

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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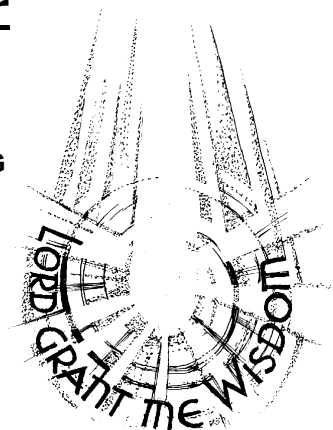
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	13 th	6.00 pm	Johanna O'Driscoll
Sunday	14 th	8.15 am	Jo Jones RIP
		10.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
		3.00 pm	'HARVEST OF CREATION' – A CELEBRATION IN SONG
Monday	15 th	9.30 am	REQUIEM FOR JOLANTA STRACHAN RIP
Tuesday	16 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	17 th	9.30 am	Antonio Sepe RIP
Thursday	18 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	19 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		12.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR SOPHIA KAPTUR RIP
Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Kathleen, James & William O'Toole RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rose Cottam 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: Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

COLLECTIONS: Church: £670 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £1155 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO, Please see Note 8 below

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special MISSIO envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Rosie Grove, 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, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: PAULINE BERRY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Reg Marshall, Roger Davis, Violet Earl, Emily Hudson, Pauline Moody Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West, Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: The first lesson for the children will be **this** Tuesday 16th 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 **this** Thursday, 18th October at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

5. OUR ALPHA COURSE 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@worthinalpha.com.

6. HARVEST OF CREATION – A CELEBRATION OF SONG will take place in the church **this** Sunday, 14th October at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments in the Barn. This is a parish celebration of Harvest with well loved hymns sung by all, together with songs sung by the choir. Please come and make this a truly joyful occasion

7. MARTIN BARONTINI would like to thank the parishioners of the Saturday mass for their kind and generous support regarding Cancer Research UK. Your help will transform lives and help many. Two hundred pounds was raised in total.

8. MISSIO: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you

9. THE 2019 PARISH DIARIES are available in both porches. They are free but if you would like to make a donation to either CAFOD or our Parish Project there are boxes in the main porch

10. PROPOSAL TO DECRIMINALISE ABORTION: Parliamentary debate on 23rd October At present abortion remains a criminal act unless certain conditions are met. Although these conditions have been liberally interpreted they still provide some important protections both for women and for their babies. There now a campaign to take abortion completely out of criminal law, at least to the point when the baby can survive outside the womb. It is important that our MPs are aware of our concerns and the basis for them as soon as possible.

For further information and how you can respond see: <https://www.veybridgedeanery.org/giving-witness-priority.html>

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: Items needed Boxer Shorts, Dish Cloths, Dishwasher Rinse Aid/Salt/Tablets, Flannels and Liquid Soap, Dried Herbs Pickles/Chutney, Razors, Tinned Fruit & Veg, Washing Powder. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Father Liam says: This year Remembrance Sunday coincides with Armistice Day, 11th November. It will also, of course, mark the centenary of the end of World War I. Remembrance Sunday this year deserves a special consideration so it should be celebrated fittingly.

When the British Expeditionary Force of 80,000 men sailed for France in August 1914, most people expected that the war would be over by Christmas. Fifty three chaplains accompanied these men of whom ten were Catholic chaplains. At the outbreak of war there were one hundred and thirteen permanently commissioned chaplains serving a regular army of over 247,000 men deployed all over the British Empire. Of their 113 chaplains, 88 were Anglican, 15 were Catholic and 10 were Presbyterian. During the course of the war an additional 5,053 chaplains of all denominations served in the army. Over 800 Catholic chaplains served as chaplains to the forces.

Before and during the war the army and Royal Navy had different approaches to Catholic chaplaincy. The army had commissioned Catholic chaplains. The Admiralty did not. In 1914 there were very few commissioned Catholic army chaplains but as the war progressed and the demand for chaplains increased, hundreds of Catholic priests were given temporary commissions. They came from British and Irish dioceses and from Religious Orders. They included parish priests, seminary professors, teachers, monks, missionaries. Young and middle aged and some older than that. Catholic priests volunteered for service with the Royal Navy but the numbers employed, rather than commissioned, was derisory given the huge size of the navy and the large number of Catholic sailors.

Chaplains to the Royal Navy were always ordained clergymen of the Established Church. Sailors who were Catholic, Presbyterian, Wesleyan and other Christian denominations were allowed to absent themselves from Anglican services – on condition that they could be spared from their duties on board. They were supposed to be given the opportunity to 'attend Divine Service at their respective places of worship on shore'. Despite the large number of Irish Catholics in the Royal Navy, Catholic priests were not allowed on navy ships but were employed as officiating chaplains on shore bases. Their rates of pay were considerably less than those received by Anglican chaplains. Some Catholic officers ignored Admiralty policy and allowed priests on board, especially in Port. In 1908 a Benedictine monk became the first Catholic priest to celebrate Mass on a Royal Navy ship in home waters since the reign of King James II.

Following the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy of England and Wales in 1850, the ecclesiastical responsibility for Catholic military chaplains was vested in the Catholic Bishop of Southwark. Southwark was the diocese with the biggest military bases, ports and Naval stations and so the government dealt with the Bishop of Southwark in all chaplaincy matters. When Bishop Bourne, who became Bishop of Southwark in 1897 became Bishop of Westminster in 1903, he remained responsible for the chaplains to the Forces. In 1917 the first Catholic Bishop to the Forces was appointed.

The British government's declaration of War against Germany and Austria-Hungary in August 1914 placed British Catholics in a dilemma. Great Britain had declared war against nations with large Catholic populations. British Catholics were often regarded as being outside the mainstream of national, social and religious life as they owed allegiance to the Pope in religious matters. Pope Benedict XV was tremendously active in striving for peace and the avoidance of War. Cardinal Bourne of Westminster was particularly keen to be perceived as a strong supporter of government policy and he was openly critical of the stance taken by the Pope. The position was sensitive in many parishes and religious communities where there were people of German, Belgium and French origin. The Irish bishops generally spoke for the whole of Catholic Ireland when they supported Britain and its Empire in the War against Germany. Many Irish felt that if Britain could fight for the rights of a small Catholic nation like Belgium then Home Rule should be awarded to Ireland. Despite the opposition of those who would not fight for Britain, over 200,000 Irish were to serve in the British army during the War, among them quite a few military chaplains.

The Royal Air Force was formed on 1st April 1918 and steps were taken to establish an independent RAF chaplaincy. In October 1918 the first RAF chaplain-in-chief was appointed but there were no Catholic RAF chaplains until the war had ended.

I am indebted to James Hagerty's book 'Priest's in Uniform'