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## **The Third Sunday of the Year**

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Roe Family RIP
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Hetty Smith RIP
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jessica Forte RIP
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Petter Family RIP
		7.30 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Claire Gatley RIP
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael Shiel RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Padraig Murphy 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:** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19, 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13; Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £556

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**This Sunday there will be a second collection for Mary's Meals – Gift Aid Forms available from Tony**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Veronica Johnstone, Poppy-Faith Byrne, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, 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, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Josephine Shore, Veronica Harwood, Freddie Griffin, Mary Corcoran, Donal O'Connor, Henry Major, Richard Chesterton-Samuels, Gladys Murphy, John McLening, John Crowley, Lawrence Connelly, Dirk Van Melsen, Edith Baker, Sheila Curties, Eileen Baynton, Lisa Parkes, Irene Miles, Catherine Fuller

**3 THE PARISH HAS A DEFIBRILLATOR** which is fully automatic and, we hope will never have to be used! However, we need able bodied people who would be prepared to use it in an emergency to be trained in its use. Training will take place after each of the Masses **this** weekend, 26th/27th January, in the Good Shepherd Chapel and will take a maximum of fifteen minutes. If you feel you could help in this way please do come.

**4. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE,** marking the end of the special Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will be taking place here at English Martyrs **this** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. Please be sure to come! Tea and coffee will be served after the service giving us a chance to chat with fellow Goring Christians

**5. THE CAFOD AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA** raised £1220! Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to create such a delicious meal and enjoyable evening. Thanks also to those who gave so generously.

**6. ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will be taking place from 25<sup>th</sup> July–2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 (travelling by coach) or 26th July -1st August (flying). Booking forms can be downloaded from the website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office – 01403 740110. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct. Nurses are also required

**7. ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING CANDLELIT DINNER** will take place on Saturday 16th February to raise funds for the Parish Project, the hospice in Kalingalinga. This very popular event will include a three course meal, Bar, music and raffle. Tickets are £7.50 each and will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend.

**8. ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 16-35s) FRIDAY 8TH IN BOGNOR REGIS:** On Friday 8th February at 7.30pm, there will be an ENCOUNTER evening at Our Lady of Sorrows in Bognor for anyone aged 16-35. ENCOUNTER evenings are a great way to make some friends, have some fun, and explore your faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. There is food, a brilliant talk, and a powerful time of adoration. New people are especially welcome.

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

**10. "THE LIFE ASSASSINATION AND CANONISATION OF SAINT OSCAR ROMERO"** – a talk by Julian Filowchowski and Sir Peter Bottomley at Chatsmore Catholic High School **next** Friday at 7.00 pm. The talk will finish at approximately 8.15 and refreshments will be served from 6.30 pm. Julian Filowchowski is a well known speaker as well as being a colleague and friend of Oscar Romero. Sir Peter was part of a delegation of MP's who supported Romero.

**11. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Flannels, Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and serviceable towels.. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**12. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects):** Items they currently need: Cooking sauces, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Salad cream, Cooking oil, Squashes, Tea and Coffee, Boxer Shorts, Ladies Undies 12/14, Washing powder, Cereal bowls, Washing up brushes, Dishwasher Tablets, Toilet bleach, Shampoo, Shower gel, Floor cleaner. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

**Father Liam says:** When the English and Welsh hierarchy was restored in 1850, the first Archbishop of Westminster was Nicholas Wiseman, born in Seville in 1802 of Waterford parents, who was appointed Cardinal. There was much opposition to English Catholic Dioceses being established. He had been Rector of the English College in Rome for 12 years and had also been working in different Catholic Districts before Dioceses were permitted to exist. It made a great difference for the Catholic Church in England to form part of the world-wide body of Diocesan bishops. Resulting in Diocese, Cathedrals and parishes with provincial and diocesan councils. Before the restoration of the hierarchy there was an over-dependence on the old landed Catholic families. They appeared not to be very interested in having a well educated clergy but they were keen to maintain their own influence on the Church. Their view was that the clergy's purpose was to be there for Mass and act as domestic chaplains and teachers of their children and help in the surrounding area. They were very much the patrons of the clergy. The hierarchy saw things differently and this resulted in some friction between the 'recusant' [Catholic families and diocesan bishops.

