

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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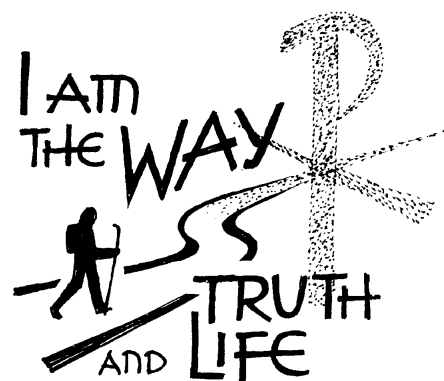
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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 pm	Private Intention
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past and Present
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	For all those being persecuted
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Patrick Lehane RIP
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Carmel Duffy RIP
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Josephine & Joseph Burns RIP
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	Helen Ryan RIP
		10.30 am	Wynne Shortland 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:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Peter, Molly Simmonds, 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, 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: Jim Maloney, Sylvia Phillips, Isabella Ions, Olive Humphrey, Pat Lucey, Pouppy Baeza, V Rev Canon Desmond McCarthy, Kathleen Simmonds, Bert Copping

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

**4. A 'THAI' EVENING** will take held in the Barn on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May following the 6.00 pm Mass. The money raised will go to St Joseph's Centre in Bethlehem to support their work to assist the Christian Community, as described by Sister Bee last year. An exciting supper plus quiz and raffle is planned. Tickets £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children on sale **this** weekend.

**5. THE NEXT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** will take place **next** Saturday 20th May from 9.00 – 11.00 am. All are very welcome. Come and join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship followed by our guest speaker who will be Aimee Esswood JP, talking about "How the Magistrates court works for us". Mrs Esswood is a dynamic and passionate lady and will certainly bring her role as a JP, Mediator and work in the family court to life for us. For further information please contact Jane-Anne 01903-502070

**6. CHOIR PRACTICES** will resume **next THURSDAY** 18th May at 8.00 pm to start learning new hymns and Masses. If you enjoy singing do come and join us. All are welcome

**7. AN EVENING OF 1940's MUSIC & DANCE** is being held on Saturday 10th June at Goring United Reformed Church from 7.00 pm until 10.00 pm. This is an ecumenical event and you are encouraged to go along 'to a nostalgic evening of Music and Dance from the 1940s.' Ticket price (£5.00) includes wartime themed finger food and cakes' Tickets available from Rosina 01903 246744; Mary 07887 868305 or Email: [1940s@gurc.org.uk](mailto:1940s@gurc.org.uk)

**8. PARISH FINANCE MEETING** - you are invited to an open meeting to be held on Friday 9th June in the Barn at 7.30 pm to receive the Financial Statement for the Year 2016. Please do come if you are able

**9. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI,** Benjamin Butler, Sebastien Lambert and Ethan Marchewka who will be Confirmed by Bishop Richard this Sunday in Arundel Cathedral

**10. TRAIDCRAFT** will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend

**11. PARISHIONERS** are warmly invited to a May Procession on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm at English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Derwent Drive BN12 6LA, where the children will process and lay flowers at the statue of Mary. They look forward to seeing you there.

**12. BRIGHTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2017:** Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove BN3 6ND. Our theme is 'Seek First His Kingdom'. (Matthew 6:33) See poster in the porch and booking forms for further information. You can also visit <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton> where you can also book online

**13. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Toothpaste, Pencil Cases, Colouring Pencils or Crayons, Serviceable Towels Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**13. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS:** Urgently needed this month: Sugar, Squash, Fruit Juices, Biscuits, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Marmite, Hoodies, Boxer shorts, Ladies undies 12/14, Washing Powder, Toilet rolls, Dustpan & brushes, Mops (not buckets), Brooms, Tea towels Many thanks to all those who are so generous in their donations

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** Today, Saturday, Pope Francis has canonised two of the three children who witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady near Fatima, one hundred years ago. Today is the centenary of the first apparition and Pope Francis was in Fatima to preside at the canonisation this morning at the end of an open air Mass attended by hundreds of thousands of people. The newly canonised saints are siblings Francisco and Jacinta Marto who both died while still children in 1919 and 1920 respectively. Their older cousin Lucia dos Santos, who was the third visionary, became a Carmelite sister who died in 2005 at the age of 97. The cause for her beatification is under way. She was 10 at the time of the apparitions.

