

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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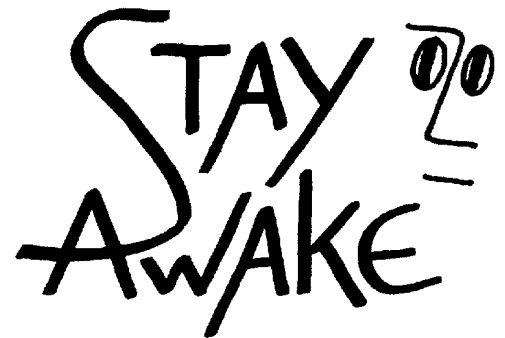
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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	26 th	6.00 pm	Teresa Rance RIP
Sunday	27 th	8.15 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	Angela, Angelo, Maganda & Nalakas RIP
Monday	28 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
		2.30 pm	Mother's Prayers
Tuesday	29 th	7.30 pm	The Parish
Wednesday	30 th	9.30 am	Frank Burns RIP
Thursday	1 st	9.30 am	Sean O'Connor RIP
		12.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR EDITH CARROD RIP
Friday	2 nd	9.30 am	Welfare LY
Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Arthur Greenhouse RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

COLLECTIONS: Church: £477 The Cathedral Maintenance Fund: £339 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a collection for Mary's Meals (See Tony Headon for Gift Aid Forms)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Yvonne Carter, Monica Nichols, Valerie Halley, Lottie-Mae, Gearoid McNamara, Gordon & Ann Milne, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Krissie White, Eileen Godfrey, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Paula de Mello, Bill Hogg, Andrew Kennedy, Ted O'Brien, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Ann Wesley, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Joan Jacobs, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen, Donald MacDonald, Edna Catley

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY EDITH CARROD and those whose anniversaries occur about now: George Maw, Reginald Austin, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy, Walter Jackson, Frank Burns, Theresa Rhodes, Margaret Newman, Bridget White, Winifred Rose, Elizabeth Burtwell, Rob Connor, Leslie Hines

3. DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? New members will be most welcome to join our Parish Choir. We shall be learning new music to lead the congregation. The next two rehearsals will take place **next** Thursday 1st December from 7.30 – 8.45 pm in the church. For further information please contact Margaret – 01903 504316

4. STARTING SCHOOL 2017: If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 and you wish him/her to attend English Martyrs Catholic Primary School it is necessary for you to complete a Supplementary Application form from the school **as well as** completing the West Sussex Local Authority's on line form by the closing date of 15th January 2017. Please contact English Martyrs School if you require further information.

5. 'CURRY & CAROLS' full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 10th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend price £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received

6. CHRISTMAS CARDS, CRIBS AND ADVENT CALENDARS are now available in the Repository.

7. ADRIAN BISHOP'S FOURTH BOOK – 'The Slumbering Knights', following the further adventures of the four children, will be on sale after each Mass this weekend in the West Porch, price £6.00. Adrian's previous books will also be available

8. ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR will take place on Saturday 3rd December from 12 noon – 3.00 pm. Christmas themed stalls, games, crafts, mince pies, cakes, spiced punch and Santa's Grotto. All are welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass **this** Sunday.

9. CARDINAL CORMAC'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MASS will take place at Arundel Cathedral **this** Sunday 27th November at 4.00 pm. Cardinal Cormac will be present and all are welcome.

10. LITTLE ANGELS PLAYGROUP is seeking a new Volunteer to join their team after Christmas. The Volunteer will be required to help just **once** every 4 weeks on a Thursday morning. Jobs involve laying out toys, making coffee, preparing children's snacks and tidying up. No prior experience with children needed but DBS check is required. Please contact Harriet on 07789743573 or harrietauratina@hotmail.com

11. CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH will be in The Barn on Christmas Day from 12 noon until 4.00 pm. Tickets are by donation to support sending our youth to Lourdes. If you are able to help on the day, drive people to and from the Barn, Contribute a desert Dermot and Jane-Anne would be most grateful. Please contact Dermot and Jane-Anne 01903-502070 for further details

12. APF RED BOX HOLDERS please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Sacristy for Jim. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

13. THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held here on Thursday, 15th December at 7.30pm. There will be a choice of confessors as there will be at the other Reconciliation Services in the Deanery. These are listed in both porches.

14. USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS: As the Christmas Cards start arriving please remember to rescue all those beautiful stamps, leaving about half an inch of envelope around the edges, and put them in the box in the Porch so that they can be used to raise money for the Missions

15. THE 2017 PARISH DIARIES are available in both porches. They are free but if you would like to make a donation to either CAFOD or our Parish Project there are boxes in the main porch

16. DATES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY:

Saturday 10th December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols
Thursday 15th December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service
Sunday 18th December - 3.00 pm - Family Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine
Saturday 24th December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
Sunday 25th December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass



17. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Pencil Cases, Toothpaste, Flannels and serviceable Towels. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

18. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS Today Worthing Churches Homeless Projects helps over 1,400 people each year with up to 58 people in our night accommodation services. Urgent needs includes: Men's jeans and underwear - specifically sizes small and medium, jeans size 32 and below. Also Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Fruit juices, Biscuits, Any cleaning products, especially Washing powder and Toilet Rolls. Many thanks to all those who help in this way.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Somebody passed on a little story to me and I would like to pass it on to you. I don't know where it came from originally but I think it deserves to travel a long way!
In a mother's womb there were two babies, one asked the other: 'Do you believe in life after delivery?' The other replied: 'Why, of course! There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later.'
'Nonsense!' said the first. 'There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?' The second said: 'I don't know but there will be more light than there is here. Maybe we will be able to use our legs to move about – and maybe we could use our mouth to drink and feed ourselves. Maybe we will be able to do many things that we cannot even begin to imagine now.' The first replied: 'This is absurd. Do you really think we could use our legs to walk? Walking is impossible. Have you ever seen anybody walk? And the idea of eating with our mouths is ridiculous. The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need for now. But this cord is so short that life after delivery will be impossible. The very idea makes no sense.'
The second insisted: 'Well, I think that there is something there for us after delivery. Of course, it might be quite different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore.' The first replied: 'Nonsense! If there is life after this, why has no-one ever come back from there to tell us? Delivery is the end of life and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It will be the end of the story.'
'Well, I don't think so,' said the second. 'After delivery, surely we will meet mother and she will care for us.' The other replied: 'Mother, you actually believe in mother! That is laughable. If mother exists, then where is she?'
The second said: 'She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of her. It is in her that we live and move. Without her we would not – we could not – exist.'
The first said: 'Well, I don't see her. Surely I would be able to see her if she was around. So it's only logical that she doesn't exist.' To which the second replied: 'Sometimes when I really listen, I can sense her presence and I can hear her loving voice calling down from above.'