A major stimulus to the growth of the active apostolate among the people had been Cardinal Wiseman's encouragement of the 'Italian mission.' Resulting from Wiseman's experience in Italy, he introduced into the country the religious congregations of Paul of the Cross and the Rosminians who worked among the poor of towns and cities and in rural parishes. This helped to dispel the insularity and exclusivity of indigenous English Catholics.

In 1800 there were in the region of 80,000 Catholics in England and Wales. By 1851 that number had increased to form almost 3.5% of the total population, numbering 1,680,000. This increase was largely caused by the immigrant Irish in the post 1845 famine years. Such a phenomenal growth in numbers presented grave problems. There was a great challenge and opportunity for the Catholic community to build churches, schools and charitable institutions. From 1850 until the death of Cardinal Manning in 1892 the Catholic Church in England and Wales became as

conscious of problems resulting from social deprivation outside of the Catholic Church as it did of those within. In 1865 Henry Manning succeeded Cardinal Wiseman as Archbishop of Westminster. He had become a Catholic in 1851 and become a Cardinal in 1875. He was one of the most zealous supporters of Papal Infallibility at the First Vatican Council in 1870. Manning wished the English Catholics to be 'interwoven' with the whole population forming a solid and notable bulk in our towns and cities. This vision did not appeal to the Catholic aristocracy who did not wish the English Catholic Church to be identified with the poor. They resented the role that they considered converts to the faith and middle-ranking Catholics were beginning to play at the centre of the Church in England. As the century progressed and Catholics grew in confidence the differences between Catholics within the Church gave way as an appreciation grew of what they shared as Catholics. Manning was a great force in urging them to 'stand firm in the faith for come what may there is yet a future more glorious and fruitful than the past'.

There was spectacular growth in the religious orders. By 1900 there were 33 male and 49 female communities in the Archdiocese of Westminster, 22 and 42 respectively in Birmingham Archdiocese, 17 and 14 in Clifton and 17 and 35 in Hexham. Partly as a result of the Religious Orders being expelled from France in the early 1880s and the first years of the twentieth century, there was a great increase in the number of Convent Schools for girls and schools for boys run by the Benedictines and Jesuits. Prior to the 1945 General Election the Catholic bishops campaigned strongly for greater help with Catholic education. Catholics had been bearing the entire cost of providing Catholic schools as well as sharing with all citizens the provision of education for all children of the nation. Their objective was to secure 85% assistance. This was eventually achieved. If the bishops had not been so concentrated on securing support for Catholic education in 1945, the result would have been dire for Catholic schools. With the extensive post-war shift of population from inner city areas to suburban housing estates and the educational expansion of the post war years, Catholic education received the support to allow it to flourish.

In recent months the bishops of England and Wales launched an on-line petition urging Catholics to pressurise the Government to move forward with the manifesto pledge to lift the 50% faith admission cap for new Free Schools. East Anglia diocese is keenly waiting for this to happen as it has some of the most shortages of school places in the country. Recently a new Secretary of State for Education has been appointed, Damian Hinds. He is a long time supporter of Faith schools. He was educated at a Catholic Grammar School, St Ambrose College in Cheshire. His appointment is likely to be welcomed by the bishops. More than 17,000 signatures have been received in response to their petition. Ten per cent of the State School Sector is supervised by Catholic bishops – one tenth of the State Schools are Catholic. In parts of the country Catholic schools need to grow in size and number to cope with rising demand, particularly from immigrants. The bishops see themselves as partners with the Government in the education sector and seek to ensure that our Catholic schools promote the common good rather than just furthering purely Catholic interests.