

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### **Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year**

Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Peter Ayre RIP)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Lottie Mae RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Patrick, Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Adams Family
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving to Venerable Mat Talbot
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ellen & James Lardner RIP
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Hugh McCaffrey RIP
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

**Church: £653 Thank you for your generosity.**

**This weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid).**

**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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Stanislaw Carlton, Henry Ivison, Valencia Bowes, Maureen Pitt, Peter Boyle, Kathleen Sidwell, Richard Carrod, Pat Tasker, Sheila Shave, Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes

**3. CONFIRMATION 2017/18:** The Course has now started but there is still time to join – next meeting Thursday 30th November at 6.00 pm in the Presbytery.

**4. 'CURRY & CAROLS'** full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend price £7.50. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received

**5. SPUC LUNCH :** Many thanks to all those who helped or supported the delicious lunch last Sunday. £523 was raised for SPUC

**6. THE FAMILY BINGO EVENING** is on Thursday 30th November from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm in The Barn to Support English Martyrs Primary School New Classroom Appeal. This is a joint venture between the Friends of the school and our Parish. Come and have some fun and support this evening. For further information please contact Charles 01903 505546

**7. MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** A reminder that you have undertaken to attend one day of Recollection a year and the next such day is next Saturday at The Towers

**8. STARTING SCHOOL 2018:** If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 and you wish him/her to attend English Martyrs Catholic Primary School it is necessary for you to complete a Supplementary Application form from the school **as well as** completing the West Sussex Local Authority's on line form by the closing date of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please contact English Martyrs School if you require further information.

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

**10. KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** Worthing Knights of St Columba will provide Christmas posters to all local parishes and ask that they are displayed as an act of Christian witness. On the same theme, the Royal Mail's Christmas stamps this year, are either Madonna and Child or a snowman. Please ask for the Christian stamps to help get the message of Christmas across. The Royal Mail will only continue to produce Christian stamps at Christmas if there is sufficient demand

**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. In addition Madelaine's popular handmade Christmas card hangers - price is £5.00, with £4.50 going towards CAFOD.

**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** 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: The Abbey of Whitby was chosen** as the site of the Synod of that name called by King Oswy in 664 because it had become the greatest centre of learning in north-east England. It was a double monastery, one of several at the time, where men and women constituted a single community. They lived separately but came together in the same abbey church for prayer. St. Hilda had been Abbess of Hartlepool but in 657 she founded the double monastery of Streanaeshalch, later called Whitby by the Danes. Hilda was a descendant of King Edwin of Northumbria and she had been greatly influenced by St Aiden. Her monastery followed the Celtic tradition. Under Hilda's charismatic leadership both the men and the women of the community were exemplary in holiness and learning. In Hilda's abbey women as well as men studied the scriptures. Each monastery had its own school and learning was an important part of the mission. As the Roman tradition became more established the significance of the Latin language grew. In addition to the scriptures, the men and women of the monasteries read the early writings of the Church in both Latin and Greek. The monasteries also encouraged the native language of the Anglo-Saxons and they had an important part to play in the development and preservation of the English language we have today – especially its poetry. Hilda was well known as an adviser of spiritual matters. People came from all over the land to seek her counsel. She was also a distinguished preacher and a born ruler. She is an example of how women have brought such riches to the Church as spiritual advisors, teachers and leaders. As the barbaric Franks and Lombards continued to pillage and destroy in France and Italy, the situation in much of Europe made learning and the preservation of its cultural heritage almost impossible. It was in the monasteries of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales that that culture and heritage were preserved not only for us but for the entire Western world and the gospel message was celebrated and propagated once again in Europe by these great missionary monks. Shortly after the Synod of Whitby, Theodore of Tarsus was sent by Rome in 669 as Archbishop of Canterbury. Tarsus was the birthplace of St Paul and is in modern Turkey. Could you imagine a bishop from Turkey being appointed to Westminster – or indeed Arundel and Brighton – today? But, then of course, a bishop from Argentina – and before that from Germany and Poland – have over the past forty years been appointed as bishops of Rome. Some of the early Popes were from Africa. There has even been an Englishman on the chair of Peter. Its most famous occupant was a Palestinian, Simon, son of John. Theodore was appointed in order to unite all of England with the Roman tradition. Up to the Synod of Whitby the Celtic and Roman traditions both flourished in England. In the Celtic tradition bishops were appointed from among the Abbots because monasticism was such a strong feature of the Celtic Church. In the Roman tradition bishops were given authority even over abbots. Theodore established Canterbury as the principal diocese in England – the Primatial See. He brought about a basic reorganisation of the Church, creating many new dioceses. He died in 690 – twenty-one years after arriving in Canterbury. He had been accompanied by Adrian, who was another key figure.

Before coming to Canterbury with Theodore, Adrian had been an abbot in Naples. At that time Naples was very much a Greek city. So Adrian was accustomed to reconciling different cultures and traditions within the Church before he came to England. In fact Adrian had been asked by Pope Vitalian to become Archbishop of Canterbury but he did not feel that he was the right man and recommended Theodore instead. The fact that the Pope accepted his advice and his willingness to accompany Theodore are indications of his strength.

Adrian became Theodore's constant companion and trusted adviser. Another monk who journeyed to Canterbury from Rome with St Theodore and St Adrian was St Benedict Biscop. He became abbot of the monastery of Sts. Peter and Paul at Canterbury. On visits to Rome he brought books and sacred artefacts to England and promoted the singing of Roman chant. He established the monastery at Wearmouth and brought masons from France to fashion the stone and craftsmen to create sacred vessels, lamps and glasswork. He also established the monastery at Jarrow on the River Tyne and furnished it with a great library. This enabled St Bede subsequently to write his Ecclesiastical History of the English people. St Bede died in 735 having spent all of his life in Jarrow.