

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	Joan Norton RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Vilma Gizzi RIP
Monday	14 th	9.30 am	Reg (Snr) & Dorrie Marshall RIP
Tuesday	15 th	9.00 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
		2.30 pm	Memorial Mass
Wednesday	16 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	17 th	7.30 pm	N & A Adams RIP
		12.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR LINDA DIX RIP
Friday	18 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	19 th	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone RIP
Sunday	20 th	8.15 am	Mary Kenny RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00pm	Polish Mass



Perfect love drives out all fear. (1John 4:18)

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; 16:12-15; John 7:37-39

COLLECTIONS: Church: £552

Thank you for your generosity.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eileen Beech, 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 Schlinggen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: ANNE WESLEY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: John Bernardi, Jim Maloney, Sylvia Phillips, Isabella Ions, Olive Humphrey, Pat Lucey, Pouppy Baeza, V Rev Cn Desmond McCarthy

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 this 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 MIDDLE EASTERN EVENING will take held in the Barn **next** 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.

6. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here **this** 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.

7. PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: There will be a meeting for you in the Good Shepherd Chapel **this** Thursday 17th May at 8.00 pm.

8. CONGRATULATIONS to Tamzin Reeve, Nathan Hunnisett, Faith De Luca and Abigail Gibbs, who were recently confirmed at Arundel Cathedral. They will receive their certificates today

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

10. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to recruit a practising Catholic to join their Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. 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. They 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

11. 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

12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: Urgently needed this month: Cereals (no Cornflakes or Porridge). Ketchup, brown sauce, salad cream, Cooking Oil, Squashes, Tea, Coffee, Washing powder/tabs, Washing up liquid, Dishwasher tabs, Shampoo/Conditioner and Shower Gel. Also Jeans/Trousers 34" waist, Hoodies, Boxer Shorts and Ladies undies 12/14. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Father Liam says: I would be delighted if there were to be another Ecumenical Council of the Church in my lifetime. Is that likely? Certainly not. But it is quite likely for it to happen in the lifetime of several of you. There have been twenty-one general councils of the Church in its history. This may lead you to believe that they were called about one every century but in reality they have been held infrequently and often in clusters. There were long periods of time when there were no general councils at all.

The Church was three hundred years old before its right to exist was recognised by the Roman Empire. Only then was the first general council of the Church held – the Council of Nicaea in 325. The Acts of the Apostles and St Paul's Letter to the Galatians tell us of a Council of the Church held in Jerusalem around the year 50 AD. While it was an extremely important council it is not listed among the general councils. It met to address the question that arose just a few years after Christ's death and resurrection. Must one be a Jew in order to be a Christian? Did men need to be circumcised before they could be baptised? Were all Christians bound by the Jewish dietary laws? We might be surprised that such questions were seriously being asked but the first Christians were Jewish like Jesus himself and his family and his first followers. Some Jews who embraced Christianity felt strongly that all the baptised should embrace the Law of Moses as part of their journey towards Christ.

'General' Councils are often called 'ecumenical'. The terms are often used interchangeably. 'Ecumenical' comes from the Greek word for 'universal'. A truly ecumenical council is a gathering that includes representatives of the Church from all parts of the world. By that definition only the first seven major councils were ecumenical because they included bishops from the eastern and western parts of the Roman Empire, considered to be the entire world at the time. In fact very few western bishops were present at some of these councils all of which took place in the east in circumstances and at a time when extensive travel could be very difficult.

The separated Eastern Orthodox Churches consider only the first seven councils ecumenical. The Great Schism divided the Eastern Orthodox Church from the Church in the west in 1054 – a schism that has never been fully healed. However there are some Eastern Rite Christians who are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and acknowledge the Bishop of Rome as their visible head. The Churches in the east were missing from the Councils of the second millennium and so Orthodox Bishops don't recognise them. The Council of the Lateran (Lateran I) in 1123 called itself a General Council and not an Ecumenical Council because no eastern bishops participated. However the Council of Basel-Ferara – Florence referred to itself as ecumenical since eastern and western bishops gathered between the years 1435-1448 to discuss reuniting the Church.

In the 15th Century two general councils were held within three decades followed by another general council sixty years later. The Council of Trent – in the aftermath of the Reformation – met in three stages and different venues between the years 1545 and 1563. Three centuries elapsed between Trent and the next council – Vatican I – which took place in 1869/70. Vatican II followed a century later – 1962-65.

Only two of the twenty one councils of the Church took place in the Vatican. There were several councils held in Rome but these were held at the Lateran. The Lateran Palace was where the Popes lived for most of their history. They only moved to Vatican Hill after their return from exile of 70 years in Avignon in the South of France. So most of the Popes were elected and buried at the Lateran rather than the Vatican. The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome. This is why the Pope always celebrates Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday at the Lateran just as every bishop celebrates the Mass of Chrism in their Cathedral Church.

General councils varied enormously in duration. The Second Council of the Lateran sat for only a week! Lateran IV lasted just twenty days but was a particularly productive event. Vatican II met 281 days over the course of four autumns but, as at most councils, much work was done between sessions. The numbers participating also varied hugely. During one session of the Council of Trent in 1551 there were only seventeen bishops. In striking contrast 2,540 bishops packed St Peter's Basilica not to mention the advisors and observers for Vatican II. There are many more bishops in the Church now than 50 years ago. When the next ecumenical council meets – hopefully with many Eastern Orthodox Bishops taking part – they may have to limit numbers somehow!