

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	William McEvoy RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Emily Ray RIP
		6.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	7 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	8 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	9 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Ascension Day	10th	9.30 am	Father David Weston RIP
		7.30 pm	The Parish
Friday	11 th	9.30 am	Private Intention (AN)
Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	Joan Norton RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Vilma Gizzi RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

COLLECTIONS: Church: £562 The Education of Future Priests: £503
Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Catholic Communications Network (NOT Gift Aid)

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joan Cutmore, Ada O'Regan, Baby Samuel Bezants, 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, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: LINDA DIX, JOHN FIELD and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Alfreda Prokop, Alfreda Patten, Michael Crawley, Jenny Rusdell-Wilson, Brendan Casement, Mercedes Barranco, Lucy Cocking, David Toley, Greta Clarke, Margaret Edwards

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. YOUTH ALPHA: (FOR YEARS 6-9) STARTING IN THE BARN next SUNDAY MAY 13TH As you've probably heard, there is a new youth group starting on Sunday May 13th serving all of the Worthing parishes. It's called 'Youth Alpha' and it's running on Sunday evenings - roughly every fortnight during term time - at 'The Barn' at English Martyrs Church, from 7pm to 8.30pm. It's open to anyone in Years 7-9 and to Year 6's in their final term (or those of equivalent age not at school). To start off with, we'll follow the 'Youth Alpha' course, so evenings will involve food, games, a video, and a chance to chat. If you've got any questions, contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Parents: Please don't leave on the first evening without signing a consent form!

5. 'A DAY FOR WOMEN' Building Faith and Inspiring Disciples will be led by Geoff and Gina Poulter in The Barn next Saturday 12th May from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Coffee and lunch will be provided by the team. Cost – a voluntary contribution please (Suggested £10.00) We invite you to join us for an inspiring day. For further details please contact Jane-Anne 07765 403883

6. A MIDDLE EASTERN EVENING will take held in the Barn on Saturday 19th May following the 6.00 pm Mass. The money raised will go to St Joseph's Centre in Bethlehem to support their work to assist the Christian Community, as described by Sister Bee last year. An exciting supper plus quiz and raffle is planned. Tickets £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children on sale **this** weekend.

7. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Tuesday 15th May at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

8. FURTHER COMPLAINTS FROM NEIGHBOURS: Please do not park on or near the entrances to the slip roads as it makes driving in and out dangerous by blocking the line of vision into Compton Avenue. This is also a requirement of the Highway Code! Many thanks for the speedy response to the previous complaint re parking on pavements and grass verges.

9. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI, Tamzin Reeve, Nathan Hunnisett, Faith De Luca and Abigail Gibbs, who will be Confirmed this Sunday in Arundel Cathedral

10. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and 6ins/15cm Rulers. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

11. 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: As children we often wrote J.M.J. at the top of letters or papers at school. That was to remind us to ask the help of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in our work and studies. We pictured the members of the Holy Family side by side. Mary and Joseph are a couple. In the past many works of art depicted Joseph as an old man. I was surprised to find that St Teresa of Avila – in spite of the tendencies of her times – insisted that Joseph was a young man when he married Mary. In the preface for Masses in honour of St Joseph we say: 'with a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God.'

In 1962 – before the changes to the liturgy resulting from Vatican II came into effect – Pope John XXIII added the name of Joseph immediately after the name of Mary to the Roman Canon – now Eucharistic Prayer 1. Pope Francis has in recent years linked their names together in all the Eucharistic prayers.

As well as being the husband of Mary, Joseph was also the father of Jesus. He was not his biological father but he was his legal father. That is the significance of Matthew telling us in his gospel account of the Annunciation of the Lord to Joseph that he was to name the child Jesus. In naming the child the husband in Jewish law was recognised as the legal father of the child. Luke has Mary saying to the child who was found in the temple: 'Son, your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow' (2:48). And in the Preface of the Mass referred to earlier we say of Joseph: 'with fatherly care he watched over Jesus Christ, your Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Joseph played a very important role as Jesus 'grew in wisdom and age and grace before God and men'. In the Jewish tradition children were, until the age of five or so, in the special care and tutelage of their mothers. After that age children came under the special guidance of their father. Joseph was the Rabbi of the Holy Family, who taught Jesus the Jewish faith and practices. Joseph led his family in the worship of God in their house in Nazareth. At meal times both Mary and Jesus would have looked to Joseph at the head of the table to offer the prayer or blessing. Each year when the great evening of the Passover was celebrated, the young Jesus played his role and addressed the ritual questions to Joseph: 'Father, why is this night different from every other night?' Then he listened with Mary to Joseph's narration of the glorious events of the exodus and the explanation of the meaning of the paschal lamb. Later Jesus would hear John the Baptist proclaim him, the Son of Joseph and Mary, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. When Jesus was of age, Joseph introduced him to the synagogue worship. Jesus was faithful to the synagogue rituals all his life. Joseph also taught Jesus the work skills of his trade. In this way Jesus supported his mother and himself after his father's death.

In his teaching when Jesus said; 'What father would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf' surely he had in mind how kind and gentle Joseph was to him as a child. When he told the parable of the forgiving father and described how the father hugged and kissed the son whom he thought he would never see again, was he recalling how Joseph had hugged and kissed him after he had been lost in the temple for three days when he was twelve years old? When Jesus taught us how to pray, he began with the same loving title with which he addressed Joseph all his life – Abba, Dad!

We have a lovely carved wooden statue of Mary and the Child Jesus in our church. I think it would be very appropriate if we were to have a matching statue of St Joseph to stand beside them. There are statues of St Joseph and Mary in the West Porch. Some people would like the statue of Joseph to be given a place of greater honour. If we were to do that I feel a wooden statue linking Joseph to Mary and the Child Jesus would be the answer.

Since the Solemnity of St Joseph on March 19th is always in Lent, and the memorial of St Joseph the Worker on 11 May is optional, it might seem that St Joseph does not get a particularly good deal. WE have the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas but Joseph is largely overshadowed by Jesus and Mary. And his statue is in the West Porch. Would it not be appropriate to offer St Joseph special honour on Father's Day?

We do not know for sure what formal education Jesus received outside of the home. In the remote village of Nazareth a school may not have been linked to the synagogue. What Jesus certainly learned in Nazareth was a trade. Matthew and Mark say that he was a 'Craftsman' as his father was. They use the Greek word 'Tecton'. This should not be translated as 'Carpenter'. It describes a craftsman who works in different materials such as stone, wood or even iron. When Jesus began to work the capital of Galilee, Sepphonis, was only five kilometres from Nazareth. It had been razed to the ground by the Romans when Jesus was about six years old and was now being completely rebuilt. Craftsmen were in great demand. Perhaps Jesus and Joseph walked there in the company of many others from surrounding villages to work every day.