## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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## **Pentecost Sunday**

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Mary Kenny RIP
-		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	REQUIEM FOR EDNA CATLEY RIP
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Walter Adams
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR ANNE WESLEY RIP
		7.30 pm	Kathleen. James & William O'Toole RIP
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Bill & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Canon Tim Healy RIP
		10.30 am	Samuel Bezant – in Thanksgiving



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 552 Catholic Communications Network: £314 Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Ada O'Regan, Christine Watson, David Hall, Ann & Gordon Milne, Anne Whltehead, 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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Kathleen Simmonds, Bert Copping, Anne Berendt, Jacqueline Davies, Patricia Trantor, Mary Benson, Petronella Woods, Elizabeth Scotney, Ray Hudson, Mary Murphy-Sopp, Ernest Wyant, Frank Featherstone, Eileen Kennedy
- 3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay
- <u>4. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u> will be received by thirteen of our children this Sunday during the 10.30 am Mass. Please pray for: Sabina Ambros, Zadok Andoh-Amoah, Sophie Boyle, Megan Carolan-Tighe, Ryan Carolan-Tighe, Aimilia Dimopoulou, Emma Fox, Katie Howell, Maria Jonaswar, Diego Lekvinadze-Marrero, Alfy Saji, Nirran Suganthan, Eden Wheeler
- <u>5. YOUTH ALPHA:</u> (For years 6-9) The first meeting of this new youth group last Sunday evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. It has now been extended to include year 10.
- <u>6. PARISHIONERS</u> are warmly invited to English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Derwent Drive, BN12 6LA on Monday 21st May at 9 am for Mass and blessing of the new classroom by Bishop Moth and on Friday 25th May at 2.15 pm for the May procession, weather permitting.
- <u>7. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> 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

- **8.** There is a very important Referendum taking place in Ireland on Thursday. It is being proposed that the Constitutional protection for the life of all unborn children up to the age of 12 weeks will be removed. We invite you to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected.
- <u>9. MARY'S MEALS:</u> 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
- 10. 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:** The story of Tyburn is one of the strangest and saddest in our history. The number of people who have been executed there between the years 1196 and 1783 is estimated to be in the region of fifty thousand. This number includes all sorts of men, women and children; Knights and commoners, even boys who had stolen a few pence. Among them were many martyrs whose only offence had been their refusal to renounce their Catholic faith. Nearly half of the canonised martyrs of England and Wales were amongst the 105 Catholic martyrs executed there.

Tyburn Fields consisted of 270 acres of bleak, forbidding open ground with rows of elm trees lining the banks of a little stream called the Ti, or Ty bourne, near the site of the present day Marble Arch. It was divided into smaller fields with names such as Great Gibbet Field, Little Gibbet Field and so on. In 1759 the permanent gallows seems to have been replaced by a moveable structure, which after the bodies were cut down, was carried off in a cart. The site of the permanent gallows was needed to accommodate the turn-pike toll-house. The site of the gibbet varied during the next 24 years when the official place of execution was transferred to Newgate.

Among the notable people brought to Tyburn to be hanged was Perkin Warbeck, who had claimed to be the younger of the two little princes said to have been murdered in the Tower in 1483. William Wallace, leader of 9,000 insurgents who tried to bring back the expelled monks and nuns was also put to death there. Many of those involved in the Pilgrimage of Grace were summarily executed at Tyburn as was Elizabeth Barton, the Holy Maid of Kent, who fearlessly reproached Henry VIII for his lawless life. More than a hundred have been authentically recognised by the Church as Martyrs of the Faith. The first of these was the prior of the London Charterhouse, St John Houghton and continuing for over a hundred and forty years until 1681 when the last Martyr St Oliver Plunket, Archbishop of Armagh, laid down his life for Christ at Tyburn.

During the reign of William IV (1830-1837), the sinister reputation of the district, long associated with highwaymen, was wiped out by converting Tyburn into a fashionable residential quarter. Old Tyburn Road became Oxford Street, Tyburn Lane became Park Lane, Tyburn Gate became Cumberland Gate and so forth. Spacious Georgian houses erased from the minds of most of the people of London the history of what had taken place in Hyde Park Place.

However, a small group of Catholics, many of them converts from the Anglican Church had not forgotten the significance of the place and clung to the hope that one day a Shrine would be erected to the memory of the Martyrs close to the spot where they had laid down their lives for the faith. Among these were Cardinal Vaughan and the Duke of Norfolk. It seemed remiss to a number of Catholics that nothing substantial had been done to honour the memory of those heroes on the spot where they laid down their lives. In the early 1900's the area around Marble Arch was one of the most expensive quarters in London. How could it be possible to build there a shrine worthy of its cause? The privilege of establishing the Shrine of the Martyrs of Tyburn fell to a small community of Religious Sisters driven from France across the English Channel by the waves of persecution in their own country.

These sisters originated from Montmartre and found a house in Bassett Road. Cardinal Vaughan knew they were looking for a more suitable convent and was aware that there was a house for sale near Marble Arch. It struck him how appropriate it would be that Sisters from Montmartre – the hill of Martyrs - should make their home in Tyburn, the Montmartre of England. The Cardinal's Secretary and a French priest suggested to the Sisters that they might consider making this house their convent. But the total fortune of the Community was £20 and at least £10,000 would be needed. Moreover the house suggested was much too small and had no garden – an essential for an enclosed community. Another house was discovered nearby, which with two adjoining houses had previously been the French Embassy, where Mass most often had been said at that time. Within a week of viewing the property – 6 Hyde Park Place – a French lady called to see the Sisters. She told Mother Mary that she had been paid 35,000 francs – equal to about £10,000 – by the British Government as compensation for the emancipation of slaves in South Africa. She had felt that it was, what she called, 'the price of blood' and she could not keep it. She understood that it was God's will that she should give it to the Sisters for the purchase of the house in God's honour and in that of the Martyrs of Tyburn. She wished her name to be kept secret and so it remains to this day.

(I am indebted to the authors of 'Tyburn, Hill of Glory')

## **NOTICES**

Requiem Mass at 10 am on Tuesday for Edna Catley R.I.P. No 9.30 Mass

Requiem Mass at 2pm on Thursday for Anne Wesley R.I.P.

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