

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Yvonne Carter RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Ian Taylor RIP
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Mike Steere RIP
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	Elliot Moyse RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Intention of Clive Davis (80th Birthday)
Thursday	27 th	7.30 pm	Robert Reed RIP
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Dr John Clarke RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Leonard Harvey RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, James 3:16 – 4:3, Mark 9:30-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Numbers 11:25-29, James 5: 1-6, Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

COLLECTIONS: Church: £519 Home Missions: £420 Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the SVP National Appeal for the Flood Disaster in Kerala. Special Gift Aid envelopes are available in both porches (Please see Item 5)

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, 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: Ray McGlone, Patricia Knox, Betty Hayes, Mary Empson, Anne Casement, Theresa Steer, Joy Wood, Patricia Brown, Kathleen Tyler, Martine Jackson, Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 11th October at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 16th October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

4. OUR NEXT ALPHA COURSE starts with a no-obligation taster session **next** 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.

5. KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL: Terrible floods have taken place in Kerala in Southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing, countless homes have been washed away and the monsoon season is set to continue. Kerala is the most Christian State in India - it has more churches than any other religion. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent De Pauly Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood and local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the Kerala Appeal and remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

6. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

7. SAINTS & SINNERS XVII will take place here in the Barn on Saturday 13th October with a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale next weekend. Supper Tickets £7.50 each. Please see poster in porch for further details.

8. CONFIRMATION 2018/19: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting on 1st November with the Parents and Candidates Meeting on 18th October at 7.30 pm . Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

9. THE NEW PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE was announced by Bishop Richard to the clergy of the Diocese earlier this week. 'The Plan itself falls into two parts. The first part, which outlines the way forward for Prayer, Formation and the Mission of Evangelisation, is the key element of the Plan. The second part of the document will outline, in broad terms at this stage, the future shape of deaneries and parishes.

10. 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

11. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL – Please help WCHP to restock their cupboards with any of the items below so that they are able to help the 1,700 people who turn to them each year. Boxer Shorts, Dish Cloths, Dishwasher Rinse Aid/Salt/Tablets, Flannels and Liquid Soap, Dried Herbs, Men's Socks, New/Used Sleeping Bags, Pickles/Chutney, Razors, Shaving Foam/Gel, Sanitary Products, Shampoo & Conditioner, Tinned Fruit & Veg, Washing Powder. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Father Liam says: The Golden Jubilee of our Parish church is rapidly approaching. It was built in 1969/70 and designed by the parish priest, Canon Desmond McCarthy. The Second Vatican Council had come to a conclusion about four years before and the new church very much reflects the revised liturgy that flowed from the Council. Most Catholic churches needed to be modified to enable the Mass to be celebrated in accordance with the vision of the Church and the Eucharist that was placed before us fifty years ago. Our church required no such modification. The semi-circular design enables the congregation to gather around the altar expressing our understanding of being gathered together by Christ as his family around the table of the Eucharist and the table of his Word. We are so blessed to have such a place in which to celebrate our identity as the Catholic community worshipping here together. It would be very remiss of us not to mark this milestone in a notable way. We need to start planning very soon, as there is not much more than a year before the big event'

There is a danger that we may allow it to be somewhat sidelined by other considerations. There is a very important meeting to which all parishioners throughout the Worthing Deanery are invited on Thursday 8th November at 7.00 pm. This is the culmination of a number of consultations that Bishop Richard has been having over recent months in all the Deaneries of the Diocese. This meeting will be held at Chatsmore Catholic High School. I think there should be a meeting in our Parish well before then to discuss plans for our church's Golden Jubilee. We need to fix a date so that we will be able to invite Bishop Richard to preside at our Mass of Celebration. And the Bishop's diary quickly gets very crowded.

Apart from a Jubilee Mass and Social get together we might like to give consideration to marking the occasion in other ways. It has been suggested for instance that a new set of Stations of the Cross should be considered. The Stations we have are not the original ones. What we have are ones that became available to Father Enda following the closure of a Convent in Ireland many years ago. You might take this opportunity to look again at the Stations and consider whether our church – and our faith – deserves better. Another matter that sometimes arises is the provision of a more suitable statue for St Joseph. We have a lovely wooden statue of Mary and the Child Jesus. Perhaps it would be appropriate to have a matching wooden statue of St Joseph.

Before our church of the English Martyrs was built in 1969, the Barn was used as our church since 1937. Our parish was then part of St Mary of the Angels. Priests from St Mary's came to celebrate Sunday Mass, not only in Goring but also in High Salvington where a subsidiary chapel in Arundel Road was opened in 1927. The new St Michael's church in Hayling Rise was opened by Bishop Cashman, the first Bishop of our Diocese in 1966. Arundel and Brighton became a Diocese in 1965. The church of St Charles, East Worthing was built in 1962.

Monsignor Dennis Wall became parish priest of St Mary of the Angels in 1958 and he played an active part in the founding of the parishes of St Charles Borromeo in East Worthing and St Michael's, High Salvington. He became Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1965. Canon McCarthy became the first parish priest of English Martyrs in 1952. He was very influential in the establishment of English Martyrs Primary School and in the development of a Catholic Secondary School. Chatsmore Catholic High School was formerly dedicated to Blessed Robert Southwell, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales who were canonised in 1970.

Today's Gospel teaches us a great lesson. We are all called to be at the service of one another. It is no good drawing up wish lists that we would like the Pope to implement. We must learn to think and act collegially where we are. Jesus calls himself the Vine and each one of us are branches. We each differ from one another but are equally important. It is comparatively easy to plan for special events. The great challenge, however is to plan to be a different kind of church community. This is what the Church universally and locally is always being called to be. We have great difficulty in seeing what being a baptised people means. Baptism has made each one of us equal members of the priestly people of Christ. Within this one priestly people we all have our distinct part to play. The fact that we have different roles does not mean that some are less part of the Church than others. Popes and bishops are there for the same reason as the rest of us – to assist in building up the body of Christ.