

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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### Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Kathleen, James & William O'Toole RIP
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rose Cottam RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	John O'Connor RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mary Ellen & William Ready RIP
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Patrick Murphy RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Peter Baldwin RIP



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £533 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO, Please see Note 5 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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Jack Little, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely, Constance Clark, Kathleen Hope

**3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** The lessons for the children are on Tuesdays 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. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**5. MISSIO:** This 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

**6. SAINTS & SINNERS SUPPER:** Many thanks to all who helped/supported in any way. £500 was raised for the W.C.H.P./Turning Tides

**7. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** will be served in The Barn on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon in aid of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price Adult £7.50 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy.

**8. TRADCRAFT** will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

**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. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Sacristy for Teresa. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

**11. HAVE YOU VISITED THE REPOSITORY RECENTLY?** We have a wide array of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars & candles, cribs, diaries and items suitable for little Christmas Presents

**12. WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A VERY IMPORTANT DEANERY MEETING** on Thursday 8th November at 7.00 pm at Chatsmore Catholic High School. (BN12 5AF) Plans for the future organisation of the Deanery of Worthing will be discussed. The Bishop will speak to us and we will have the opportunity to speak to him about developments, some of which may very well be imminent. Please come!

**13. PROPOSAL TO DECRIMINALISE ABORTION: Parliamentary debate on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>

**14. 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

**15. 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: British Army chaplaincy grew** enormously during the First World War. Of the 3,500 Army chaplains who were still serving when the Great War ended, 650 were Catholic chaplains ministering in all theatres of war. Nearly 200 chaplains died in the War, about half as a result of enemy action. Of these about 40 were Catholic priests. Catholic chaplains to the Royal Navy were significantly fewer than Catholic serving Army chaplains. In 1918 there were 34 serving Navy chaplains. Two had lost their lives.

Like the many thousands of men they served, temporary Army chaplains had no inkling of military life or warfare. The clergy went from predictable lives in parishes or schools or monasteries into an entirely unfamiliar ministry for which they received no training or preparation. Their religious superiors and their bishops had little idea of the practical difficulties facing chaplains. While they saw the necessity for priests to be made available to meet the spiritual needs of the fighting men, it was not easy for them to allow their priests to serve the military. They needed priests to serve in parishes, colleges, schools, hospitals and prisons as well as being available for the foreign missions – the overseas mission of the Church. Some bishops also had difficulty in placing some of their priests under the jurisdiction of Cardinal Bourne, the Archbishop of Westminster, who would be the ecclesiastical superior of all military chaplains. Many bishops did not see eye to eye with him and perceived him as being very autocratic. Sometimes priests may have volunteered for chaplaincy duties because they did not get on well with their own bishops or their parishioners! Religious superiors were often more generous in encouraging their priests to volunteer than were bishops. Of the 40 Catholic chaplains who served in the Royal Navy between 1914 and 1918, 17 were from religious orders. Army chaplains between these years numbered 780 of whom 374 came from religious orders or societies in England and Ireland and 381 came from English and Irish dioceses.

Army officers often saw the role of chaplains in terms of preaching the national cause, encouraging good behaviour, promoting discipline as well as attending the wounded and burying the dead. Catholic chaplains were determined to conduct their ministry according to the requirements of the faith. On taking command of the Western Front in 1915, Sir Douglas Haig said that 'the chaplains should preach to the troops about the objects of Great Britain in carrying on this war'. As the war progressed, reports of the chaplain's ministry filtered back to Britain and Ireland and in 1916 the editors of the periodical 'The Great War' wrote in fulsome praise of all chaplains: 'If ever men were called upon to prove their faith by works, these were. Their parishes were the trenches; their services had to be held under the shrapnel fire of the enemy; their very Communion gatherings were frequently broken into by enemy snipers or spattered by enemy shells. It was their daily task to be among the reeking dead, to rescue the wounded under fire, to endure to the full the dangers and discomforts of the men. They more than rose to the occasion.' There was special praise for Catholic chaplains; 'The Roman Catholic priests earned the confidence and respect of the whole Army by their great devotion and self-sacrifice.' It was noted that the growth in the number of chaplains had brought many of the different faiths together and it was 'good to know that the utmost good fellowship and comradeship prevailed among the chaplains of the different churches.'

Dealing with the final advances of 1918 Field Marshal Haig referred specifically to the Army chaplains: 'the clergy of all denominations ministering to the Army have earned the affection and admiration of all ranks. I desire once more to express on behalf of all officers and men my profound appreciation of their unfailing devotion and self sacrifice.' Haig's claim that there had been total co-operation and harmony among chaplains of different denominations was a case of gilding the lily as the reality was often rather different. Efforts were often made to increase collaboration between chaplains of different creeds. An example of this appeared on the Western Front in January 1916 when Catholic and Anglican chaplains who shared the same accommodation visited the troops together. There were a large number of conversions to Catholicism on the Western front. This came about through the example of soldiers and chaplains – not through deliberate intervention.

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