

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Palm Sunday

Saturday	13 th	6.00 pm	Mary Stone RIP
Sunday	14 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Veronica Johnstone RIP
Monday	15 th	9.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP
Tuesday	16 th	9.30 am	Mossie Clancy RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	17 th	9.30 am	Mary & Jack Haugh RIP
		7.00 am	Divine Mercy Lent Group



Holy Thursday	18 th April	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Jill Barker RIP</i>	9.30 am Cleaners unite!
Good Friday	19 th April	10.00 am	Family Stations of the Cross, especially for children followed by Children's Confessions	<i>Time of Servers' Rehearsal</i>
		3.00 pm	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	11.00 am
		7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions	
Holy Saturday	20 th April	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter The Parish	
Easter Sunday	21 st April	8.15 am 10.30 am 6.00pm	Mass <i>Sivyer Family Past & Present</i> Mass <i>Josephine Birtle RIP</i> Polish Mass	

NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43; Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.

COLLECTIONS: Church: £604 CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal: £1,724 Thank you for your generosity.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be the usual collection for the Holy Places

THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS TO FATHER LIAM (GIFT AIDED)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Brian Dunne, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, 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: RAY McGUINNESS and those whose anniversaries occur about now: William McGlynn, Patricia Jones, Mary La Roche, John Clarke, Margaret McCarthy, Vincent Devereux, John Russell, Joseph Liston, Max Welton, Joan Briggs, Jim Corcoran

3. TWELVE VOLUNTEERS for the Washing of the Feet ceremony on Holy Thursday are required. Please put your name on one of the lists in either Porch

4. CALLING ALL CLEANERS AND THEIR HELPERS! In order to make the church truly 'sparkling' for Easter we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to come at 9.30am on **Holy Thursday** to give the church a real 'Spring Clean'. Coffee and Hot Cross Buns guaranteed!

5. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE EASTER MASSES are your personal gift to Father Liam. (Gift Aid applies) If you are not Gift Aiding, special Easter Offering envelopes are in the Porch. If you will be away for Easter you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards

6. TRADCRAFT WILL BE ON SALE after all Masses **this weekend**

7. THE CHRISM MASS will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 6.00 pm in Arundel Cathedral

8. A PRACTICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY GOSPEL 'ENACTMENT' will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in the church. Seven readers are needed for the reading of the Gospel. If you are able to read in this part of the Mass on Good Friday and/or attend the practice please sign the list in the Sacristy.

9. HKNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA 'CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE AWARDS' : KSC Worthing are helping to promote this new initiative. The awards on July 3rd 2019, will honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place. Nominated by friends, family, teachers and clergy they reflect every area of social action: **Promoting** solidarity and peace. **Living out** the option of the poor. **Protecting** the dignity of workers. **Fostering** community and participation. **Caring** for the environment. **Celebrating** human dignity. **Inspiring** youth leader. For further details and nomination form please contact KSC Youth Officer David Wynn-Davies 01903 521439 before 17th May.

10. HAND-MADE EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

11. EASTER POSTERS have once again been supplied by our local Knights of St Columba. If you would like to display one in a prominent window of your home, as an act of witness at Easter, they are available in the porches.

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: A prayer service cannot take place in a synagogue without a quorum of ten adult Jewish men. While it is permitted to pray in any language, Hebrew is considered the language of prayer and of Jewish thought. It is the language of God. A synagogue service can be led by a Rabbi, a Cantor or a member of the congregation. The cantor is the key figure in synagogue worship. He leads the congregation in prayer and knows both the prayers and the melodies. He is the only person present to wear a ceremonial robe in addition to the prayer shawl during the service. The Rabbi is a teacher, educated in Jewish law. Priesthood in Judaism is hereditary, belonging to a separate caste, descendants of Aaron. Their role was performing the Temple rituals, particularly annual sacrifices. The ministry of the Jewish priesthood came to an end with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD

Prominence is given in the service to the Song at the Sea, the triumphant Canticle of Moses which celebrates the crossing of the Red Sea. 'Then Moses and children of Israel say this canticle to the Lord'. Following this is the oldest fixed daily prayer in Judaism, the Shema. It is from Deuteronomy 6:4 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole strength.' The central prayer of the service follows, 'the Standing Prayer'. It is said facing Jerusalem. It opens with the words: 'O lord thou wilt open my lips and my mouth shall declare thy praise.' This is followed by the chanting of six Psalms of joy. Six! You can image how long the service lasts.

The removal of the Torah from the Ark follows, the most dramatic moment of the service. These hand written scrolls on parchment made from animal hide are presented to the Cantor. He face the congregation and solemnly chants God's praises. The Torah is then carried with great reverence in a procession around the synagogue to the dais where it is placed on the desk and then carried back to the Ark. During the service which lasts for hours, people sometimes move around, they shake a hand here and share a word there and then again silence.

Of the world's 14 million Jews over 5 million live in Israel and a similar number in the USA. In the EU there are about 1 million. A Jew is someone born of a Jewish mother or who has converted to Judaism. Interfaith marriages are not permitted. Jews believe that God appointed them to be his chosen people in order to set an example of holiness and correct behaviour to the world. Their sacred texts define Jews as a nation. It is more like a nationality than like other religions. The land of Israel is central to Judaism. The literal way in which biblical texts are interpreted continues to give rise to tragic consequences for the Palestinian people. In Genesis 15:18 God is pictured promising to Abraham: 'To thy seed will I give this land from the river of Egypt even to the great River Euphrates.'

Throughout the Passover Service children (mainly boys) come to the synagogue to be greeted by their fathers and friends. If the first prayer has started at 9 am it would now be midday. For Orthodox Jews the Sabbath is a day to look forward to all week. They see it as God's gift to his chosen people. After the Passover Service in the synagogue, Jewish families enjoy the Passover meal that evening. Beforehand all loaves will have been removed from the house and no leavened products will have been eaten during the week. Tonight's meal will actively celebrate and retell the Exodus story. The children will ask: 'Why is this night different from other nights?' and the story of the deliverance from Egypt will be retold and a range of ritual foods will be served including the Matzos (unleavened flat bread) recalling the haste with which they ate before setting off on the long march; the bitter herbs telling of the bitterness of the struggle and the ritual glasses of wine expressing joy at God's presence with them. The bread is blessed and ceremoniously broken and the wine is blessed and poured. The Seder is completed with the declaration: 'Next year in Jerusalem.' The Passover Supper presided over by Jesus on the night before he died was not just an evening meal. It was the faithful following of a ritual laid down by Jewish law, in obedience to the Torah. Jesus said (Matthew 5:17) 'Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets, I am come not to destroy but to fulfil'.

