

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Peter Marshall (ill)
Sunday	25 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rose Dunne RIP
Monday	26 th	9.30 am	Intention of Peggy Gallagher
Tuesday	27 th	9.30 am	Fr Tom Uzhunnalil (held captive)
		11.00 am	REQUIEM FOR NUALA CLARKE RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	28 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Feast of Sts	29 th	9.30 am	Veronica Howell RIP
Peter & Paul		7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	30 th	9.30 am	Intention of B. O'Connor & Family
Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Lilly & Irudhaya Raj RIP
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Walter Drohan RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



Praise the LORD, who carries our burdens day after day.
(Psalm 68.19)

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Church: £608 A Day For Life: £477 Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the 'Emergency Appeal – Grenfell Fire'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Irene Sedeño Vicente, Peter, Molly Simmonds, Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Lottie-Mae, 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: Claud Tuttlebee, Rita Traynor, Paul Simmons. Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman,

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

4. ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 13 and 29 YEARS? The on-line Youth Survey asking young Catholics for their views ahead of a world meeting of bishops in 2018 has been extended, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has announced, because only 4,000 people have responded to date and they would like many thousands more to reply. The survey aims to be as user friendly as possible, intending to show that the Vatican is listening to young people and trying to understand the changes in their lives in the digital age. Please go on to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> and let the bishops know your views. You are the future of the Church!

5. A REFUGEE CRISIS NEWSLETTER for Summer 2017 is available in both Porches detailing how, as a diocese, under the guidance of Bishop Richard, we are responding to the ever growing challenge of the global refugee crisis. The newsletter includes the latest information available to us and highlights some tremendous work that is ongoing by the partners we are choosing to work with. Please take a copy and share it with family and friends. Anyone who wants to learn more about how to get involved should contact our Coordinator (details on page 11). Refugee Week takes place between 19 and 25 June, this provides an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees across the UK to be seen, listened to and valued.

6. MEETING ON JULY 2ND TO DISCUSS YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE WORTHING AREA On July 2nd, there will be an open meeting in The Barn to talk about what we are doing for young people in the area (specifically 11-25s) and what more we might be able to do for them. This meeting is open to anybody who works with 11-25s in the area, anyone who might be interested in doing so, and anyone who wants to get involved in the discussion! It will be facilitated by Jack Regan, the Diocesan Adviser for Youth Ministry. The meeting will run from 2-4pm. You are welcome to get in touch with Jack if you have any questions - Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

7. FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL is this Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be the usual two Masses – 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

8. AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE 6TH JULY 2017: You are warmly invited to join us for the Annual Deanery Parishes Pilgrimage to Aylesford on Thursday **6th July** leaving St Michael's at 9am and returning at 6pm. Please contact Fr Chris Ingle at St Michael's Parish Office (01903 264770) or email stmichaels@metronet.co.uk to book your place.

9. 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' (Matt.6:33) Celebrate weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. This year we welcome as our main speakers, Maria Heath, Archie Coates and Canon David Oakley with worship led by 'One Hope Project' and drama from RISE Theatre. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See poster and booking forms for more information. You can also visit <http://www.celebrateconference.org/brighton> where you can also book online or download booking forms. There is a discount available for families who are new to Celebrate.

10. POWER TO BE:: Every child has the power to achieve great things, But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Go to Cafod.org.uk/powertobe for more information.

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases, Serviceable Ladies & Children's Sandals, Flip-Flops, Shoes. (Flat's please – NO heels) Many thanks to all who help in this way

12. 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 who donate in this way

FATHER LIAM SAYS: In our Diocese there are thirteen Deaneries. Each Deanery is made up of a number of parishes. Worthing Deanery comprises seven parishes. A few years ago there were ten parishes in it but now three of these have been linked to a neighbouring parish within the Deanery and no longer have their own resident priest. This is fairly typical of the situation throughout the diocese. There will inevitably be more linked parishes as there are far more parish priests retiring or dying than being replaced. The age profile of priests is getting very high. Bishop Richard tells us that in twelve years time it is likely that the Diocese will be served by fifty parish priests rather than the present ninety. Of course in addition to these there will be the retired priests who are available to help out when required.

A number of efforts have been made over the years to plan ahead so that when a vacancy occurs in a parish it is dealt with in a measured, rather than a haphazard way. These efforts have not been entirely successful! Bishop Richard is determined to grapple with this issue as it is becoming more and more pressing. Beginning in the Autumn he will hold a meeting in each of the Deaneries and will listen to the views of the parish representatives in each Deanery. By that time he will have a small advising body to assist him in forming a picture of the situation.

He is very aware that the result of this process won't be regarded as being satisfactory. People will be unhappy that the existing situation will no longer be guaranteed and many will feel that the proposed way forward is not ideal. The bishop however, has the task of trying to ensure that there is the best pastoral provision provided for the Diocese as a whole in so far as this is possible. He is only too aware that there will be much anger directed at him as he is the person who has to make the final decision. But the Diocese does not have the luxury of just hoping for the best.

After Easter the parish priest of St John the Baptist Parish in Brighton retired. He is in his late seventies and will continue to be hospital chaplain and help generally. However the parish can no longer have its own exclusive parish priest. One parish priest will serve the Parish of St Joseph, Brighton and the Parish of St. John the Baptist. Initially there will be an assistant priest as well. St Joseph's parish has already been linked for many years to St Francis Parish, Moulsecoomb. Sunday Mass will no longer be celebrated at St. Francis. The scenario in Brighton is indicative of how other parishes have already been affected and of how even more parishes will be affected in the not too distant future. But we will cope if we allow God to be with us.

I was reading about Glendalough, a beautiful historical place of great Christian antiquity. St Kevin's monastery, with its stone cells and wooden huts fell into decay. But not far away, sometime after, another monastery began to bloom, with its Cathedral. Its round tower – the belfry – still stands. Something happened to all that too. The flowering was followed by decay. Centuries later a new monastery arises – an Augustinian monastery - ushering in a reforming church with fresh hope. When that in turn collapses, the story does not end. It merely leaves the valley and moves on to a new landscape nearer the sea. How wonderful must have been all these times of growth and flowering! How sad when it seemed to end! We live in such times. We have to come to terms with that. It is part of a cycle. These days will be followed by better days. But they will be different days. And they in turn will change again.

'O Thou who changeth not abide with me'.