

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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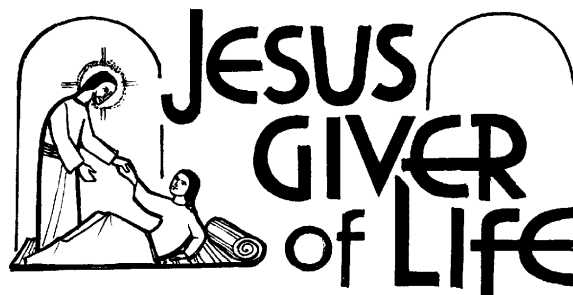
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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Reg Marshall RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
		6.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	Pauline McCaul RIP
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	4 th	9.30 am	Father Tony Ford RIP
Thursday	5 th	7.30 pm	Maria Petter RIP
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Johanna Petter RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Roger Melhuish RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

COLLECTIONS: Church: £518

Peter's Pence: £301

Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea. Please use the Special Envelopes available in both Porches if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

THESE ARE THE ONLY ENVELOPES THAT CAN BE USED FOR GIFT AID FOR THIS CHARITY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Ada O'Regan, Christine Watson, David Hall, 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: ANN MILNE, MURIEL STEDMAN (service at Worthing Crematorium, Thursday 5th July at 3pm) and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman, James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith, Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris, Ernest Howse, William Reilly

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

4. YOUTH ALPHA (FOR YEARS 6-10) NEXT SUNDAY 8th JULY AT 7PM IN THE 'THE BARN' The next Youth Alpha session for young people in Year 6 to 10, will be **next** Sunday at 7pm in 'The Barn', ending at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, even if you missed the first three sessions. Youth Alpha sessions are all about making friends and exploring your faith in a safe, welcoming environment. There is food, friendly people, games, and the popular 'Youth Alpha' video series.

5. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting out ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

6. BRIGHTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2018: 'Celebrate' is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is: 'See, I am doing a new thing!' (Is 43:19) 'Celebrate' weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. This year we welcome as our main speakers, David Wells, Rev. John Ryeland and Michelle Moran with worship led by John Wright and drama from RISE Theatre. Join us for a daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults. Please see poster and booking forms in both porches for more information. You can also book online when you visit <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton>

7. READERS & MINISTERS: Rosters for July are now available in the Sacristy

8. INNER BARN DOOR: Please **DO NOT** leave the hook across the door as the Monday morning cleaners and Barn users are unable to access the Barn from the outside.

9 BISHOP RICHARD WILL SKYDIVE from an aeroplane on Friday 14th September to raise money for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Please give generously in one of the following ways: By Purple GIFT AID parish envelope, marked '+Bishop skydive'; by Lourdes Pilgrimage envelope available in both porches or by going to : <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bishoprichardskydive>

9. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Serviceable Towels, 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 question of ordination of women to the diaconate is under consideration at present. Pope Francis has set up a commission to look into the matter. Diaconesses used to be a feature of the early Church but what exactly their function was is one of the aspects of this important issue that is being examined. Ordaining women to the Catholic priesthood is a very different question. Social developments over the last century have brought the issue before us in a way that would not have seemed possible to previous generations. Most Christian churches have admitted women to full participation in the ministry. The Church of England for many years now ordaining not only women priests but bishops also. In the Catholic Church however, no consideration is being given at an official level to ordaining women priests. There has been no definition of the Church on the matter nor is it a solemn teaching of Pope or Council. There has been a Declaration of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dating back to 1977 and a number of Papal announcements, all emphasising that women cannot be admitted to the Catholic priesthood.

The 1977 Declaration sets out Christian tradition on the matter as found in the evidence of scripture and the teaching of the Church in the subsequent centuries. This shows that priestly ordination has always been conferred only on men. It says that 'this norm based on Christ's example has been and is still observed because it is considered to conform to God's plan for his Church.

The crucial argument against priestly ordination of women is that from tradition. Neither in Scripture nor at any point in its two thousand years of history has the Catholic Church, East or West, ordained women to the priesthood or episcopacy. From the viewpoint of the New Testament this situation is truly striking. The Gospels clearly show the respect Jesus has for women. Never once does it show Jesus use a sharp word against any woman. Women were accorded far less respect than men were in the society of the time. For instance, in the teaching and the practice of marriage and divorce in Jewish society women were treated as of less account than men. Jesus on the other hand emphasises the absolute equality of man and woman. Some Pharisees approached him and asked 'is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them: 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them: 'it was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body. They are no longer two therefore but one body. So then what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them: 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' (Mark 2:2-12) Here we see Jesus willing to innovate on behalf of women in the sphere of marriage. His not doing so in the case of Church Ministry is seen by some as beginning to look deliberate, as if Jesus is setting the norm for the Church to follow. While we believe that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Church moved on from many practices of the early community, the fact is that for over two thousand years the Church has never felt free to innovate on this question of women priests and bishops. There has been the belief that this was an issue determined by Christ himself.

Another argument concerns ecumenism – our relationship with the Orthodox Church. There has been in recent centuries a great desire to heal the rift between the Orthodox Churches and the Catholic Church. The Great Schism finally took place a thousand years ago when the leadership of the Church in the East and the West mutually excommunicated each other. That excommunication was mutually lifted at the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI and the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Orthodox Church is more opposed to the ordination of women than is the Catholic Church. Were Rome to permit the priestly ordination of women any hopes of re-union between East and West would be diminished.

The chief argument against admitting women to the Catholic priesthood centres on the example of Christ and the practice of the Church from the beginning. It is clear that Christ was prepared to challenge the assumptions of his time when it came to the place of women in society. It is suggested that if he had wanted women to share the ministerial priesthood he would have been prepared to bring that about. The doubt remains as to whether the Church has the power to bring about such a change. But the early Church changed the Sabbath to Sunday and decided that circumcision was no longer necessary.