Mass for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty.

With every good wish.

In Domino,

**Canon Jonathan Martin**

Vicar General & Chancellor



**THERE WILL BE SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION THIS WEEK,  
Monday, 12 September, 2022 at The Hub on Rye Hill from 3:30 -5:00 PM.**

**REAL TIME:** (821) Real Time: Episode 34 - YouTube

## **PODCAST FROM BISHOP RICHARD (from last week):**

Bishop's Podcasts | Our Diocese (abdiocese.org.uk)

## SEVEN YEARS IN RYE

I remember the first day I walked into the church on 3 September 2015 with Fr. Peter Damian and took a look at the sanctuary and the side walls near the altars of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Anthony of Padua. "Oh, my goodness", I said to Fr. Peter Damian. It was not like the pictures that I saw on the Franciscan website before I came to England.

How were we going to handle this? I surmised that being a small parish, it would not have a large bank account.

Some spots in the sanctuary looked so dangerous I thought I might have to wear a hard hat when I celebrated Mass.

Then there was Dorothy Van Heuven, who died shortly after I arrived here, and her niece Dolores Don with a legacy of £25,000.

Also, fortunately, we were required to conduct our 5-year examination of the church and the friary. This gave us a battle plan for how to attack our many problems, especially the problems caused by dampness. A few parishioners added donations to the legacy as well as some of my friends in the USA, and we were able to begin the work.

Eventually, we were able to regain our status as one of the “Top Fifty Churches You Must See before You Die”, an honour given to us by Elena Curtis in her book of that title. Many visitors agreed with her assessment and told their friends and relatives to come and visit us. And they did!

As you know from looking at our Visitors Book, we have visitors from all over the world, even the USA, and they added to our reputation, as well as those on Facebook.

Adding to the beauty of a church is the easiest way to improve our liturgy and our worship of God. In addition, the people who visit our church out of interest or for some quiet prayer, immediately have their minds and hearts raised to God, and that is my favourite definition of prayer.

Spiritually, we accomplished many important tasks. There was the “Year of Mary” which beginning was delayed due to my sudden holiday at the Conquest to relieve a blockage in my intestine. I considered that pain and inconvenience a fitting prayerful beginning to the year. Thank God for Fr. Desmond (RIP) who covered the weekend Masses until Christmas Eve when I was able to return to the altar. May he now be in Heaven joining us at every Mass, the “wedding Feast of the Lamb”, as you hear me say at the “Behold the Lamb of God...”

During this year we added chanting of the Salve Regina after every Saturday 9:00 AM Mass and on the most important feasts of Our Lady. We also began reciting the Angelus before the 6:00 PM Vigil Mass. We celebrate as many feasts of Mary that can be with Saturday morning Mass being a regular day when we honour the Mother of God, who on that first Holy Saturday before the Resurrection prayed that the promises made to her by God would be fulfilled in the Resurrection of her Son. I hope that these continue as long as this church remains in Rye.

We also celebrated a Year of Saint Joseph with the Universal Church. Nearly every week I put in some article about the importance of him who is the Head of the Holy Family, Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, virgin Father of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, and Protector of the Universal Church.

As such he is the second most powerful intercessor for us before the Most Holy Trinity after his Spouse, Mary. Jesus, "Who did not cling to His Divinity" listened to Mary and Joseph on earth as His loving parents, and He continues to do so in Heaven.

I hope that every Catholic says at least one prayer to St. Joseph EVERY DAY, even if it is, "St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family and Protector of the Universal Church, pray for us and make our parish grow and prosper!"

There are materials by his statue and on the porch to help you and all visitors to develop a close friendship with St. Joseph.

I have also tried to bring St. Walburga to the fore by increasing our devotion to her. I believe that she is still a patroness of ours and I hope that you continue to say a pray to her once a day or once a week.

I am particularly happy that I provided Mass for the parish throughout both the locked-churches phase and the unlocked-churches with silent Masses. I simply do not believe that the martyrs of Great Britain or any saint would have stopped attending Sunday Mass because of an epidemic, no matter how extensive it was. Fear of death

was not something that hindered the practice of their Faith. I hope that the government, the Catholic Church and all Catholics will never let this happen again.

