

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

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| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 pm  | Kevin Corrigan RIP          |
| Sunday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 8.15 am  | The Parish                  |
|           |                  | 10.30 am | Private Intention (HE)      |
| Monday    | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am  | Nancy & Antonio Sepe R.I.P. |
| Tuesday   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am  | <b>No Mass</b>              |
|           |                  | 7.30 pm  | Choir Practice              |
| Wednesday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am  | Holy Souls                  |
| Thursday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30 pm  | Holy Souls                  |
| Friday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am  | Holy Souls                  |
|           |                  | 7.30 pm  | Prayer Group                |
| Saturday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm  | John Roe RIP                |
| Sunday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8.15 am  | Kevin Shiel R.I.P.          |
|           |                  | 10.30 am | Neil Halley 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:** Ezekiel 33:7-9, St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7, St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

**Church: £ 580      Thank you for your generosity.**

**Today is Education Sunday**

**Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Anne Whitehead, Jeany, Peter, Molly Simmonds, Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Krissie White, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Andrew Kennedy, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Ann Wesley, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen, Donald MacDonald, Edna Catley

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Ted Short, Roy Parker, Desmond Healey, Cyril Price, Pat Hare, Florence Morrell, James Wiley, Dr John Clarke, Bob Plumtree, Philip Shave, Richard Barnard, Catherine Mansfield, William Hebdige, Anthony Woodman, Hilda Smith, Alan Soper, Bernard Bleach

**3. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE** will be held **next** Sunday 17th September at 6.00 pm at St Mary's C of E Church, Goring-by-Sea. Please come and join your fellow Christians in Goring for prayer and fellowship.

**4. THE FUNERAL MASS** for Cardinal Cormac will be at **12 noon on Wednesday 13th September** at Westminster Cathedral. There will be a Memorial Mass in our own Cathedral at Arundel on **Sunday 1st October at 3.00pm**. There will be no spaces at Westminster Cathedral for the funeral Mass.

**5. URGENT APPEAL:** 'Friendship in the Barn' on a Friday afternoon has proved extremely popular and a happy meeting place for a number of people who have little opportunity to go out and meet people. For it to continue new people are required to come forward and volunteer for one afternoon a month from 1.00 – 4.00 pm. The task involves setting up (and putting away) the tables and chairs, making and serving tea in real china cups, saucers and plates and generally being welcoming to those who come. Drivers would also be welcome to collect and return home some of our visitors. If you have just four hours a month to spare on a Friday afternoon please contact Jane-Anne 01903 502070

#### **6. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm in the Barn – CAFOD Harvest Supper Evening

Sunday 17th September at 6.00 pm - Bi-monthly Ecumenical Service at St Mary's C of E Church, Goring-by-Sea

Saturday/Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September after all Masses in the Barn – Traidcraft

Sunday 1st October at 3.00pm -

Saturday 14th October from 3.00 pm in the Barn – Saints & Sinners XVI

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00 am in the Barn - Women's Breakfast with speaker

**7. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018:** Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

**8. ALPHA – AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS:** Come to St Michael's parish hall, Hayling Rise, Worthing BN13 3AL for an Alpha Introductory Evening on Wednesday 27 September to find out more. The Alpha course continues then every Monday from 2 October. The evening begins with a meal from 7pm with a delicious buffet. All are welcome to attend so come with family and friends to find out more and begin a life changing journey. For more information contact Mary on [info@worthingalpha.com](mailto:info@worthingalpha.com) or Deacon Mark on 07528 438042.

**9. 'OLD' £1.00 COINS:** From 15<sup>th</sup> October shops are allowed to refuse to accept the 'old' £1.00 coins. However, if you would like to part with your old coins you could add them to the weekly collection!

**10. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases, Colouring Pencils and Flannels. Many thanks to all who help in this way

**11. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL** – Please help WCHP to restock their cupboards with any of the items below so that they are able to help the 1,000 people who turn to them each year. Coffee, Sugar, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned vegetables, Cooking oil, Tinned fruit, Hot chocolate, Squash, Tomato Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Gravy, Chutney, Stuffing, Desserts/Puddings, Ready Meals, Biscuits, tea Towels, Sponges, Scourers/Brillo Pads, Sandwich bags, Hairbrush/Comb. Thank you so much for your continued support.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: Pope Francis is now eighty years old** and has been Pope for well over four years. The vast majority of Catholics are fully behind his reform programme. They see his compassion and concern for the poor and marginalised and are greatly edified and encouraged by what they see. They recognise his message has the authentic ring of the Gospel and they hope and pray that he will have the strength and energy to guide and inspire us well into the future.

He faces stiff resistance from the small group of Cardinals who are opposed to some of his initiatives. Pope Francis is remarkably calm about this. He defends their right to have and to voice their own opinions. Nevertheless the manner in which they express their disagreement with the Pope is concerning. It is difficult to imagine a group of Cardinals taking a similar stand against Pope John Paul II or Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. What is happening in Rome today is indeed very strange.

These Cardinals – long embedded in the Curia – have been accustomed to being in a position where their opinions and ways of enforcing them have been unchallenged. They seem to resent their comfort zone being disturbed by a Pope who does not seem to appreciate the inner workings of the Roman Curia in the way that they do. His chief critic, Cardinal Raymond Burke, has been sidelined by Pope Francis who appointed him Patron of the Knights of Malta. Burke has often spoken of issuing a 'formal act of correction' against the Pope. He and his small group of fellow Cardinals are greatly worried by the document of Pope Francis called 'The Joy of Love.' This was issued by the Pope as a response to the Synod of Bishops which met in 2015 and again in 2016 to consider how the Church could support families in living the Christian life. These Cardinals are of the opinion that the Pope should expressly answer certain questions that they have posed to him. These chiefly concern whether divorced and remarried Catholics are ever allowed, in any circumstances, to receive Holy Communion. They have no doubt that the answer to that question is 'NO'. They want the Pope to agree with them.

Pope Francis however does not approach the problems of life in that frame of mind. Life is very seldom a question of black or white. Nor does he think that pastoral issues should always be presented to the Pope for him to solve. Pope Francis is trying to decentralise decision making in the Church – as the Vatican Council called out for. Looking to the Pope to solve every problem is an infantile attitude – and a relatively recent development. Pope Francis is committed to the Council's call to follow a path of Christian discipleship in a prayerful and reflective way and not expect answers to be handed down from Rome whenever it is asked. So Pope Francis has refused to answer the slate of questions presented to him. Nor has he commissioned a Curial body such as the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to rule on the matter. The various Conferences of Bishops, arising from the Synod, were encouraged to offer their own guidelines.

Pope Francis wrote to the Argentinian Bishops backing their response. These guidelines explained that in certain individual circumstances Communion could be offered to the remarried. Francis told the Argentinian Bishops that 'there is no other interpretation' of 'The Joy of Love'. The guidelines issued by the Maltese Bishops and the German Bishops were also praised as they were in a similar vein.

It is not only a handful of Cardinals who are upset. A letter was published by a coalition of priests from around the world requesting clarification from the Pope on the issue. I must confess that I fail to understand why they allow themselves to be so worked up on this issue. Why, for instance, do they not seem to be worked up by murderers being allowed – under certain circumstances – to receive Holy Communion? What about IRA leaders and Mafia members?