

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	9 th	6.00 pm	Mike Steere RIP
Sunday	10 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Anthony Louise Hellier RIP
Monday	11 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	12 th	9.30 am	Frankie Gillespe RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	13 th	9.30 am	Phillip Warner (ill)
Thursday	14 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	15 th	9.30 am	Francesco Siriano RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	George Johnson RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Edward O'Dwyer RIP
		10.30 am	Peter Boyle 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: Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

COLLECTIONS: Church: £488 Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund – Parish 2nd Collection Gift Aid Envelopes may be used. Also special envelopes are available in both porches.

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, Deacon Pat Moloney, 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: Walter Thompson, Alice Thomas, Antony Iago, Kathleen Taylor, Robert Thompson, Antonia Kozubowska-Alexandre, Mike Steere, Sally Austin, Violet Way, James Melhuish, Peggy St John Farnon,

3. ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING CANDLELIT DINNER will take place **next** 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 **this** weekend.

4. ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will be taking place from 25th July–2nd August 2019 (travelling by coach) or 26th July -1st August (flying). Booking forms can be downloaded from the website 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

5 TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

6. ENGLISH MARTYRS GOLDEN JUBILEE 2019/20 – your Steering Committee has met on a number of occasions and plans are underway to the point where your help is needed. There will be an open Parish Meeting on Thursday 21st February in The Barn at 7.00 pm – please put the date into your diary. Meantime do you have any photographs of activities that have taken place here during the last 50 years? Do you have any memories that you could write down and let us have?

7. THE LARGE MATS IN THE BARN were bought for the two 'Little Angels' groups and are, naturally, kept scrupulously clean. In recent weeks they have been found to be dirty. If for any reason they are used it is essential that they are cleaned before stacking – there is plenty of D10 and blue towel in the kitchen with which to do this.

8. 'A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE' is an 8 part introduction to the Bible Timeline learning system. This study is designed to give the participant a brief overview of salvation history from Genesis, through the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Church. The group will meet bi-weekly in the Good Shepherd Chapel on Fridays at 7.30 pm, starting on 22nd February. For further details please contact Dermot 01903 502070

9. PRAY WITH THE HEART – LENT 2019 is a new course for the Worthing Deanery, designed to help us grow in our relationship with God through the gift of prayer. Each Monday evening through Lent (starting Monday March 11th) Pray with the Heart will focus on a different element of prayer, with quality talks from guest speakers. The course will be held at St Michael's in High Salvington, Worthing, and guest speakers include Michelle Moran (Sion Community), the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Geoff and Gina Poulter (Former Directors of the Catholic Bible School), David Matthews, and our Bishop Richard Moth, Fr Terry Martin and Dermot Casey. The course is free and no booking is required. For further information contact Stuart Burman via email stuartpburman@gmail.com or see <https://www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk/praywiththeheartlent2019/>

10. 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

10. 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: We are beginning to think about, and plan for, the fiftieth anniversary of our Church of the English Martyrs. This will culminate with the celebration of the Jubilee Mass on 5th January 2020, the Feast of the Epiphany. But that is not what I am concerned with just now. The year 2020 is a significant year for the Catholic Church in the United Kingdom as it marks 40 years since we had one of the major events in the Catholic life of our country since the Restoration of the Hierarchy in 1850.

The National Pastoral Congress took place in Liverpool over the long Bank Holiday weekend in May 1980. 2115 Catholics came from all over the country, including 42 bishops, 255 clergy and 150 Religious. That meant that the vast majority taking part were parishioners. And they were taking part, not just attending – 1568 in all. At a preparation event some months before, Archbishop Worlock of Liverpool stated: 'People have often said to me 'aren't you nervous at inviting so many lay people together to express their views openly and honestly' and I always reply 'Don't you believe in the Holy Spirit in the Church.'" Cardinal Basil Hume was Archbishop of Westminster and a truly inspirational leader.

Enormous efforts were put into the preparation for the Congress at diocesan, deanery and parish level in all the dioceses. Those who were taking part were instructed to be delegates, not just nominal representatives of their parishes. In each parish, meetings were held, giving people the chance to raise whatever topics they wished and express their frank and honest views on them. Over 20,000 replies were received and more than 100,000 people took part in this preparation process. This provided the agenda for the Congress. A summary of the diocesan reports drawn from those parish discussions fills nearly 50 pages of the volume Liverpool 1980 published by St Paul's Publications. The full text of the summary was given to each of the 2,000 plus delegates beforehand.

The Congress met in 7 sections each devoted to one of the main themes coming from grass-roots: 1) Co-responsibility and Relationships; 2) Ordained Ministries; 3) Family and Society; 4) Evangelisation; 5) Christian Education and Formation; 6) Witness and 7) Justice. 'Liverpool 1980' is a very precious record of the Congress since it gives the proceedings of the whole Congress including a very full report of the group discussions in each of the seven sections and the final Report, which was voted on and approved by everyone in each Section. A daily broadsheet was provided for all the delegates informing them of the previous day's proceedings. In the course of the whole Congress only twice did all the delegates meet together. The first was on the opening Friday evening for a solemn Liturgy of Renewal and Reconciliation in the Cathedral and the second occasion was for the closing session which began with the whole assembly listening to the 7 Section reports and ending with the closing Eucharist. After such meticulous and prayerful preparation and involvement of the delegates they returned home.

A few months after the Congress a major document appeared – 'The Easter People'. It was prepared by Archbishop Warlock and a team of helpers. It had the full approval of the whole Bishop's Conference and was described by the Conference as 'our reflections on the Congress and its reports. The full text of The Easter People is also included in 'Liverpool 1980'. The only follow up to the Congress was this document 'The Easter People.' And the Congress was largely buried. What a wasted opportunity! What a tragic waste of effort! The basic problem was that this written document took the place of any effective vehicle for keeping alive the fire that had blazed in the hearts and minds of the participants. There was no effective follow-through. It is an all too familiar scenario in church life. The bishops should not take all of the blame for this. All who shared in the Congress – and there were well over 2,000 people – must take some responsibility for not creating any effective structure to carry forward the exciting ideas and vision of the Congress.

Just as all members of the Congress had a shared responsibility for its success so all of us now have a shared responsibility for ensuring that our parish fulfils its mission to bear fruit. Similarly in the life of our diocese, it is not all down to a few but it is a task for us all. Some years ago Bishop Gray was speaking at his Episcopal Ordination: 'When I was ordained priest I thought it was the greatest day of my life, to share in the priesthood of Christ. Now I see that this is the greatest day of my life, when I share in the fullness of Christ's priesthood.' He forgot that the most important day of his life was when he was baptised. The baptised are not here to help the bishops and priests and deacons. It is the other way round. The clergy are there to serve the whole people of God and assist them to exercise their ministry and mission. Ministers is another word for servants. Christ did not come to be served but to serve. So it should be with the clergy. Then the Church would not be plagued with clericalism.

Do you think we – the Catholics of England and Wales – could make a success of a National Pastoral Congress in 2020? Or 2022 if we needed more time to prepare? Have we the courage? Is there any need or any point?