Of course, I could have done nothing without my beloved volunteers. First among them, as you all know, is Ita Bligh. She took care of the altar linens, cooked for me on weekends saving the parish a ton of money, cleaned the church, including the front of the church, was my housekeeper when I needed her to be, and basically took care of whatever was not done by someone else. Ita was always the first person I asked when I needed something done or some information.

Secondly is Simon South, both before he was a deacon and since. He prepared various persons for sacraments, organizes the Scripture group, drives me to appointments, helps me at weekend Masses, is our link with the diocese and both our health and safety coordinator and safeguarding representative. He allows me to double or even triple what I want to do spiritually for the parishioners.

Thirdly, there is the finance committee keeping our finances organized and healthy and overseeing both the last quinquennial report and the one just completed. If I had to do the annual financial reports each year, I certainly would have been back in America by now. Despite covid, I think that we are much healthier financially now than seven years ago. We have decreased our expenses and increased our income which should be further enhanced by our contactless donation machine. In the month of August we have received over £220.00 from Dona, and that is with the machine being down for much of the time. The members are Christopher Rowe, chairman, Michael St. Clair George, who composes our financial reports and keeps an eye on spending month by month, Simon South (see above) and Michel LaRue, retired architect from Lydd who was also involved with our recent quinquennial report and will be involved with implementing its recommendations. We must also acknowledge Ve Webb who has retired from the committee, but did a magnificent job when I first arrived, doing what Michael is doing now.

Who can forget Jolly?! Because of him, the church shines – all the brass, especially the candle protectors and the altar rail. He built the cabinets at the back of the church and on the porch, and took care of the candles, especially the vigil candles. (Liz St. Clair-George has taken over that responsibility. Thanks, Liz!) He served the 8:00 AM Mass each Sunday. He was an all-around handyman for me whenever I needed something fixed and all for God. I still pray that he moves back to Rye.

Adding beauty to our liturgical celebrations are the flowers on the altars and various places around the church. When I arrived it was, as you all know, Elizabeth Turner, who did a magnificent job over many, many years. After her reluctant retirement, Teresa Collins has taken over this important ministry.

I would especially like to thank those who attended Mass during the week either daily or on some of the days. This includes those who cannot make it anymore: Sheila Miller, Elizabeth Turner, Ann Hamilton, and those who can: Helen Ross, Aiofe Coleman, Keith Kettle, Jenny Smith most of the time. People often ask a priest what they can do to help a priest. My answer is always the same: Attend Mass more than once a week. There is nothing so uplifting to a priest than to see people at Mass to whom he can give the Most Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And there is nothing more beneficial to a parish than the graces bestowed on us from the celebration of Mass.

There have been days this year, even on Tuesdays, when I celebrated Mass by myself. That should be a rare occurrence, but it happens too often here.

There is much to do. We need to continue to keep our church beautiful and safe, to update the parish register, to develop the parish website, to increase the number of our parishioners through prayer, fasting and sacrifice, to search for the lost and forsaken, to reach out to our children and our homebound.

I am envious of the new parish priest because I believe that this parish is on the threshold of a bright future and period of growth. It will happen with prayer, prayer, prayer, and difficult and generous work.

One of this parish's strengths is your concern for each other and the parish priest. I will always have a good feeling when I remember you this way and of your goodness to me.

In a summary like this, it is easy to overlook someone who should be mentioned. I apologize to whomever I may have missed, but even more so you have my gratitude and continuous prayer.

My deepest apology for leaving Jocelyn and the Choir out of the initial printing of the newsletter. The highlight of my Sunday mornings is singing at Mass and especially in Latin. I am extremely happy that the choir was resurrected during these past seven years.

*"Through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Walburga,  
of all of the saints whose images are in the church:  
May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
May He turn his face to you and  
be gracious to you,  
May He look up you kindly and give you His Peace."*