

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Charlie Gillespie RIP
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Mary Ellis RIP
		1 0.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Clifford Thompson (ill)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family of Nora & Patrick Murphy
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Lent Group
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	CAFOD Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Bill & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Intention of Father P Murtagh
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Brendan Hearn RIP
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £526 Thank you for your generosity.**

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 20:20-30

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Patrick McGrath, 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: Maurice Brunet, Mary Ellis, Rene McGrath, Anne Soper, Charlie Gillespie, Delia Evans, Annie Mather, Natalie Citterio, Catherine McGoohan, Frances Money, Elizabeth Hastie, Kathleen Kearney, Fred Melling, Peggy Dale

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend

**6. THE GOVERNORS OF ENGLISH MARTYRS** Catholic Primary School wish to thank Father Liam and in addition, a huge 'thank you' to the congregation at English Martyrs for the wonderful financial contribution of £869.47 plus US\$30. This is very much appreciated and will be put towards some equipment for the new Eco Classroom. Nine members of the congregation put their names down for various roles within the school - we very much appreciate this commitment and support. For more information on how you can help support your school please contact Frances Amos, Foundation Governor on [f.amos@englishmartyrs.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:f.amos@englishmartyrs.w-sussex.sch.uk) or telephone the school office on 01903 502868. Thank you.

**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. OUR NEIGHBOURS:** Our church has endeavoured to live in peace with the neighbouring homes for the last eighty years but, sadly, all is now not well. Suddenly cars are being parked on pavements and grass verges so that the residents feel besieged. Please see the photos supplied by a neighbour, available in both porches, to illustrate the point and please note the growing number of sticks being planted in Compton Avenue...Please park with care and consideration so that harmony may be restored.

**9. 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

**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. 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

**12. 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: Cardinal Robert Sarah is Prefect** of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. This is one of the most important Departments in the Roman Curia. The members of the various Congregations are appointed for a five year period but in practice they are often allowed to continue in office until they reach retirement at the age of seventy-five. Cardinal Sarah, is highly regarded as a very holy man and had been spoken of as a possible successor to Pope Francis as Bishop of Rome. But that was before Pope Francis has had occasion to take issue with him with public corrections. One had to do with a directive by the Pope a few months ago restoring to local Conferences of Bishops more authority in the matter of translating texts to be used in the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. (There was widespread dissatisfaction some years ago when the Curia refused to recognise the competence of Conferences of Bishops to authorise new translations of the Missal in their areas.) Cardinal Sarah seemed to undermine this Papal directive suggesting that Bishops had no such power and Pope Francis felt it was necessary to take him to task on the matter. Previously Cardinal Sarah was strongly urging priest to preside at Mass while facing east. In practice this would often mean reverting to priests having their backs to the people at the celebration of Mass. Pope Francis speedily corrected him on this issue also.

The most recent intervention of Cardinal Sarah on how Mass should be celebrated refers to the manner in which people should receive Holy Communion. Local Conferences of Bishops issued suggestions many years ago on how people in England and Wales should receive the Sacred Host. The Bishops of England and Wales have suggested that we approach the altar in a reverent procession and bow our heads as we profess our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord by responding 'Amen' when the minister says: 'The Body of Christ'. Then we receive the Sacrament either in the hand or on the tongue before receiving from the chalice if we so wish and returning to our places.

Very recently Cardinal Sarah wrote a foreword to a book by Father Federico Bortoli. In it the Cardinal says that the practice of receiving Communion in the hand is part of a 'diabolical attack' on the Church that diminishes reverence to God. He says: 'Truly the war between Michael and his Angels on one side and Lucifer on the other continues in the heart of the faithful. Satan's target is the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Consecrated Host.' Sarah tells us that we should receive Communion kneeling and on our tongue.

In the middle of the fourth century Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem gave this instruction to those who were about to join the Catholic Church at Easter: 'When you come forward for Holy Communion do not draw near with your hands wide open or with fingers spread apart. In stead, with your left hand make a throne for the right hand, which will receive the King. Receive the Body of Christ in the hollow of your hand and give the response 'Amen'. If we are to take Cardinal Sarah seriously this way of receiving constitutes 'the most insidious diabolical attack' on the Blessed Sacrament organised by Satan himself!

We are privileged to gather as disciples Sunday by Sunday at the Table of the Lord. This table makes present for us the words and actions of Jesus at his Last Supper and it anticipates the heavenly banquet as a pledge of future glory is given to us. The central image of all four of our scriptural accounts of the Eucharist is that of a single loaf which is blessed by the Lord, broken and shared and that of the one cup that Jesus blessed and gave to his disciples. Paul reminded the Corinthians: 'Because there is one loaf we who are many are one body for we all partake of the one loaf' (1Cor 10:17). Large patens pictured in mosaics from the early Church remind us of one loaf that was such a key element of the Eucharist. Once one has a broken leavened loaf with irregular cube-like morsels one has to use one's own hand. The sermons of the early Church spoke about those broken loaves with no hint of irreverence, but encouragement that if you have dipped your hand in that dish, you would not betray the Lord.

It is not clear when receiving on the tongue became common but it was certainly as a result of the move to unleavened 'altar bread' which spread in the west in the ninth and tenth centuries. One can only receive on the tongue if one has a flat disc-shaped wafer. Why the west moved to unleavened bread is disputed but it was certainly an innovation. It was yet another factor in the rift between the Church in the West and the Greek Churches. This change was accompanied by another development – there was a huge decrease in people coming to Communion. There was a growing sense of fear, of our unworthiness before the Lord. The vision of our gathering in joyful thanks for what the Father has done for us in Christ became dim. It has been one of the aims of the Vatican Council to revive it.