

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday	2 nd	6.00 pm	Kathleen, James & William O'Toole RIP
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	4 th	9.30 am	Ann Bandy RIP
Tuesday	5 th	9.30 am	Father Eric Nimmo RIP
Wednesday	6 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Group
Thursday	7 th	7.30 pm	Roger Melhuish RIP
Friday	8 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	9 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	10 th	8.15 am	Special Intention (KE)
		10.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16,22-26

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

COLLECTIONS: Church: £579 Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese: £403
Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Day for Life (NOT Gift Aid)
Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Ada O'Regan, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert, Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski, Marion McCabe, Julia Rippin, Rita Healy, Wasyl Szymuda,

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

4. YOUTH ALPHA - NEXT SESSION, NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 10th, 7pm, IN THE BARN: Youth Alpha is now up and running, and we had a great first session a few weeks back. The next session is on Sunday June 10th, and it's open to everyone in year 6 to 10 - even if you missed the first session - and to everyone in the Worthing area, whether you're part of any of the parishes or not. The meetings involve discussion times, games, the Youth Alpha videos, and pizza! For more information, contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

5. HANDMADE CARDS FOR FATHER'S DAY (which is on 17th June) are now available in the Shop. All proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

6. TO THOSE WHO KINDLY GIFT AID: Please collect a letter in the porch with details of your annual donation through Gift Aid.

7. 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

8. 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 hope you will find of interest a few more details of how the Nuns of Tyburn Convent coped with their various difficulties, having fled persecution in France. Their poverty was very great but little miracles used to happen to them when things seemed desperate. They were women of great faith and they felt that the Sacred Heart – their title was 'Adorers of the Sacred Heart' – never failed to come to their aid. While still in the rented property in Bassett Road, in Notting Hill, before moving to Marble Arch, a beautiful hamper of provisions was one day left at the door. They were naturally delighted with this generous, anonymous gift and after rendering thanks to the Sacred Heart they enjoyed a luxurious meal. A few hours later the shopkeeper who had left the hamper called to say that he had mistaken the address and that it was destined for one of his clients. The situation was explained to the good man with apologies that they could not pay for what they had consumed. The result was quite different from what they expected for from then on parcels of food would constantly arrive at the door, sent by that shopkeeper. Often when there was not a penny to pay an urgent bill, the money would arrive just in time, often from a quite unexpected and unknown source. Bassett Road was near the Church of the Sacred Heart at Quex Road and the oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate always gave them the warmest of welcomes.

When they moved to Marble Arch, the site of Tyburn, their financial situation was getting beyond control. Life in one of the most expensive quarters of London was proving an impossibility for them. They had felt that they were called to Tyburn to honour the English Martyrs so many of whom were put to death there. They put a note in the Catholic Press regarding selling Tyburn Convent. Suddenly the Catholic Papers were full of the plight of the little community and the great need they were in. It was felt that it would be a real disgrace to Catholics if so sacred a place should be closed for want of public support. Generous benefactors came forward. At the time the Irish Church was preparing for the beatification of the martyred Archbishop of Armagh, Oliver Plunkett, who was the last Catholic martyr to lay down his life at Tyburn. The Irish were extraordinarily generous and many gifts of money and kind were sent, often from quite poor people who could ill afford to give. The Archbishop of Westminster authorised a general appeal to English Catholics to save Tyburn. By October 1911 the immediate crisis was over.

One poor woman sent a shilling and promised to go on sending it as long as she was able to resist the temptation to spend it on drink. A sailor sent a shilling with a note which ran: 'I sent you a shilling last year, but I hear you are hard up again.' The needs of Tyburn were made known to the public by many Catholic writers who produced several pamphlets.

The outbreak of World War I saw many refugees especially from Europe arriving in London. In August 1914 a strange individual rang at the door of Tyburn Convent. It was the Abbot of the Monastery of Maredsous in Belgium, Abbot Columba Marmion, an Irishman. He was disguised as a jockey and had narrowly escaped being shot. He had come to find a place of refuge for his sorely tried monks. By 1915 the flood of refugees that found their way to Tyburn was increasing. The Belgium Refugee Committee in London helped Tyburn to give really adequate help to these destitute people. When peace returned King Albert I recognised the services rendered to Belgium during the War by the good sisters.

The Sisters of Tyburn were enabled to open a new house in Royston in Hertfordshire as a result of generous donations. Royston had been the site of a monastery dissolved by Henry VIII. The priest at Royston wrote: 'After 380 years of silence the work of God (The Divine Office) is re-established. The souls of the good Canons Regular who sleep under the trees facing the Priory must truly rejoice.' Only after the Great War was the story able to be told of how correspondence was able to be passed from religious communities in Belgium to Tyburn Convent. A series of postcards have been preserved, for letters were not allowed, regarding a firm trading under the name of Messrs. Garnier. Adele Garnier was the Foundress and first Superior of the Adorers of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She took the religious name of Mother Mary. She died in 1924 in the Convent of Tyburn and Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, presided at her Requiem Mass. A commercial traveller of the name of Columbus (whose real identity was the Abbot Dom Marmion) enters frequently into the correspondence, as does Cardinal Mercier of Malines in Belgium who was referred to as 'God-father'. All sorts of details passed uncensored by the Germans in Belgium and all the permissions required were asked for and received in this way. By the autumn of 1917 the raids over London had become severe but the Divine Office and the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament went on as usual.

The Tyburn Sisters still had no air-raid shelter in World War II. As the raids went on relentlessly, in common with most Londoners, the Sisters of Tyburn were becoming exhausted from want of sleep. The London rats, which for years had peacefully inhabited the sewers were now also suffering from the bombing and starting to invade people's houses. Tyburn Convent had become almost uninhabitable. Rain poured in through the broken windows and skylights and there was no gas available. In mid-October 1940 most of the community left by coach for Royston but some remained. At the end of 1941 the evacuated Sisters returned from Royston to Tyburn as there was comparative freedom from attack. In January 1944 the raids began again. But the Convent was very badly damaged – and many of the community were injured in June and the twenty-seven members of the community had to be rehoused through the good offices of the Sisters of Mercy in Harewood Avenue. They were able to move from there out of London and to quieter places in Benedictine communities in Princethorpe and Stanbrook, near Worcester. The Tyburn Sisters were in fact members of the Benedictine family. They returned to Tyburn in March 1945 and on 8th May hostilities in the West came to an end. But the work of the Sisters of Tyburn continues to the greater glory of God.

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