

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Dr John Clarke RIP
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Leonard Harvey RIP
		7.00 pm	Deanery Youth Group
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	John O'Dea
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Lily Theresa Fung RIP
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Private Intention (FD)
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maureen Casey RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Norah Murphy
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Yvonne Carter RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £522 Flood Disaster in Kerala: £1,008 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which is on Friday.  
This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes available in both porches

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mary Wessel, 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:** SOPHIA KAPTUR and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Cecily Grundon, Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher, Mary Simmons, Christopher Vanston, Honora Acrell

**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 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

**4. 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

**5. OUR ALPHA COURSE** started last week and continues on Fridays 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. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary on 506599/07889 065356 or [info@worthingalpha.com](mailto:info@worthingalpha.com).

**6. SAINTS & SINNERS XVII**, to raise money for Worthing Churches Homeless Projects, will take place here in the Barn on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October with a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets, £7.50 each, will be on sale this weekend. Please see poster in porch for further details.

**7. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Rosters for October are now available in the Sacristy

**8. HAVE YOU SEEN THE EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENT** to the east of the Barn? David, our gardener is creating a meadow. So watch that space!

**9. A PARISH MEETING** will be held in The Barn on Wednesday 10th October at 7.30 pm to discuss plans for the Parish Golden Jubilee in 2019.

**10. CHATSMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING- Tuesday, 9th October 6-8pm** "You are warmly invited to our Open Evening, particularly if you have children approaching secondary school age. The evening will start with a presentation by the Headteacher, Mr Byrne, and the Head Boy and Girl at 6pm in the hall. This will be followed by a tour of the school and chance to meet the staff and students in different departments. All are welcome."

**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: 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:** Nearly a million European Jews survived the Holocaust because of the efforts of the Catholic Church, under the guidance of the much maligned wartime Pope Pius XII. He embarked on a huge and largely clandestine humanitarian enterprise in hiding Jews from the Nazis. He helped them to escape to safe countries and in some instances he persuaded leaders of occupied nations to resist Hitler's orders to round up Jews for deportation.

Among those who took part in this gigantic work of charity was an English nun who was living and working in Rome during World War II. Mother Mary Richard Hambrough was credited with playing a vital role in saving the lives of more than sixty Jews by smuggling them into her convent, the House of St Brigid, where they hid from the Gestapo. Mother Mary Richard, known as Mother Riccarda, was born Madaleina Catherine in London in 1887. When she was four years old she was baptised in the Church of St Mary Magdalen in Brighton, after her Anglican parents, Windsor and Louise, were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Little is known of her childhood but in 1912 at the age of 24 she travelled to Rome to become a nun. Three other English girls had set out a year earlier to join the Bridgettines, a fourteenth century Order. It had all but died out but it was re-established in 1911 by Blessed Mary Elizabeth Hasselblad, a Swedish convert from Lutherism. Taking the religious name of Mary Richard the novice was soon chosen to be the assistant to Blessed Mary Elizabeth, the Abbess. In the following decades the order attracted an increasing number of vocations and opened religious houses in Sweden, India, England and Italy. Their Mother-house was a large building in Rome and soon after acquiring it war broke out and Mother Riccarda's efforts were soon concentrated on helping the victims of the conflict.

When Italy changed sides in 1943 it became an occupied country and the Nazi's began to round up Italian Jews. On 10<sup>th</sup> October 1943 the Gestapo rounded up over 1,000 Jews in a sweep in the city for deportation to Poland. Pope Pius XII through his Secretary of State protested vigorously to the German Ambassador but none were freed. Pius then secretly ordered the religious houses of Rome to lift their enclosures and to shelter Jews and others fleeing persecution. Nearly 5,000 Rome Jews – about 85% of the city's Jewish population – escaped certain death as a result. Hundreds of those were given refuge in the Vatican itself. In Monasteries and male religious houses Jews were disguised as priests and equipped with faked baptismal certificates. Sometimes nuns slept in the crypts of their houses so that the Jews could have their beds.

Mother Riccardo and Mother Mary Elizabeth were among those who willingly gave refuge to scores of Italian Jews, communists and Poles, fleeing for their lives. Hiding refugees carried the risk of death if discovered. In an interview with the Catholic Herald ten years ago, a colleague of Mother Riccarda, said of her: 'I know they want to honour her as well (as Mother Mary Elizabeth). There are about a dozen or so sisters here at the convent in Rome who remember her and we are all very excited at the fact that she is being considered for sainthood. Mother Riccarda was full of the Spirit of God and was a very humble woman. She sang beautifully from the heart and she was devoted to God and she left a mark on all of us. Mother Riccarda was humble and discreet and she provided safety and charity for our Jewish brothers and sisters during the war but she rarely spoke about it. What I always remember about her is that despite living for so long in Italy she never forgot she was English and always spoke English to us.'

Mother Riccarda's role in saving Jewish lives might help in persuading the Vatican that she is a saint. It was a factor in the swift beatification of Mother Mary Elizabeth. When Pope John Paul II declared Mother Mary Blessed in 1999 he noted in his homily 'the care and concern she had shown to the persecuted Jewish people and those who suffered because of racial laws.' A year after the war the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Israel Zolli, who was known to both Mother Riccarda and Blessed Mary Elizabeth became a Catholic, partly because he was so impressed by the efforts of the Catholics to save Jewish lives. He took the name Eugenio as his Christian name when he was baptised – out of respect to Pope Pius XII who was born Eugenio Pacelli.

In 2004 Blessed Mary Elizabeth was recognised by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous Among the Nations for her work in saving Jews from the Holocaust. She died in 1957 and Mother Riccarda succeeded her as Abbess until her own death on 20<sup>th</sup> June at the age of 79. They are both buried in the convent where they had hidden Jews and others from persecution.

(I am indebted to an article written by Simon Caldwell)