

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Dr John Clarke RIP
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Carmelina Carvalho RIP
Monday	23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	24 th	9.30 am	Father Michael Adams Golden Jubilee
Wednesday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	26 th	7.30 pm	Rev Father Bill Cullen RIP
Friday	27 th	9.30 am	Billy Gallagher RIP
Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Patrick Murphy RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Margaret Davis



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; St Paul to Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 10:17-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 22:20-26, St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

Church: £593 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO.

This may be Gift Aided using the special MISSIO envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anne Whitehead, Bernard Bandy, 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: REG MARSHALL and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely, Constance Clark, Kathleen Hope, Giuseppina Pryke, Jean Murphy, Tony Sassi

3. CONFIRMATION 2017/18: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting with a meeting for Parents and Candidates on Thursday 9th November at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

4. LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: This year's course (RCIA) for those interested in finding out more about our faith with a view to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church will be starting on Tuesday 7th November at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please ask them to ring Father Liam on 01903 242624 for details. This course would also be suitable for those wanting to return to the practise of their Catholic faith.

5. DO YOU HAVE A CLEANING TREASURE? The lady who cleans the Barn, the Barn kitchen and the toilets twice a week is retiring at the end of the month and we are having trouble finding a replacement. The times required are 7.00 – 8.00 am on Monday and Friday mornings. This is a paid position. If you can think of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact the Parish Office 01903 242624

6. SINNERS SUPPER: Many thanks to all who helped/supported in any way. £320 was raised for the W.C.H.P.

7. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to recruit a practising Catholic to join our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. The term of office for a Foundation Governor is 4 years. The Governing Body work as a team in co-operation with the Headteacher to ensure legal responsibilities are met and to preserve the catholic character of the school. We are looking for someone with experience in one of the following areas - Finance, ICT, HR, Education or with links to local businesses. Lack of experience should not deter you from expressing an interest if you have a genuine desire to serve the school by devoting your time & expertise. For further information please contact the school on 01903 502868

8. MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION please collect a letter from the Sacristy

9. TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses next weekend

10. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES) will be served in The Barn on Sunday 12th November at 12.00 noon in aid of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. Price Adult £7.50 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy.

11. HAVE YOU VISITED THE REPOSITORY RECENTLY? We have a wide array of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars & candles, cribs, diaries and items suitable for little Christmas Presents

12. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR (new) DIARIES

Saturday 9th December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols Night
Thursday 21st December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service
Sunday 17th December - 3.00 pm - Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine
Saturday 23rd December - 6.00 pm – Mass 4th Sunday in Advent
Sunday 24th December - 9.00 am – Mass 4th Sunday in Advent (No Children's Liturgy)
Sunday 24th December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
Monday 25th December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass
Tuesday 26th December - No Mass



13. 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

14. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS would be most grateful to receive: Cooking Sauces, Tea, Coffee, Squash, Tomato Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Biscuits, Washing Power/tablets, Washing up brushes, Dishwasher tablets, Floor cleaner, Pump hand soap, Shampoo, Shower gel. Thank you so much for your continued support

FATHER LIAM SAYS: As we continue through 2017 we will be reminded more and more of the circumstances five hundred years ago that resulted in the Reformation. On 31st October 1517 – as the Catholic Church was preparing to celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day – Martin Luther issued his Ninety-five theses directed against the abuses that had come to disfigure the Church. Some of these abuses concerned indulgences and the manner in which they had got entangled with money. Legend tells us that Luther nailed the document setting out his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle church in Wittenberg. Luther never claimed to have done this and it first gets mentioned several years after 1517. But the timing of issuing it – however it was done – was very deliberate as Hallowe'en was very much associated with gaining indulgences for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

These theses were directed against other corrupt practices as well. At first Luther never intended shattering the unity of Western Christianity. Five hundred years earlier a great schism had divided Eastern Christianity under the Patriarch of Constantinople from Western Christianity with the Pope as its visible head. Luther's intention was to bring about an end to the blatant abuses in the Church which were most obvious in Rome and in the Papacy.

Luther was a theologian and a member of the Augustinian Order in the city of Wittenberg. When he was excommunicated in January 1521 he publicly burned the papal document (bulla) at the gates of Wittenberg. This, he said, was in response to the torching of his writings on the orders of the Church. Excommunication is a declaration by the Church that somebody is in 'ex communio' – out of communion – with fellow Catholics. Officially excommunication is regarded as 'medicinal'. It is meant to turn a person away from mistaken beliefs and/or actions, and bring about repentance. Excommunication was never meant to be the final word. The hope always is that the penalty will be lifted and unity restored. On one occasion Luther was asked what he would do if he found himself at a Catholic Mass. He said 'Don't take the priest from the altar; don't blow out the candles either. If I myself were present in the church at the time of the elevation of the Sacrament I would raise my hand, just like the others. I would show respect and honour the Sacrament. For the true Sacrament is there in so far as what is essential.'

He married the ex-nun Katharina von Bora in 1525. They had a large family and were very devoted to one another and to their children. They lived in the Black Cloister in Wittenberg which had been the monastery where Luther and his fellow Augustinian monks had lived. For a further seven years after his marriage he continued to wear his friar's habit. I don't know what garb Kathleen wore! Luther, in spite of his fiery denunciations of the Pope being the Antichrist, seems to have been hoping for some kind of resolution to the sorry split. If there had been a speedy and generous reaching out on the part of the Pope to Luther and an acceptance of some part of his reform proposals, we may well have had a very different sequel.

In 2008 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI visited the former Augustinian friary in Erfurt where Luther was a student. Benedict referred so positively to Luther that some people began to speculate that the excommunication order on Luther was going to be lifted. Perhaps that will happen later this month! Pope Francis has spoken eloquently of Catholics and Lutherans 'walking together'.

In the past couple of years there have been strident criticisms of Pope Francis and his manner of exercising his office as Bishop of Rome emanating from the Cardinals. The American former member of the Curia, Raymond Burke, is particularly confrontational. But Francis is a very patient and humble man who seeks to win over his opponents 'lovingly'. If only more of that Franciscan tolerance had been in evidence in the ministry of all successors of St Peter!