

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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## The Second Sunday of the Year

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sheila Bishop RIP
		10.30 am	Carmel Duffy RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Teresa Smyth RIP
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Karen Ackroyd RIP
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Peter Marshall (ill)
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Frances & William Hawley RIP
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	Kim Francombe RIP
		10.30 am	Anthony Louise Chelliah RIP



**Please note: In future the Thursday Mass will usually be held at 7.30 pm**

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

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £538 SPUC: £599 Thank you for your generosity.**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

**THIS SUNDAY there will be a Second Collection for Worthing Churches Homeless Projects**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Monica Nichols, 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: Sheila Bishop, Kathleen Bull, Anne Wapshott, Mary Bertolini, Michael Lambert, Michael Mills, Kathleen Smyth, Beatrice Wilson, Marie Terry, Geoffrey Gilbert, Margaret Scott, Alan Pockney, Phyllis Welling, Doug Headon, Bernard Davy

**3. BI-MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE,** marking the middle of the special Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will be taking place here at English Martyrs **next** Sunday 22nd January at 6.00pm. Please be sure to come! Tea and coffee will be served after the service giving us a chance to chat with fellow Goring Christians

**4. WHITE FLOWER APPEAL FOR SPUC:** A total of £598.86 was raised at last weekend's White Flower Appeal. With very many thanks to you all for your generosity and for your continued support in defence of life.

**5. TRADCRAFT** will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend

**6 ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will be taking place from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office – 01403 740110. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct.. Nurses are also required.

**7. DEANERY 'REFUGEE DAY'** will take place in The Barn on Saturday 25th February from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Further details soon but please put the date into your diary now!

**8. WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT** will take place on Saturday 18th February from 9 am until 4pm in The Barn. The day will be led by Geoff and Gina Poulter. The day will start with Breakfast and Tea/ coffee will be provided. Lunch time will be a shared lunch. Please see posters and leaflets in the porches for further details. Contact Anne-01903-242624 if you would like to join us.

**9. CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT POOR CLARE'S CONVENT,** Crossbush takes place every Tuesday at 7.15 pm. All are welcome. The meeting starts with an introductory talk, continues with silent meditation before a concluding prayer, followed by tea/coffee. It is part of the World Community for Christian Meditation. For more details phone Roger: 0781 380 4522 or see [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**10. A & B JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2017** 'Am I a Good Neighbour? Globalization and the Fair Society' with Bishop Richard, Father Augusto Zampini-Davies and Jenny Sinclair on Saturday 28th January from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm at The Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. To book a place please e-mail [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or online on the Diocesan Website

**11. DEFENDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH WITHOUT SHOUTING:** The Diocese invites you to a Formation Day on Saturday 11th February 2017 at DABCEC with Austen Ivereigh, Papal Biographer, Co-ordinator and Co-Founder of Catholic Voices and a contributing editor for Crux. The day begins at 9.30 am (Coffee and Registration and ends at 3.00 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. In an age of instant communications Catholics need to be able communicate their faith to the world around them, demolishing myths, reframing the argument and speaking truth with love. All welcome to attend. You can book online at [www.dabnet.org](http://www.dabnet.org) or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or e-mail: [communications@dabnet.org](mailto:communications@dabnet.org)

**12. LEARNING TO BECOME AN INTERPRETER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF:** As with learning any new language this course will start at a basic level and then progress through the levels as appropriate. It is hoped that people who have followed the course through the levels will eventually be able to interpret and communicate to deaf people in Liturgies and sacramental preparation, when required. If you are interested in finding out more about this course please contact: Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser, on 01293 651196 (direct telephone line) or by email at [margaret.fraher@dabnet.org](mailto:margaret.fraher@dabnet.org)

**13. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Toothpaste, Flannels Soap and Blue and Black Biro's. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**14. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS:** Many thanks to all those who so regularly donate food and clothing. In the last year WCHP have worked with 1147 individuals and St Clare's Day Centre has seen a 5% increase in the number of new people 'dropping in.' Sadly the numbers of homeless people is rising. In the local area there are 18 'rough sleepers', although many others may be sleeping in squats, cars, tents or surf sofas. Our help is always needed and appreciated.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** Why do we call today the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time? Does this not imply that last Sunday was the First Sunday in Ordinary Time? Ordinary Time for the Church means time outside of the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. But last Sunday was very much within the Season of Christmas. We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany on that day – even though it was the 8th of January. As we know the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany – the Twelfth Day of Christmas – is the 6th January. Several years ago the Bishops of England and Wales decided that major feasts of Our Lord – such as Ascension, The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and the Feast of the Epiphany would always be celebrated on the nearest Sunday. The only exception is Christmas Day which is always celebrated on 25th December no matter what day of the week it is. In the case of the other Holydays of Obligation – those that are not feasts of Our Lord, they continue to be celebrated on the traditional dates assigned to them – except when they fall on a Saturday or a Monday in which case they too are celebrated on the nearest Sunday. These feasts are: the Feast of St Peter and St. Paul on 29th June; the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August and the Feast of All Saints on 1st November. This year these feasts fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so they will not be moved to Sunday. But all this only applies to England and Wales. In the Universal Calendar of the Church last Sunday was celebrated as The Baptism of the Lord, which is regarded as the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Hence we find ourselves today celebrating the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (or Time Throughout the Year). So I managed to answer my own, not very important question, eventually and in my usual convoluted fashion!

But why, you may ask, are not the feasts of Sts Peter and Paul, The Assumption and All Saints not celebrated on the nearest Sunday? This is a question for the Bishops of England and Wales! Perhaps they would be unable to come to one mind on the issue. But it does not seem to me to make much sense, especially in the case of 15th August when it is becoming more and more difficult to find priests to say Mass in peak holiday time. And why is it necessary to observe the Feast of St Peter and St Paul as a Holyday of Obligation? England and Wales are among a very few places that continue to do so. Perhaps the Bishops of England and Wales have very good reasons for these decisions but it would be good to share them with us! It is important to have an opportunity to ask questions in a forum where they can be answered. This is why a number of Dioceses hold a Synod periodically. This was something that the Second Vatican Council envisaged.

Just as the Universal Church has regular Synods of bishops to examine important issues so also Dioceses can hold Synods where all of us can have an input. I believe Bishop Richard is considering this. Of course it has to be carefully planned if it is to be fruitful. Provision is now being given to allow all of us to be involved in some way in the Synod of Bishops. So why not have an input at Diocesan level? At Parish level we have recently been having open Parish Meetings and some splendid initiatives have resulted. We hope to have another such meeting next month. As the Post Office used to tell us, it is good to talk – especially if the talk leads to fruitful action.

I heard a true story recently about a teacher who had been telling her pupils about how Christ had been born and how shepherds had come – and wise men who brought gifts of gold and so on. The teacher spoke of how the child grew up and Mary and Joseph had very little material gifts to give him. A boy put up his hand and asked: 'What did they do with the gold?' The teacher answered that in thirty-three years in the classroom she had never been asked that question. She confessed that she did not know the answer but there was a good chat in class about it. Questions are good even when there is no obvious answer!