

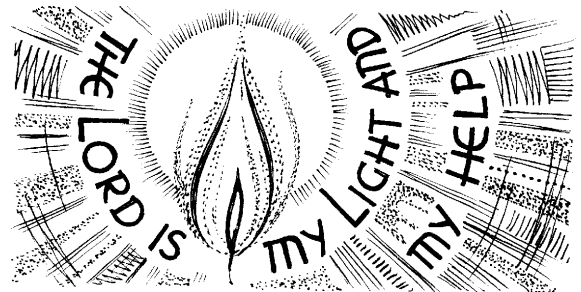
PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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The Third Sunday of the Year

Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Frances & William Hawley RIP
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	Kim Francombe RIP
		10.30 am	Anthony Louise Chelliah RIP
		6.00 pm	Ecumenical Service
Monday	23 rd	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
Tuesday	24 th	9.30 am	Helen Fernandes & Family
Wednesday	25 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Thursday	26 th	7.30 pm	Josephine Shore RIP
Friday	27 th	9.30 am	Nancy & Antonio Seppe RIP
Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Kath Pritchard RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	Paul Roe RIP
		10.30 am	Anne Steer's Intention



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

COLLECTIONS: Church: £504 Worthing Churches Homeless Projects: £536 Crib Offerings: £310
Thank you for your generosity.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Molly Symonds, 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, 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: PHILIP GILPIN and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Agnes Winn, Christopher Sheridan, Catherine Hebdige, Frances Green, Michael O'Connor, John Hargadon, Rosemary Dovell, John Murray, Patrick Jackson-Burrows, Barbara King, Jan Gejda, Josephine Shore, Veronica Harwood

3. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE, marking the middle of the special Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will be taking place here at English Martyrs **this** 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. THE INDUCTION OF THE NEW HEADTEACHER of English Martyrs Catholic Primary School will take place here during the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday, 29th January. Please make every effort to attend as on this occasion we, the Parish, undertake to support Dr Helen Townsley in her new position. Children who attend English Martyrs are asked to wear their uniform for this important occasion.

5. 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.

6 ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING CANDLELIT DINNER will take place on Saturday 11th February to raise funds for the Parish Project, the hospice in Kalingalinga. This very popular event will include a three course meal, Bar, music and raffle. Tickets are £7.50 each and will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend.

7. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our twenty-two First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the back of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11th June.

8. ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will be taking place from 27th July – 4th August 2017. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website 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.

9. TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

10. CHOIR PRACTICES will start again on Tuesday 7th February from 7.30 – 8.45 pm. We shall be learning new music to lead the congregation at Mass as well as music for the Easter services. New members are most welcome to join us. For more information please contact Margaret on 01903 504316

11.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!

12. 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

13. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: Urgently needed this month: Men's jeans and underwear - Specifically sizes small and medium, jeans size 32 and below. Kitchen utensils, especially, wooden spoons, spatulas, and veg peelers. Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Fruit juices, Biscuits, Any cleaning products, especially Washing powder, Toilet Rolls. Many thanks to all those who are so generous in their donations

FATHER LIAM SAYS: At the end of October there was a Catholic-Lutheran event in the Lutheran Cathedral of Lund in the south of Sweden. It marked the start of the year long commemorations which will culminate in October of this year marking the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The events in Southern Sweden were designed to herald efforts to bring about greater closeness and healing within the Christian family. Pope Francis joined other Christian leaders in Lund Cathedral and in the neighbouring city of Malmo.

The anniversary will be marked by Catholics and Protestants everywhere. The United Service of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is being held in many churches worldwide this Sunday, encourages us to recognise our common calling. The major commemoration will take place in Germany where the Reformation began. It was sparked by Martin Luther, a Catholic priest, in response to the abuses and scandals in the Church, occasioned by the way the practice of indulgences had developed. Before the Pope's visit to Sweden, the Nordic Catholic Bishops Conference – covering Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark – issued a Pastoral Letter urging Catholics to reflect and repent for the wound of separation. Pope Francis joined in the Concelebrated Mass in the Catholic Cathedral of Malmo. Pope Francis will not be visiting Germany as part of the Anniversary events this year. While relationships between the Churches continue to improve there is still some distance to go.

The Catholic practice of indulgences developed gradually during the Middle Ages but grew enormously in the years running up to 1500 AD as the connection between the granting of indulgences and the giving of money became stronger. The Crusades required a lot of money to organise and finance. Magnificent Cathedrals – made possible by ever advancing building techniques – also required huge sums of money to build and adorn. The raising of these finances was increasingly supported by the issuing of special indulgences. St Peter's Basilica in Rome was being rebuilt to replace the Basilica built by the Emperor Constantine over a thousand years before. This was going to be enormously expensive and Pope Leo X in 1515 promulgated the St. Peter's indulgence to help pay for it.

A number of respected and influential people had over the years expressed reservations about linking fund raising to indulgences. In their preaching clergy often warned about the dangers of seeing indulgences as a substitute for true penance. A senior German priest, Johann von Stanpitz – a member, like his friend Martin Luther, of the Augustinian Order – preached against these abuses in December 1516 AD and his sermons were published in Latin and German early in 1517 AD. It was clear that the St Peter's Indulgence was not popular in Germany. Helping to finance their local Cathedrals was one thing but sending the money to Rome was another matter. Germany consisted of a number of independent states whose rulers were very powerful even in religious matters. Some states did not allow the St. Peter's Indulgence to be preached in their territory. The Franciscan Order was often asked to provide the preachers for indulgences but in this case the Franciscans refused as it was too associated in the public eye with 'Roman Luxury'. The Papacy and the Roman Curia were steeped in corruption so the Franciscans made a shrewd decision. The Dominican Order was asked to promote it instead and Johann Tetzel was put in charge of organising the St Peter's Indulgence in Germany.

Martin Luther was a theology professor in the University of Wittenberg which is in Saxony. The Ruler of Saxony was Frederick the Wise who did not allow indulgences to be preached in his territory – for financial reasons of his own. So this indulgence – to which Martin Luther took great exception – was never preached in Wittenberg. Nevertheless, Wittenberg was close enough to the borders of Saxony to allow people if they wished to go and hear the indulgence preached – and perhaps hear Tetzel himself. Not many people have a good word to say about Tetzel. He is often portrayed as a kind of pantomime villain who made the wildest claims to extract money from the credulous. The jingle 'As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs' is associated with him. But there is no direct evidence that he or any preacher used such words. But it made a good story – still told after 500 years.

Tetzel was certainly an enthusiastic and flamboyant preacher as were many great preachers in the past and he drew great crowds. But he was a sophisticated and thoughtful theologian. He was educated at the University of Leipzig and he taught theology at the Dominican School there. While Tetzel's superiors were slow to react to Luther's challenge Tetzel recognised the seriousness of the situation and responded strongly to the criticisms made about him and his preaching. Luther and his friends recognised him as a formidable adversary which is why they attacked him as savagely as they did. The Dominican Order rallied around Tetzel and in turn the Augustinian Order rallied around Luther. Most people thought that the controversy was a local skirmish that would quickly blow over. Unfortunately opportunities to properly deal with the situation were missed and Christianity has remained deeply divided and wounded ever since.