

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring Way

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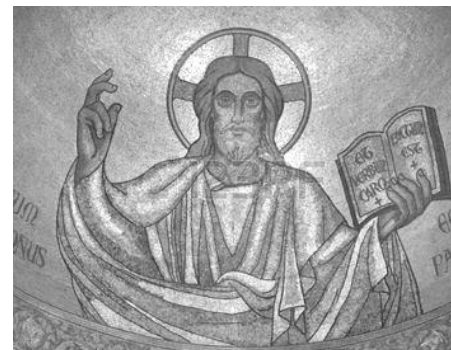
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### Christ The King

Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Dick Howell RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	Yvonne Carter RIP
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>The Parish</b>
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Leonard Fitzpatrick RIP</b>
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Frank Burns RIP
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Tim & Angela Ryan RIP
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	Deceased Relatives of the Bandy & Phillips Families
		10.30 am	Douglas Doll 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:** Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1Thessalonians: 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28,34-36

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: **£572** Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund: **£399** Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Brenda Peazold, Sue Withnell, Margaret Dunne, 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: Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, George Maw, Reginald Austin, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy, Walter Jackson, Frank Burns,

**3. 'HAPPY BAGS'** These are for children of all ages and will be in a basket in each of the porches for their use during Mass. They contain scripture based story books, colouring books and coloured crayons and scripture quiz books. Please do return them to the baskets on your way out after Mass.

**4. 'CURRY & CAROLS'** full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 1st December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend - Adults £7.50 Children £4.00 Raffle prizes please!

**5. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please collect your boxes from the front porch.

**6. CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** - We invite you to join us for lunch and festivities in the Barn on Christmas day 12-4pm. Tickets by donation- which will go towards sending our young people from the Deanery to Lourdes. Transport is available on request. If you are able to offer your time to help, make a desert or your driving skills on the day we would be most grateful. For further details please contact Dermot and Jane-Anne on 01903 502070

**7. LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** We will soon be starting this year's course (RCIA) for those interested in finding out more about our faith with a view to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please ask them to ring Father Liam on 01903 242624 or Dermot on 01903 502070 for details. There is no obligation to take the final step! This course would also be suitable for those wanting to return to the practise of their Catholic faith.

**8. 'ADVENT JOURNEY THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY'** is an Advent Reflection that will take place in the Good Shepherd Chapel for three consecutive Wednesday mornings starting on Wednesday 5th December at 10.05 am following Mass. Each session will last just forty minutes. All are very welcome

**9. 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

**10. KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** Worthing Knights of St Columba will provide Christmas posters to all local parishes and ask that they are displayed as an act of Christian witness. On the same theme, the Royal Mail's Christmas stamps this year, are either Madonna and Child or posting letters in old fashioner letter boxes . Please ask for the Christian stamps to help get the message of Christmas across. The Royal Mail will only continue to produce Christian stamps at Christmas if there is sufficient demand

**11. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Colouring Pencils and Crayons and Ballpoint Pens. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS:** Items needed: Cereals (no Cornflakes or Porridge), Cooking Sauces, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Salad Cream, Cooking Oil, Squashes, Tea, Coffee, Washing Powder, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Pump Hand Soap, Sanitizer Sprays, Floor cleaner, Toilet Bleach, Washing-up brushes, Hoodies, and Cereal bowls. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

**Father Liam says:** I don't make a habit of browsing in antique shops but I am sometimes surprised by what can be seen in the windows of such places. I remember seeing a large statue of Our Lady on display and was told that such items could be sold for hundreds of pounds. They would be repainted and disguised by the buyer and would ultimately be made to look like somebody utterly different. I was once told by somebody much more observant than me that an ornate cigarette box he had seen had been formed from a pyx used to display the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance at Benediction. But changing religious objects into items of secular adornment goes back a long way. The Vikings were masters of the art a thousand years ago.

Norway has a stunning coastline. I once went on a trip up the fjords from Bergen to beyond the Arctic Circle and wondered why the Vikings left such fantastic scenery and ultimately settled in cities they built in Ireland such as Waterford and Dublin. But before they settled they raided the monasteries of Ireland and Scotland. Their outstanding seamanship made them the first sailors on the ocean in the western world. Objects that they seized have been found in many Viking graves. Precious metals from the monasteries they raided were often melted down and used for making coins. Much ecclesiastical ware must have perished in this way. But many finely worked articles of bronze remain. Irish bronze is easy for experts to distinguish from Norwegian bronze because it contains a higher proportion of tin.

The vast majority of decorative pieces of Irish metalwork were found in women's graves. Pieces of ecclesiastical items – mostly mountings from shrines were fitted with a pin or clasp so that it could be used as a brooch. House-shaped containers designed to carry the relics of saints were used by Viking ladies as jewel boxes. They were welcome gifts from the returned travellers for their womenfolk back home!

The Norwegians are very proud of their Norwegian heritage and are not happy when anything negative is mentioned about the Viking way of life. There was a notice in a museum written in several languages. It was intended to clear up any misconceptions visitors might have. Contrary to reports, it implied, the Vikings were cultured traders who brought back a few souvenirs which they purchased for their girlfriends at home.

Much of what we know of the Vikings in Ireland was written by monks. The Vikings therefore got a bad press. Did they deserve it? The first Viking incursions were hugely destructive. Symeon of Durham described what happened at the monastery of Lindisfarne on the Northumbrian coast on 8th June 793: 'And they came to the church of Lindisfarne, laid everything to waste with grievous plundering, trampled the holy places with polluted feet, dug up the altars and seized all the treasures of the holy church. They killed some of the monks, some they took away as slaves. Many they drove out naked and loaded with insults, and some they drowned in the sea.' Iona, the Irish monastery off the West coast of Scotland, was first plundered in 795 and again in 801 and again in 806 when 68 monks were killed. The survivors made the decision to abandon Iona, the most prestigious monastery in the Western world and moved to Kells, Co. Meath, which was some distance inland and so deemed to be safer.

On another occasion I visited Gallen or St Gall in Switzerland named after an Irish monk who established a monastery there. The library houses the largest collection of Irish manuscripts in the world – more in one library than can be found in the whole of Ireland. The precious texts were brought to St Gall for safety. The Vikings would tear up any manuscripts they could find and throw them into the sea. On the margin of one of the pages, though I didn't see it, are written these lines written by a monk in the ninth century in the Irish language. It has been translated into English:

'The wind is fierce and wild tonight;  
The surface of the sea is whipped to white.  
On such a night I sleep with ease,  
Fierce Vikings only sail on calmer seas,'

This is from a poem about Vikings on the rampage in Scotland:

'To hills and rocks the people fly,  
Fearing all shelter but the sky.  
In Uist the King deep crimson made  
The metal sheen of his glancing blade.  
Each person lost his land and life  
Who dared to bide the Norseman's strife.

The hungry battle birds were filled  
In sky with blood of foemen killed.  
And wolves on Tiree's lonely shore  
Died red their hairy jaws in gore.  
The men of Mull were tired of flight  
The Scottish foemen would not fight  
And many a young girls plaintive wail  
Was heard as through the isles they sail