

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year**

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Helen Roe RIP
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	Yvonne Bates RIP
		10.30 am	Andy Norris RIP
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Joseph Marshall RIP
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Eamon Woulfe RIP
		10.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £544 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Mary's Meals. Please use the Special Sheets available in both Porches if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

**THESE ARE THE ONLY SHEETS 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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Margaret Bolton, David Eardley, John Whitehead, Mary McCarney, Nancy Leach, James Gilligan, Jacqueline Towse, Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan McCann, Elsie Peeney, Timothy Payne, Patrick Harty,

**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 22nd JULY AT 7.00 PM IN THE 'THE BARN'** ending at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, even if you missed the first few 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. CREAM TEA IN THE BARN** next Saturday, 28th July between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 on sale after all Masses **this** weekend. Proceeds to Our Lady of Good Counsel Network - a Catholic Pro-Life Charity.

**6. 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>

**8. HAVE YOU BEEN DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) CHECKED** in the last twelve months? If so you, and anyone else who is interested, are invited to attend the next Cathedral and Worthing Deaneries Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training at The Centre, Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday 25th July from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. If you work with Vulnerable Groups (Children and Adults at Risk) It is the expectation of the Bishop, Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that this initial training is undertaken and refreshed every three years. New Volunteers should undertake the Initial Training within the first year of being appointed. If you are able to attend please inform Anne in the Parish Office and I will book a place for you.

**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. 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

**11. THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP:** A missionary from Bethlehem, will visit us on the weekend 4th-5th August to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated

**12 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

**13. 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: As most of you may know by now** Bishop Richard will skydive from an aeroplane on Friday 14th September. Perhaps it is as well that particular Friday does not fall on the 13th! The object of the exercise is to raise money for the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage to enable pilgrims who are ill to take part.

Lourdes is the most popular centre of pilgrimage in Europe. More people visit Rome each year but very many of those go as tourists rather than as pilgrims. Lourdes continues to attract around five million visitors every year. The main strength of Lourdes is the way it focuses on the sick and the frail. In Lourdes there are often hundreds – sometimes even thousands – of people in wheelchairs and the distinctive blue little chariots. These are the ones who always come first in Lourdes. Those in wheelchairs are ushered to the front and in the town people happily make way for those in wheelchairs. From the very beginning, even during the apparitions, the sick travelled to Lourdes. Many of the pilgrims are only able to come because they are supported and helped by others. The Arundel and Brighton pilgrimage takes place this year from Thursday of this week until Friday 3rd August. We are asked to pray especially for the pilgrims who are unwell and they are asked to pray for us.

The feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes is on 11th February and the days around then are full of activity despite the often inclemency of the weather at that time. Pilgrimages take place overwhelmingly from April to the end of October. A large proportion of pilgrims come as part of diocesan pilgrimages but perhaps most come as part of parish or smaller groups. During Easter Week each year as many as five thousand travel to Lourdes as part of the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (H.C.P.T)

Most pilgrims spend five or six days in Lourdes. The principal events involve visiting the Grotto and praying there. Many light candles for special intentions and loved ones. In the course of their stay most pilgrims take a bath in the Lourdes water, participate in Reconciliation services, follow the Way of the Cross and take part in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candle Light procession. Most importantly they take part in the celebration of the Eucharist each day as part of the diocesan Mass or of a smaller group. It was in order to prepare for her First Holy Communion that motivated Bernadette to leave the relative comfort of Bartres to return to Lourdes. She needed to be living with her parents, where they endured harsh conditions in Lourdes, in order to attend the catechism classes. This is how she came to be at the Grotto on 11 the February 1858 – 160 years ago.

Another deeply appealing part of being a pilgrim in Lourdes is the time spent socialising with others. Most pilgrims stay in hotels that have sprung up around the Sanctuary area. Everything at the Grotto stops for lunch at noon and for dinner at seven. Sitting down together to share these meals is an important part of the pilgrimage. It makes real what it means to be the family of the Church. Being pilgrims in Lourdes draws together both young and old powerfully expressing and experiencing being part of the family of the Church. Each year large numbers of young people take part, mostly coming as helpers caring for the sick and elderly and relating delightfully with them. The Candle Light procession takes place each evening and is a special way of praying the Rosary. It serves as a powerful public expression of faith.

Lourdes is rooted in the experiences of a young girl who reported faithfully on the events that transformed her life. Bernadette Soubirous, a frail girl, remained steadfast in the face of much opposition and made known the request for a church to be built at the Grotto and for people to come there in procession. Her innocence and resilience has resulted in Lourdes becoming a centre of healing and holiness. There are downsides to Lourdes as well, with huge numbers of shops selling religious items – each of them dealing with almost identical goods. At the Masses in Lourdes there are so many priests and deacons taking part that there is no sign of other Eucharistic Ministers. Clericalism is very much in evidence – even now when there are fewer priests to serve in parishes.

Huge numbers of people are involved in ensuring that the thousands of pilgrims are able to immerse themselves in the Lourdes Water. A prominent feature of Lourdes is the massive underground basilica of Pius X. It is nearly sixty years old but seems so surprisingly modern. It was built before the Second Vatican Council was convened but was designed for the kind of liturgy ushered in as a result of the Council. It was consecrated in 1958 by Archbishop Roncalli who was then the papal ambassador to France. We now venerate him as Pope Saint John XXIII who called the Council into being.