

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	John Carroll RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Marlie Fernades & Family RIP
Monday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	26 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	27 th	9.30 am	Intention of Helen Kennedy
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	28 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	29 th	9.30 am	Intentions of The Sisters of the Holy Rosary
Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Bridget Fung RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP
		10.30 am	Annie McCaffrey RIP
		3.00 pm	Harvest of Creation – A Celebration in Song
		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: Isaiah 55:6-9, St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28, St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

Church: £540

Home Mission Sunday: £409

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anne Whitehead, Bernard Bandy, Billy Gallagher, Jeany, Peter, 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: MOLLY SIMMONS and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Patricia Knox, Betty Hayes, Mary Empson, Anne Casement, Theresa Steer, Joy Wood, Patricia Brown, Kathleen Tyler, Martine Jackson, Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley, Cecily Grundon

3. HARVEST OF CREATION – A CELEBRATION OF SONG will take place in the church **next** Sunday, 1st October at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments in the Barn. This is a parish celebration of Harvest with well loved hymns sung by all, together with songs sung by the choir and by children from English Martyrs School. Please come and make this a truly joyful occasion

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 **this** 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

4. ALPHA – AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS: Come to St Michael's parish hall, Hayling Rise, Worthing BN13 3AL for an Alpha Introductory Evening **this** 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.

5. SAINTS & SINNERS XVI will take place here in the Barn on Saturday 14th October with Cream Teas, Lucky Dip and Hand-made Cards from 3.00 until 5.00pm and a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale next weekend. Cream Tea £4.50 each and Fish/Sausage/Chicken & Chips Supper £7.50 each. Please see poster in porch for further details. Please collect items for the Lucky Dip (items to the value of 50p and above). Raffle prizes would be gratefully received as would offers to help in the evening. Please contact Anne – 240001 – for further details

6. THE HARVEST CHURCH CLEAN will take place **next** Friday, 29th September, at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and join in a 'super clean'. Tea/Coffee and doughnuts for all who come and lend a hand!

7. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER: Many thanks to all those who helped create and those who supported the Harvest Supper. £716 was raised

8. TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

9. KSC RACE NIGHT will take place on Saturday 14th October at Durrington Community Centre at 7:30 pm. We are raising funds for Missio, St Barnabas House Hospice and other KSC charities. Tickets are available from Knights in the parish. Price is £8 which includes a Fish & Chips Supper, Raffle and Licensed Bar. Please see poster for details.

10. A SHORT COURSE FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN YOUTH MINISTRY: This October, Jack Regan (Diocesan Adviser for Youth Ministry) will be running a short course called Youth Ministry 101. It will give participants a grasp of the key things to know about working with young people. The course will be run over five Sunday evenings (October 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, and November 5th) with each session running from 7.30pm to 9pm and alternating between St Mary of the Angels and English Martyrs (October 8th and 29th are at English Martyrs). Anybody is welcome to attend and there is no charge, but we do ask for a few things: Firstly, that people commit (as far as possible) to the five sessions, and secondly, that participants have at least the intention of getting involved in youth ministry at some stage. You should also discuss your participation with your parish priest. To sign up, or for more information, Email Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

11. 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

12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: 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: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made a further ruling concerning Holy Days of Obligation. For some years past the Feast of The Epiphany has been observed in England and Wales on 6th January if that day falls on a Sunday otherwise it has been observed on the nearest Sunday to 6th January. So it has been kept on a Sunday. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord has also been observed on a Sunday for several years past. Prior to 2006 Ascension Day was celebrated on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter but for more than a decade it has been celebrated in England and Wales on the seventh Sunday of Easter. New rules come into effect as from the beginning of 2018 affecting these two Holy Days. Henceforth the feast of the Epiphany will be observed on 6th January except when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday – in which case it will be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Ascension Day will now take place on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. I am not aware of any consultation having taken place about this decision, nor have I seen any explanation of why the bishops have made these changes. They may very well have given their reasons – but at the time of writing this, I have not seen them. To me it seems a very strange decision. I can't see it as helping in any way the strengthening of the faith of worshippers. Surely we can do greater justice to the observance of the great Feasts of the Epiphany and the Ascension with a Sunday celebration rather than in mid-week. Also it makes it more difficult to arrange mid-week celebrations bearing in mind the need for priests to have time off at these times. How can we provide Masses in our Catholic Schools on these feasts with the accelerating shortage of priests? How much thought have the bishops given to it? Have they not more pressing problems to consider?

Pope Francis has given Bishops' Conferences throughout the world authorisation to decide on the translation of liturgical texts. He has given back to national conferences of bishops the responsibility for deciding the precise texts to be used in our public worship. The Second Vatican Council gave back these rights to the Conferences of local bishops over fifty years ago. The result was that we had a satisfactory translation of the prayers of the Mass up to six years ago. Not everyone was delighted with the translation, but generally people were quite pleased.. Over the years since the Council these powers of the bishops to decide on these matters were removed from them as Rome gathered more and more decision making to itself.

The Council in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963 decided that the primary responsibility for revising the Liturgy from the Roman Rite belonged jointly to the Holy See and the bishops of different regions. In 1964, however, Pope Paul VI said that translations should be submitted to the Holy See for official ratification. With the end of the Council and the bishops back home in their dioceses, the Vatican sought to keep a lid on things. The Paul VI Missal appeared in 1970 and this was in use until 2011. Meanwhile there was co-operation on liturgical translations between the eleven English speaking conferences of bishops. They became known as the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) and they began the task of revising the texts for the entire English speaking world. All eleven English speaking Conference approved the new translation and in 1998 submitted to Rome for confirmation. The Vatican cardinal in charge of Liturgy and the Sacraments, Cardinal Medina Estevez, simply rejected this 1998 Missal. He demanded widespread changes in the mandate, structure and personnel of ICEL, which led to new rules in its way of operating.

This has all led to the present translation which was imposed on the English speaking Episcopal Conferences. Pope Francis was very aware of the level of dissatisfaction about this text and calls for translations that are not only faithful to the Latin original but are also intelligible when they are proclaimed in the vernacular languages. He speaks of the difficulties 'that have arisen' between the bishops' conferences and the Apostolic See'. He speaks of the need for 'collaboration full of mutual trust.' He is telling the Congregation of Divine Worship – and indeed all Vatican bodies – to show due respect to the authority of bishops conferences. What now!