

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	John Roe RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Kevin Shiel RIP
		10.30 am	Neil Halley RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	18 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	19 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	20 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	21 st	7.30 pm	Bridget Brenan RIP
Friday	22 nd	9.30 am	Private Intention
Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	John Carroll RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Marfie Fernades & Family RIP



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9, St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

Church: £586

Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bernard Bandy, Billy Gallagher, 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: Kevin Shiel, James Doyle, Neil Halley, Roy Parker, Stanley Wakeling, Baby George Birks, Kenneth Munro, John Tuohy, Alice Hoppe, Shepherd Wadsworth, Anne Rose, Michael Irving, Ray McGlone

3. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held **this** 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. 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 28th September at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 3rd October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

5. 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 or Deacon Mark on 07528 438042.

6. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

Sunday 1st October at 3.00pm – Memorial Service at Arundel Cathedral for Cardinal Cormac RIP

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

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

7. MARTIN BARONTINI would like to thank all those who very kindly supported and participated in his charity walk for Cancer Research UK. The walk was a huge success and generated a great deal of awareness from the public. Just over £300 has been raised.

8. 'OLD' £1.00 COINS: From 15th 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!

9. DIOCESAN DIALOGUE & UNITY DAY This will take place next Saturday 23rd September, 10.00am – 4.00pm at DABCEC, Crawley. The theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity.' Bring a packed lunch and a friend from another church. Book by telephoning 01293 651164.

10. WORTHING YOUTH MINISTRY Jack Regan, the Diocesan Youth Ministry co-ordinator writes to say thank you to all for the very productive meeting on Sunday 2nd July at English Martyrs. The best way, he writes, for us to progress is for me to lead a training process for potential Youth Ministry volunteers/leaders in the Worthing area in October. Please would you contact Fr Liam if you feel you would be able to take part in this training process for Youth Ministry as a volunteer or leader. Posters and handouts with further details are available in both porches

11. MEMORIAL CARDS for Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP are available, in both porches. Please help yourself and remember him in your prayers.

12. 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

13. 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: Recently a beautiful solar eclipse swept across the United States from coast to coast for the first time in almost a century. It crossed the U.S. from Oregon in the north-west to South Carolina in the south-east – a distance of almost four thousand miles as all along its path countless numbers of Americans watched in wonder through telescopes, cameras and protective glasses. The last such event ninety-nine years ago would have been watched by far fewer people using much less advanced technology. Many people had planned for many years to be in the path of the eclipse because, of course, the timing and the course of the event was well known for decades. The sun was completely obscured by the moon for about two minutes in each location along the narrow corridor across the States. In addition to the millions who had travelled to see it there were, of course, billions throughout the world who were able to see it on television. One of the most moving aspects of the event for me was to see and hear so many people clapping their hands as their special two minutes of total eclipse had ended. I regarded this as people raising their minds and hearts to God in thanksgiving for the wonder of his works who brought all things into being in a most wonderful way.

New light has recently been shed on the Shroud of Turin which many people believe to have been the burial cloth of Jesus. The image on the shroud aroused great interest when it was first photographed in 1898 by Secondo Pia. When he developed the negative he noticed that it showed a positive image of a human face. Whose face was it and how did it get there? These are the questions that have been asked ever since. If the shroud is a medieval forgery how could the image be in effect a photographic negative?

The shroud was subjected to Carbon 14 dating technology in 1987. The samples used were taken from the edges of the shroud that was patched following fire damage hundreds of years earlier. The result of this dating indicated that the shroud belonged to the 13th Century. But it was in the 13th Century that the damage and subsequent repair took place so many people felt that the tests were compromised.

A different sort of dating test was conducted by Giulio Fanti of Padua University in 2013. This technology uses infra-red light and spectroscopy to measure the radiation intensity through wavelengths. From these measurements a date can be calculated. Fanti's method dated fibres from the shroud to 300 BC – 400 AD. Many people still dismiss the possibility of the shroud's authenticity on the basis of the flawed Carbon 14 dating. The blood stains on the shroud are real human blood, not paint. The flow of the blood indicates that the body had been crucified and subsequently buried. The fact that the blood-stains retain their reddish colour is evidence that the blood came from a person under extreme duress. The most recent finding again suggests that the crucified man was tortured.

The cloth is consistent with fabrics from first century Israel – not with Medieval Europe. The shroud details are in line with first century Jewish burial customs. They also show that the crucified man was scourged and huge thorns were placed on his head and was wounded in the side. There were no bones broken. The shroud shows that the nail wounds were in the wrists, not in the palms. The flesh of the palms would not have supported the weight of a man's body. Traces of the spices used for Jewish burial have been found. Tests even indicate that the dust from the area of the image by the knees and feet of the crucified man is from the area around Jerusalem.

Pollen from the shroud is not only from the Jerusalem area but from Turkey and other places where the shroud had been kept down the centuries. There are microscopic traces of the flowers that would have been used for burial. These flowers would have been blooming in Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. Everything points to the shroud being the burial cloth of Jesus. What else could it be? But many scientists remain unconvinced. Of course we do not have to believe in the shroud. It is undeniably mysterious.