

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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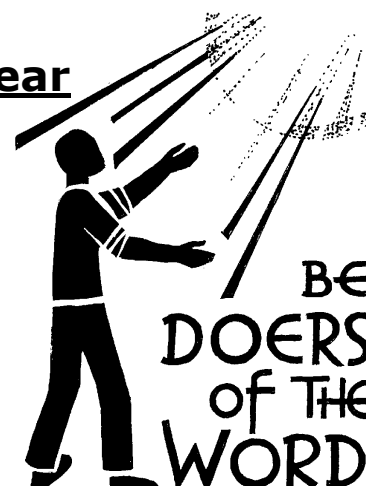
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### Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael Munnely RIP
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	Joan Mallet RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Christopher Haydon RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Intention of Austin & Lala Winkley
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Joe Hegarty RIP
		10.30 am	William F Evans RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £524

Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, 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: Helen Gates, Veronica Wood, Francis Vooght, Kathleen Leech, William Turner, Cassia Denne, Peter Edwards, Irene Stephens, Frank Foy, Veronica Brown, Kate Harvey

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

**4. DO YOU SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT TO DO ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON?** We are very much in need of your help for Friendship in the Barn, we need people to help serve the tea and chat to those who come and we also need drivers to bring some people to enable them to come and join the fun. You will be part of a small, but vital, team of people. Please contact the office – 01903 242624 – for further details.

**5. CHOIR PRACTICES** will resume **this** Tuesday 4th September at 7.30 pm in the church to prepare for a Harvest festival Concert in early October. All are welcome

**6. THINKING OF FINDING A NEW PASTIME OR HOBBY?** Why not join one of the groups who use the Barn? They are: Ferring Carpet Bowls; Worthing Squares (American Square Dance Club); Worthing Flower Club, Worthing Ho Racing (Ho Slot car racing); Little Angels (Mother and Toddler group); Sussex Folk Orchestra and Friendship in the Barn. At Worthing General Auctions you can sell that unwanted item. Please find further details in the leaflets available in both porches

**7. DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS 2019** will take place in Arundel Cathedral **on** Saturday 15th September at 12 noon with Bishop Richard Moth. All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to come are welcome to attend. Please bring your cassock & cotta or alb. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Centre though please bring your own packed lunch.

#### **8. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Sunday 9th September from 7.00 pm Youth Group meets again

Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September after all Masses in the Barn – Traidcraft

Sunday 7th or 14th October at 3.00pm – Harvest Festival of Music and Verse

Saturday 13th October from 7.00 pm in the Barn – Saints & Sinners XVII

Thursday 8th November at 7.00 pm in Chatsmore School – Meeting with Bishop Richard. All welcome!

Sunday 11th November from 12.00 noon – SPUC Lunch

Saturday 1st December from 7.00 pm – Curry & Carols

**9. OUR NEXT ALPHA COURSE** starts with a no-obligation taster session on Friday 28 September at 7 p.m. in The Barn.. Alpha is a fantastic opportunity to explore questions about life and explore the Christian faith in a friendly and open environment. There will be a free buffet and a short talk entitled "Is there more to life than this?" Please consider who you could invite. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary on 506599/07889 065356 or [info@worthingalpha.com](mailto:info@worthingalpha.com).

**10. INCLUSION FESTIVAL** - Arundel & Brighton – Everyone is welcome! If you have not yet registered for there is still time to do so! Join us at St Wilfrid's School, RH11 8PG, Crawley on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 11am onwards to celebrate the value of each person and the diversity in our diocese. There are workshops in the morning and the day will conclude with Bishop Richard celebrating Mass with everyone at 14.30pm. Don't forget to bring your picnic. Just go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ifab2018> to register . For further Information: contact Rosie Read on [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) or 01293 651161.

**11.MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Serviceable Towels, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and Flannels. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**12. 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:** It is said that in the early 1970's, the first Premier of the People's Republic of China, Chou En Lai, was asked to assess the impact of the French Revolution. The French Revolution took place nearly two hundred years earlier, so why would he be asked such a question? Language barriers were more formidable then and he thought he was being asked to give his opinion about a far more recent event – the Revolutionary events in France in 1968, which were initiated by the students' revolt against the government and brought about the resignation of Charles de Gaul. So Cho En Lai replied: 'It is too soon to tell.' It was generally understood however that he was saying that two hundred years was too short a time to assess such an important event as the French Revolution and many people thought he was being very profound!

The French Revolution began in 1789. It was directed as much against the leadership of the Catholic Church in France as at the Monarchy. All but five of the country's 160 bishops were aristocrats, many of whom were appointed to their Dioceses by the King of France before they were thirty years old. Most of them enjoyed enormous incomes from the poor people on their vast estates. They lived like worldly princes in their Paris mansions and seldom, if ever, even visited their Dioceses.

On the other hand many of the parish clergy were very poor. Hundreds of priests protested against the abuses in the Church and supported the Revolutionaries at first. The Revolution's violence reached its peak in 1792 when during the five day September Massacres about 1,000 men and women, including 400 priests, were guillotined. Before this the Revolutionaries had taken control of the Church from Rome and handed it over to the new regime. Thousands of priest, brothers and sisters were imprisoned and some martyred. Most churches were closed and converted into stables. Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was turned into a Temple of Reason. A new Pagan calendar abolished Sundays and Catholic Feast days.

John Vianney – later the Curé of Ars – was born near Lyon in 1786, three years before the Revolution broke out. Working as a boy on his family's farm he saw all around him the results of the persecution. His Parish church was closed and Mass was celebrated only occasionally and secretly by a 'loyal' priest in hiding. Young John decided to become a priest 'to gain souls for God.' But he had very little formal education and he struggled to master Latin and his theological studies. But his tutor, Abbe Balley, encouraged him. In 1815 his teachers were doubtful if he was suitable but agreed that 'he is a model of piety.' So it was decided to have him ordained. The Vicar General said: 'The grace of God will do the rest. The Church needs holy priests as much as learned ones.' During his studies he was conscripted into the army but deserted and went into hiding and continued his studies in secret until the 1810 amnesty. He was ordained a priest at the age of 29 in 1815 and his first appointment was as assistant to his old friend Curé Balley.

The bishop of his Diocese, Cardinal Fesch, was extremely worldly. Three years later John was appointed to Ars, a village of about 250 people. He entered upon a life of prayer and rigorous fasting. For the first 10 years he belonged to Ars but from 1830 until his death in 1859 people flocked to Ars from far and wide. They queued for days for confession. When he was first ordained he was not allowed to hear confessions for a time due to his lack of education. Now he was to spend most of his life in the Confessional. He began hearing confessions daily at 2 am, sometimes at Midnight if there were people waiting. Apart from saying Mass and giving instruction and prayer he lived almost entirely in the Confessional – until 9.00 pm each day when he would go to his home for prayer and spiritual reading and two hours sleep. This was his routine for over thirty years. An average of over 400 pilgrim-penitents patiently waited for two or three days, many sleeping in the open air to take their turn for Confession. He died of exhaustion in 1859, aged 73 years. He was canonised in 1925 and was proclaimed Patron of Parish Priests in 1929.

It is often thought that the Curé of Ars was rather dull as he had to struggle with his studies. But he was far from that. Not only was he deprived of formal education as a child but the house of studies he went to was of a particularly high academic level. He had no choice as it was his Diocesan Seminary. So it was quite a struggle for him. On his way to Ars for the first time he asked a shepherd boy for directions. Thanking him he said: 'You have shown me the way to Ars. Now I will show you the way to Heaven.'