

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Arthur Greenhouse RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Margaret Mould RIP
		2.30 pm	Mother's Prayers
		7.00 pm	Father John Thompson RIP
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Stephanie Navier RIP
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jim Rice & Family RIP
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving (MM)
		7.30 pm	Angela & Tim Ryan RIP
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Franco Barontini RIP
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
		8.15 am	Ann McKenna RIP
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £443 Thank you for your generosity.  
Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

**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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Angela McGowan, Bridget Daly, David Mitchell, Margaret Mould, Chris Boucher, Nancy Leonard, Harry King, Cesare del'Nero, Ida Crowley, Evelyn Foster, Daphne Day

**3. DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?** The next choir practice is on Tuesday 6th December from 7.30 – 8.45 pm. For further information please contact Margaret – 01903 504316

**4. 'CURRY & CAROLS'** full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**5. 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. Invitations are in both porches. 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

**6. MOTHERS PRAYERS** Following Carolyn's recent talk at all Masses, if you haven't already registered your interest and would like to be part of a Mothers Prayers group please contact Mary on 07889 065356 for more information on how to become involved. Mothers Prayers is a worldwide initiative where small groups of mothers (2 to 8) meet every week to pray for their children & grandchildren. Members obey the strict rule of confidentiality. During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers around the world who are also part of Mothers Prayers. All material is provided. For further information see [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org)

**7. 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. Many have been emptied and are in the Sacristy awaiting collection

**8. 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](mailto:harrietauratina@hotmail.com)

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

**10. THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held here on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**11. 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

**12. DATES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY:**

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



**13. FRIENDSHIP IN THE BARN & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** are both in need of 'helping hands'. The commitment would be as much or as little as you would like to give: setting up, serving teas and food, setting down or driving people to the events and home again. Please contact Jane-Anne 01903-502070 for further details

**14. ADRIAN BISHOP** would like to thank all those who bought copies of his books last weekend.

**15. 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

**16. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:** Pocket sized Torches, Batteries, Boxer shorts/Underwear, Men's Gloves, Postage stamps, Sweets/Chocolate, Long Johns (Med), Diaries (small), Rucksacks, Tinned Biscuits, Thermal socks, Shaving gel, Razors, 7"x9" Gift Bags, Crackers, New Men's Jumpers. And to eat..Turkey, Beef or Gammon Joints, Potatoes and Vegetables, Bread Sauce Mix, Christmas Puds (no alcohol please) Cream, Chocolates, Nibbles and Fresh Fruit. Lists also available in both porches. Many thanks to all who help this local cause.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: God loves the world. It is his creation.** Everything that exists is precious to him because in mysterious ways he has brought everything into existence. One of our great tasks as human beings is to be stewards of God's creation. We are meant to treasure and affirm one another and we are called to treasure and affirm the wonderful home God has provided for us. Because we have been falling down very seriously in reverencing and caring for God's wonderful gifts to us our very environment is endangered. Generations who will come after us will inherit a very damaged world unless all of us urgently begin to change our ways. That is why for many decades various Popes have been alerting us to our responsibilities – most of all our present Pope. How we care for the earth is an important part of our Christian calling. Increasingly the United Nations has been mobilising political action.

The Paris Agreement is a legally binding commitment entered into by 113 countries to abide by the same rules in regard to protecting the environment and controlling the level of toxic emissions. This crucial Agreement was ratified in Marrakesh last month.

The U.S. President Elect, Donald Trump, is someone who believes in making his own rules. In spite of the U.S signing up, Mr Trump is threatening to pull the United States out of the Paris climate deal. He has appointed as Head of his Environmental Protection Agency a man – Myron Ebell – who claims, like Trump himself, that climate change is a hoax created by the Chinese! The good news is that it would take Trump four years to extricate America from the deal. There would also be a huge political and social backlash if he were to try to push through his climate change denial agenda. The only way he could speed up breaking up the Agreement would be to lead the United States out of the United Nations. This would make America a rogue state so even Trump might regard this as a step too far! He has begun to hint that he would 'Keep an open mind' about the Paris Accord. That is mighty decent of him. Let us hope that he is good at rowing backwards. In any case he would need to get the support of both Houses of Congress before pulling America out of the Accord. But undoubtedly there is a lot of support for exploiting American reserves of fossil fuel. Maybe we might hear the view of the Conference of Bishops of the United States on these matters. Or maybe we might not! Most Catholics who voted in the American Presidential election voted for Trump.