Francisco and Jacinta are the youngest children, apart from martyrs, to be canonised in the history of the Church. Francisco died at the age of 10 in 1919 and his sister died a year later aged 9. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on six occasions at monthly intervals in 1917 to these young children as they were looking after sheep a few miles from Fatima where they lived. The visions of Our Lady experienced by these three shepherd children aged between 7 and 10 are among the most extraordinary of all the appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pope St. John Paul II attributed his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima when he was the victim of an assassination attempt as he was being driven through the crowds in St Peter's Square on the 3rd May 1981. The surgeon who operated on him said that it was incredible that he had survived the shooting. The bullet that hit him is now in the crown of the statue of Our Lady at the shrine.

About four million people visit Fatima every year but it is expected that there will be very many more this year, between pilgrims and tourists. The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, with its magnificent spire, marks the place where the apparitions occurred. The focal point is the Chapel of the Apparitions where Mary's image is enclosed in a case on a marble pedestal. I visited Fatima several years ago more as a tourist, I confess, than a pilgrim. On that occasion there were very few there which made it a little lacking in atmosphere.

The first apparition of a beautiful young woman all dressed in white took place around noon on 13th May. She told the children that she was from heaven. She asked them to come to this place at the same time on the thirteenth day of each month for six months. She also asked them to pray the Rosary every day. When she appeared on 13th June she again asked the children to pray the Rosary every day. She told Lucia – the oldest of the children – to learn to read and write. She told her she would live a long life while the younger children would die soon. During the third visit on 13th July the children were informed of three secrets. During August the children were detained by the local mayor who tried to get them to reveal the secrets. For this reason they were unable to meet as arranged on 13th August. However, they were released from prison on 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady appeared to them on 19th August.

When she appeared to them on 13th September Our Lady told them that Jesus and St Joseph would appear to them in October. She again encouraged them to pray the Rosary each day and told them that they should pray for the end of the war which had now entered its fourth year. On the sixth and final appearance of Our Lady on 13th October a crowd of more than 70,000 people gathered near the Cova da Iria. As torrential rain lashed the crowd they witnessed what became known as the 'miracle of the sun'. It was reported that they saw the sun rotate and appear to grow in size. Alarmed at the sight, everyone fell to their knees. Even though the rain was persistent their clothes were not wet. While this was happening the children saw some apparitions. Firstly, they saw St Joseph with the child Jesus who seemed to be blessing the world. Then the Blessed Virgin told the children that she was 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. She requested that they pray the Rosary every day and she asked that a chapel be built on the spot where the apparitions had taken place.

Lucia – the oldest of the three shepherd children – told her family and friends what was happening after the first two apparitions. She was so strongly rebuked by her mother that she hesitated before returning to the Cova da Iria on 13th July. In 1921 – after the death of her cousins – she joined the Dorothean Sisters, near Porto. She became a Sister of St Dorothy in 1928. In 1946 she entered the Convent of the Carmelite Sisters of Coimbra where she was known as Sister Maria Lucia of the Immaculate Heart.

A year after the apparitions Francisco contracted influenza and he subsequently died in 1919. Jacinta also contracted influenza in 1918 but also suffered from pneumonia and tuberculosis. Many millions of people died of influenza at the end of the Great War, as it was then called. Francisco and Jacinta Marto were both beatified by Pope St John Paul II in Fatima on 13th May 2000 AD. They were both canonised by Pope Francis in Fatima on 13th May 2017