

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Olga Forsyth RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	Melita Carvalho RIP
Monday	9 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am	Marfie Fernades & Family
Wednesday	11 th	9.30 am	Intention of Mary & Nicholas Murphy
Thursday	12 th	7.30 pm	Jackie Donohoe (ill)
Friday	13 th	9.30 am	Juliette Barnette Bates RIP
Saturday	14 th	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.15 am	Sheila Bishop RIP
		10.30 am	Carmel Duffy RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Further contributions to the Christmas Crib will be sent to Friends of the Holy Land.

THIS SUNDAY there will be a second collection for SPUC (Please see Note 5)

NEXT 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: BERYL SNADDEN and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Lilian Shaw, Adriana Gaboli, Elvira Kelly, Janine Leyder, Marianne Fisher, Jessie Patten, Kathleen Page, Sarah Finnegan, Ella Turnbull, Robert Barber, Ruby Bernardi, John O'Brian, Kathleen Bennett, John Evans, David Sheldon, Edith Murphy, Edward Hatton, Winifred Pearce, Bernard Hagel, John Flood,

3. THE 'CAFOD AUCTION' AND SUPPER EXTRAVAGANZA will be held in The Barn **next** Saturday 14th January 2017 at 7.00 pm following the 6.00 pm Mass. Please remember to save any 'surplus' gifts or unused items for the Auction. If you would like them to be collected please contact Charles 01903 505546. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend price £7.50. Raffle prizes will also be gratefully received

4. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN: Many thanks to all those who have so kindly donated presents for the children – I am sure they will be delighted

5. WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this** weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion

6. THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND that the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood will be living among us. We are really sad to see them go after so many years. They have had their house in Ferring for about twenty four years and it has been a great blessing for the parish to have had them with us. We will greatly miss them and wish God's blessings on them. To mark this sad occasion we ask you to sign your name on the special cards today. We will present the sisters with new Mass vestments which will be used at their head-house in Godalming as a more permanent memento of the happy links between us. We assure the sisters of our sincere thanks for the numerous ways in which they have inspired and encouraged us. We will pray for them and we know that they will continue to pray for us. Thank you sisters and may God bless you.

7. WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Or should it be '**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**' We are a busy parish with many good things happening in it but these only can happen if you are prepared to join in. In recent months there have been pleas for help with Flower Arranging, Cleaning, assistance with The Little Angels Mother and Toddler Group, the Music Group and Friendship in the Barn. At the beginning of April we open again to the public who wish to come and view the ceiling and our lovely stained glass windows. There is much to do but we really do need you to come and help where you can. Please contact Anne in the Parish Office for further information and with your offers of assistance.

8. 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

9. 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 or online on the Diocesan Website

10. 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 or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or e-mail: communications@dabnet.org

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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: I recently came across this poem that I think is worth reflecting on, especially at this time of year. Tennyson wrote these lines about one hundred and fifty years ago in the mid 1860's. He hints that these were great years of scientific discovery, travel and exploration – what we call progress.

The first underground trains were running in London and the first submarine had been used in warfare. Dynamite had been invented by Alfred Nobel – the founder of the Nobel prizes. Dynamite was used for many purposes – not always peaceful ones. The vast interior of Africa was being tracked at this time and the knowledge gained was not always put towards good ends. Tennyson poses the question: Is all this 'progress' being used to make us wiser and more enlightened?

The poem should prompt us to reflect on how we use our gifts as we embark on another New Year.

I Stood on a Tower

I stood on a tower in the wet,
And New Year and Old Year met,
And winds were roaring and blowing;
And I said, 'O years, that meet in tears,
Have you all that is worth the knowing?
Science enough and exploring,
Wanderers coming and going,
Matter enough for deploring,
But aught that is worth the knowing?
Seas at my feet were flowing,
Waves on the shingle pouring,
Old year roaring and blowing,
And New Year blowing and roaring.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson