

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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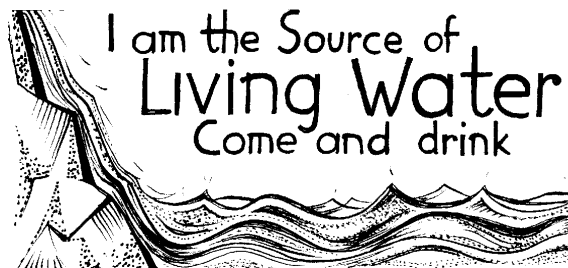
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The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Muriel Day RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	John Roe RIP
		1 0.30 am	James & Josephine Shore RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	5 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	6 th	9.30 am	Maureen Christie RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7 th	9.30 am	Cyril Adams RIP
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Lent Group
Thursday	8 th	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Hunnisett Family (Living & Deceased)
Friday	9 th	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Charlie Gillespie RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	Mary Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP



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

COLLECTIONS: Church: £513 CAFOD Fast Day: £1,217 Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Grace West, Christine Watson, David Hall, Ann & Gordon Milne, Anne Whitehead, Bernard Bandy, Jeany, Peter, Deacon Pat Moloney, Yvonne Carter, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, 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, Edna Catley

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: John Roe, Michael O'Rourke, Brian Jackson, David Davies, Margaret Sullivan, Kathleen Shortt, John Gomez, Rosina Curtis

3. PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH. We would like to invite you to join us for our next session of the Parish Prayer group on Friday 16th March. We will be coming together to pray for our parish - all that we are doing, growing and being led into in the future. "Prayer and community are always found together, because the same Spirit who prays in us is the Spirit who binds us together into one body as we are called to love each other and work for a renewed world" Henri Nouwen.

4. ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY' in aid of our Parish Project, will take place on Saturday 17th March at 7.00 pm in the Barn. Irish Step Dancers, three course traditional Irish Supper – Bacon & Cabbage - Homemade desserts, Irish Coffee, Bar, a Sing-a-long and Raffle,. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, good food music and dance. Donations of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale after all Masses **this** weekend: Adults £7.50, Children £4.00

5. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses next weekend

6. AT THE END OF MASS there will be a short 5-minute presentation by the Governors from English Martyrs Primary School. They will be updating you on current developments within the school and especially the good and exciting news about the new Eco classroom that is currently being built. They will also be asking for your contribution and support to the School whether that be in a voluntary role or by way of financial support. There will be a retiring collection which will go towards buying eco equipment for the new classroom. Governors will be very happy to talk with you about ways in which you can help and support English Martyrs School.

7. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our fifteen First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the back of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 20th May.

8. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

9 MINISTERS DAY OF RECOLLECTION is **next** Saturday. A reminder to all Ministers of the Eucharist that you have undertaken to attend one Day of Recollection each year. Monday is the closing date for booking your place

10. HANDMADE MOTHER'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS now available in the Repository. Proceeds to Kalinglinga. We also have cards and gifts for St Patrick's Day

11. ENGLISH MARTYRS QUIZ TEAM: The Knights of St Columba are planning a Deanery Quiz Night and each parish needs an ace Quiz Team. Would you quizzers like to join the English Martyrs Team? If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact David Wynn-Davies as soon as possible on 07790 480356

12. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and A5 Exercise Books or Reporter's Notepads. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

13. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: Urgently needed this month: Tea, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Squashes, Ketchup, brown sauce, salad cream, Washing powder/tabs, Washing up liquid, Shampoo/Conditioner, Shower Gel, Cereals (no Cornflakes or porridge). Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Father Liam says: For the past six years in our Parish we have had an auction as part of our January fund raising event for CAFOD. I was interested to learn that for the fifth year running the Vatican will be holding a raffle with all the money raised being donated to charities of the Pope. Pope Francis – who has been Pope for five years - donates the prizes each year. Most of them are gifts that he receives. A Lamborghini made especially for him and decorated in Papal Colours will be auctioned off in Monaco later this year. Also there will be a Volkswagen eco-up! Car powered by methane gas, a top of the range digital camera and an espresso coffee machine. Tickets cost ten Euros and can be purchased on line from a Vatican website (beneficenza.vatican.va). I haven't bought a ticket but I did buy a ticket for our Parish Event and a big thank you to all who did likewise.

Pope Francis has completed his sixth visit to Latin America with a trip to Chile and Peru. Interestingly he has not yet conducted a Papal visit to his native Argentina but no doubt that will not be long delayed. He has not yet visited France or Spain, Catholic heartlands, in the past at any rate, unless you count a four hour trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. He recently addressed – as Popes do every January – the diplomats who represent the interests of 185 states. Eighty-five have permanent embassies based in Rome with the rest stationed in various parts of Europe. Twenty-five ambassadors are women, including the envoys from the United States, Australia, Great Britain and Ireland.

The network of Holy See ambassadors – Papal Nuncio's – is second only to the U.S. in terms of numbers of countries in which they are present. Pope Francis called for patient dialogue between North Korea and the United States. He quoted St John XXIII: 'The stock piles of armaments which have been built up in various countries must be reduced all round – simultaneously. Nuclear weapons must be banned'. He stressed the need for international co-operation in maintaining the 2015 Paris Agreement to reduce carbon emissions. 'Climate changes, with the global rise in temperatures, and their devastating effects are also a consequence of human activity. Hence there is a need to take up, in a united effort, the responsibility of leaving to coming generations a more beautiful and liveable world, and to work in the light of the commitments agreed upon in Paris in 2015. He strongly focused on refugees. 'Migration has always existed. In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the history of salvation is essentially a history of migration. Nor should we forget that freedom of movement is a fundamental human right.' He noted that most new arrivals in Europe are driven by a desire to find peace and security. He cited Bangladesh as a country welcoming new arrivals. He saw this at first hand on his recent visit to South Asia where he met a group of Rohingas Muslims driven out of Myanmar. He spoke about human rights being disregarded. The case of abortion: 'Innocent children are discarded even before they are born simply because they are ill or malformed or as a result of the selfishness of adults.'

Shortly before Christmas Pope Francis spoke frankly to the Church's central bureaucracy - the Curia. This was his fourth annual address to them and, as on previous occasions, he forcefully addressed the Cardinals, bishops and other department officials on the need for change. Nor did he mince his words: 'Reforming Rome is like cleaning the Sphinx of Egypt with a toothbrush', he said, quoting a 19th century Belgian churchman. The phrase did not evoke much laughter among those gathered in the frescoed Clementina Hall of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace. Since his election in 2013 as the first Latin American Pope, Francis has been trying to reform the Italian-dominated Curia to bring the hierarchy of the Church closer to its members and to bring about financial reforms and guide it out of scandal that marked the pontificate of his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict. He has however encountered a great deal of resistance, particularly when he has closed some departments and merged and streamlined others. He said that some in the bureaucracy – the nerve centre of the 1.2 billion Church – and whose members are charged with carrying out the Pope's decisions – were part of 'cliques and plots.' Pope Francis called this 'unbalanced and degenerate' and a 'cancer that leads to a self-referential attitude.' In his pre-Christmas address he spoke of those 'traitors of trust' who had been entrusted with carrying out reforms but 'let themselves be corrupted by ambition and vainglory.' When they were quietly let go, he said, 'they erroneously declare themselves to be martyrs of the system instead of reciting a 'mea culpa' (Latin for 'through my fault.')

In July in a major shake-up of the Vatican administration, Francis unexpectedly replaced the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the completion of his five year term of office. He had been at odds with the pontiff's vision of a more inclusive Church. Francis said the majority of Curia members were faithful, competent and some were saintly. Later, in a separate meeting with Vatican employees and their families, Pope Francis asked forgiveness for the failings of some Church officials