

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Tom & Kathleen Corrigan RIP
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Canon Francis Moran RIP
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Felicja Mdalowicz RIP
		7.00 am	<b>Divine Mercy Lent Group</b>
		7.30 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Private Intention (FD)
		8.00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Reg Snr & Dorrie Marshall RIP
		7.30 pm	<b>Prayer Group</b>
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Lynn Pattenden RIP
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	Pauline McCaul & Kitty & Paddy Foley RIP
		10.30 am	Keith Gladden RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13 -15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13: 1-9

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £619 CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: £1359 Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Joan Emerton, Brian Dunne, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Veronica Johnstone, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, 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:** SANDRA RAY, VERONICA JOHNSTONE and those whose anniversaries occur about now Bernard Nutland, Donna Jackson, : William Clarke, Joyce Sims, Daisy Kinch, Maureen Sullivan, Raymond Earl, Stephen Paris, Edith De la Bertauche, Lillian Corry, Alice Hudson, Mary McGoohan, Dennis Hale

**3. ST PATRICK'S NIGHT HOOLEY:** Many thanks to all those who helped, donated and supported an excellent evening of music, dance, song and wonderful food. An amazing £1016.00 was raised for our Parish Project in Kalingalinga

**4. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM** at English Martyrs who played in London on Saturday in the regional small school football finals (having won other tournaments to be best small school in Sussex!). As runners-up, they have made it through to the national finals in the Midlands in May. The best the school team has done for as long as anyone can remember!!!

**5. KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ROSARY APOSTOLATE** To celebrate the centenary of The Knights of St Columba, each month the Knights and the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children, will be praying the Rosary for the unborn in front of the Blessed Sacrament,. This will take place In St Michael's Parish during the Holy Hour on the last Sunday of each month at 4pm. This month they will be praying for medical staff, that they that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life. All are welcome to join them on Sunday 31st March at 4pm.

**6. GORING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE** in the Methodist Church Hall every Wednesday at 12.30pm, regularly welcomes 60 elderly diners, many of whom live on their own and who enjoy the three-course cooked meal and fellowship with others. There is a chef and thirty volunteers who take it in turns to care for the guests. This is an ecumenical venture that has been running for more than 40 years. They are looking for two people who would be prepared to take on the organisation of the gathering or a group of people who might, on a rota basis, take turns in having responsibility for the lunch time meeting. To find out more please go along on a Wednesday morning to meet the current organisers, John and Catherine.

**7. PRAYER PARTNERS** are sought for our fourteen First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the back of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.

**8. 'EDGE' YOUTH GROUP FOR YEAR 7-11s.** Re-launches **this** Sunday March 24th in The Barn, 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. For almost a year now, there has been a successful, vibrant youth group running in Worthing for the Catholic parishes. The group is starting a new phase on March 24th and we're looking for new members. Anyone who is in school Year 7-11, or equivalent age, is welcome to join. EDGE is about giving young people a place to explore their faith and make some friends in a welcoming, relaxed environment. For more information, search for EdgeWorthing on Facebook or contact [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk) Postcards with details available in both porches

**9. HAND-MADE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS** are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga. St Patrick Day cards etc are also available.

**10. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX** is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

**11. BOXES FOR PRAYER PETITIONS:** The prayer group will be placing a box in each of the porches for your Prayer Petitions. These will be offered up by the prayer group when they meet on alternate Friday evenings.

**12. DO YOU HAVE A WOOD BURNING STOVE?** The church has two unwanted wooden pallets which are free to a good home! New owner collects.

**13. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of A5 Notebooks/Reporters Pads, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and Crayons/Colouring Pencils. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**14. 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: One of the notable features of life** just now is 'Fridays for Climate'. Thousands of young people in many parts of the world seek to make their concerns known about the failure of governments to act appropriately to counteract climate change. It is calculated that on Friday 15th March more than a million school-children from 120 countries in more than 2,000 locations took part in marches with placards and chants and with unbounded energy demanding that their governments take the issue of the health of the planet more seriously. Climate change has become the issue of this generation. These young people will be voting soon and so politicians will be forced eventually to take notice. The issue has not been given the priority it deserves by the main political parties throughout the world. How has it come about that it has recently inspired such passionate response among school children?

One young person in particular has been hugely influential in galvanising opinion among the young. She is a 16 year old schoolgirl, Greta Thunberg, from Sweden. She started demonstrating on Fridays – rather than go to school – demanding that Sweden take serious action about the issue. Photographs of her with her placard outside her town hall, the Swedish Parliament and other official buildings began to be noticed on social media. The videos then ensured that Greta began to go viral. Greta has Asperger's. It has been suggested that this helps people with the condition to see things more clearly and speak more effectively. She has spoken at the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poland and to the leaders of the rich nations at Davos and to the bureaucrats of the European Union. There is something astonishingly direct about the way Greta speaks. When an Australian education minister said that the actions were unlawful and that children should be in school she told him that his statement 'belongs in a museum'.

Perhaps a further reason why Greta has been able to galvanise so much support, from young people has to do with education. In school children learn about the green-house effect, the warming oceans, increasing pollution, the rising seas, the loss of bio-diversity, the extreme weather, the acidifying oceans. They learn about the importance of reducing carbon emissions and embracing renewable energy and adapting our buildings and houses and all other ways in which it is possible to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere if we really want to. How much of a difference would it make if Members of Parliament worldwide were exposed over a couple of weekends, to expert information on the climate and on the measures available to governments to move their countries away from fossil fuels. Obviously many would totally renounce all such 'expert opinion' but surely it would help others to see things more clearly. I realise that in this whole area, Ireland is nowhere near meeting its obligations under the Paris Agreement. The Irish government don't seem to have any plans or policies to even try to achieve the targets that they agreed to. Britain is not doing enough but it is doing much better than its near neighbour.

Greta Thunberg said to the United Nations in December: 'You are not mature enough to tell it like it is. Even that burden you leave to us young people. You say you love your children above all else – and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes.' When the next General Election is called will there be a single candidate running for election in this constituency who will give voice to concerns about the future of our environment – the health of the home God has given to us to protect and safeguard and to hand on to future generations? And what about the local and European elections in May? Our environment is very much a local issue and a European one and a religious one. It is all about how we respond to God's gifts and how we care for one another.