

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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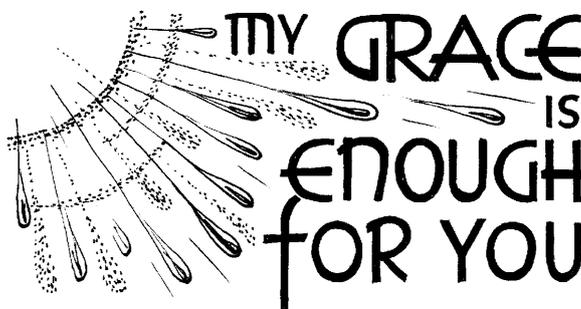
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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Johanna Petter RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		0.30 am	Roger Melhuish RIP
Monday	9 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am	Pat & Babe O'Mahoney RIP
Wednesday	11 th	9.30 am	Kathleen & Tom Corrigan RIP
Thursday	12 th	7.30 pm	Father Kevin Pelham RIP
Friday	13 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	14 th	6.00 pm	Sheila Cotten RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rose McIntyre (80th Birthday)
		6.00pm	Polish Mass



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

COLLECTIONS: Church: £533

Thank you for your generosity.

This 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, 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: ANNE WHITEHEAD, MICHAEL WEIGHT and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan, Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves, Moira McCann

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) THIS SUNDAY 8th JULY AT 7PM IN THE 'THE BARN' ending at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, even if you missed the first two 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. Anyone turning up for the first time needs to bring a parent so they can sign a consent form!

5. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: This 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 **next** Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. 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>

8. PARISH SUMMER BARBEQUE – Many thanks to John, Dawn and their excellent team for a delicious and memorable Parish Barbeque and to those who came. 864 was raised for St Barnabas Hospice

8a CREAM TEA IN THE BARN on Saturday, 28th July between 3pm and 5pm. Tickets £5.00 on sale after all Masses **next** weekend. Proceeds to Our Lady of Good Counsel Network - a Catholic Pro-Life Charity.

9. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding their Summer Fayre on Sunday 15th July from 12 noon until 3pm. There will be lots of stalls and games, bouncy castle, raffle, refreshments etc. All are welcome – please come and join us!

10 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>

11. 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. Someone with experience in one of the following areas - Finance, ICT, HR, Education or with links to local businesses is needed. 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

12. 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

Father Liam says: It is almost 60 years since Pope John XXIII announced his intention of calling a General Council of the Church. He sprang the idea on the Cardinals of the Curia on 25th January 1959 and it was very coolly received. Pope John received very little enthusiasm from the Roman Curia for his decision and much hindrance.

Pope Pius XII had been Pope for over 20 years so the vast majority of bishops and Cardinals in the Church had been appointed by him. The Curia had grown accustomed to a situation where they had been getting on with the task of running the Church and did not relish the idea of having their way of doing things subjected to inspection and change.

Pope John XXIII was aware of the importance of bringing about necessary change with the minimum of rancour and dissent. From the early days of the Council it was apparent that the views of the Curia were not going to dominate the Council. Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI who succeeded him ensured that the discussions and deliberations resulted in a situation where the maximum degree of consensus resulted. It was very important that change be brought about while maintaining a spirit of unity and goodwill. When it came, at the conclusion of Vatican II, to voting on the various documents of the Council they were approved by a very large margin. This was in sharp contrast to the reception that the draft documents had received when the Council began. These papers had been prepared by the Curia members expecting that they would be quickly approved and the Council could come to a quick and quiet end. In the event all these documents were decisively rejected and were sent back for revision. The task of revising them was given to the theologians and experts largely from outside the Curia. The Council lasted for four sessions, each one taking place in the late Autumn of the years 1962-65 when all the bishops of the Church gathered for their deliberations. Throughout the months when the Council was not in session all the preparatory work for the working sessions was carried out.

Pope John died before the Second Session was held and the Council was then presided over by Pope Paul VI. The first session produced no documents but it was a significant witness to the vitality of the Church. It also became clear that the number of documents would have to be reduced and the procedures of the Council would have to be streamlined. After the Second Session Pope Paul VI made a visit to Jerusalem where he met the Patriarch of Jerusalem Athenagoras, which aroused great interest and helped to put the focus on the ecumenical aspect of the Council. By this time the Document on Liturgy had been discussed and approved. The third session of the Council began with a concelebrated Mass – indicating that the liturgy constitution was already being implemented. Concelebration of the Mass where several celebrants took part was something quite new. The Pope judged that a debate on clerical celibacy, reform of the Curia and artificial contraception were inopportune and likely to cause too much dissension. After the Council had come to an end Pope Paul sought to address these problems. It is now fifty years since his encyclical on married life – *Humanae Vitae* – was promulgated and not well received.

The Council was responsible for enormous changes in some areas but was less effective in others. Every area of the Church's life was touched on. There was a minority – over 200 bishops – of a more traditional stance. Compromises had to be made on the part of the majority so that the Council could reach a consensus in each document. This minority were kept on board by repeated mentions of two previous Councils (Trent and Vatican I) to reassure them that Vatican II was in continuity with what went before. That is why there are so many quotations from previous Popes, especially those of Pius XII. The language used was often bland to secure easier acceptance.

It is surely one of the great achievements of Paul VI that he managed to keep pressing forward with the Council's renewal programme while avoiding major splits either from the right or the left. Within a month of the ending of the Council he set up five post-Council Commissions: on bishops, religious, Christian Education and the Apostolate of the Laity. He took steps to begin the reforms of the Vatican Curia. Nevertheless tensions erupted widely in the Church – tensions already evident at the Council and the work of reforming the Church goes on.