

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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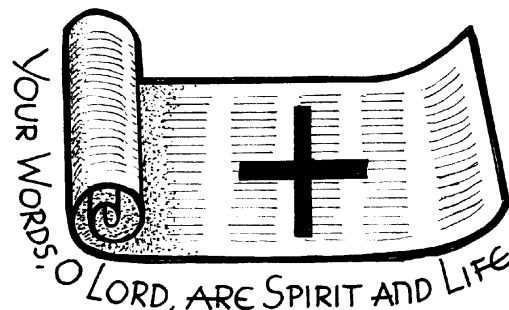
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### Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Deceased Relatives of Peter Gavin
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Veronica Johnstone RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Maria Petter RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	intention of the Family of Pat Guckian
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Joan Norton RIP
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Sr Maura O'Brien RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



**SATURDAY:** Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17. John 10:27-30

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £619 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend we will be visited by a priest from the Society of African Missions (SMA) and there will be a Second Collection in support of their work.

**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 Schlinggen, 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: Alfreda Prokop, Alfreda Patten, Michael Crawley, Jenny Rusdell-Wilson, Brendan Casement, Mercedes Barranco, Lucy Cocking, David Toley, Greta Clarke, Margaret Edwards

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

**4. KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA 'CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE AWARDS'** : KSC Worthing are helping to promote this new initiative. The awards on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**5. CHATSMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is looking for volunteers to help during our busy exam season. We would like helpers from 13th May until 21st June. Can you spare any time? Would you be willing to read and or scribe for young people during GCSE exams? If so, please contact Mrs Jacqueline Martin on [jmartin@chathigh.co.uk](mailto:jmartin@chathigh.co.uk)

**6. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking to recruit a practising Catholic to join their governing body as a Foundation Governor. The governing body works as a team in cooperation with the head-teacher to ensure legal responsibilities are met and to preserve the Catholic character of the school. They are looking for people with varying experience. If you have an interest in supporting the school by giving time and your expertise please contact them for more information on 01903 502868 or [office@englishmartyrs.school](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.school).

**7. MARCH FOR LIFE UK** will be held on Saturday 11th May in London. The walk starts at 2pm outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street SW1P 3BN. For more information please visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**8. THE YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM** at English Martyrs who played in the regional small school football finals and made it through to the national finals will be playing in the Midlands this weekend. We wish them luck and success.

**9. INSPIRE 2019: POSTPONED:** Jack Regan: Diocesan Youth Officer writes: 'Due to low bookings we have taken the decision to postpone the 'INSPIRE' day for youth leaders which was scheduled for Saturday May 11th. An alternative date will be advertised very soon.'

**10. SCHOOL CHAPLAIN & DEANERY YOUTH WORKER JOB IN WORTHING. SALARY £30,000**

Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

**11. 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

**12. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects):** Items they currently need: Coffee, Sugar, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meals, Jams and Spreads, Tinned Tuna, Rice Pudding, Cooking Oil, Juice, Biscuits. Also Baking Trays, Saucepans, Tea Towels, Cleaning products and Washing Tablets/Powders. In clothing they need small waist Jeans, Men's Hoodies. Boxers and Men's T-Shirts. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

**Father Liam says: The Easter Candle is a hugely important symbol** of the Risen Christ. It occupies a prominent position on the Sanctuary during the entire Easter Season – the fifty days from Holy Saturday until Pentecost Sunday/ It is lit at every Sunday Mass in this most solemn of seasons. Throughout the year it is lit at every baptism and burns beside every coffin as a sign of new and everlasting life.

At the Easter Vigil the new Paschal Candle is lit from the embers of the Easter fire burning outside the building and carried ceremoniously into the darkened church followed by the congregation whose candles are lit in stages filling the church with the light of their candles as they sing 'Thanks be to God' as 'Christ our light' is chanted three times. The Christ Candle is then placed on its stand and incensed. The Easter Proclamation is sung as we ask 'on this your night of grace, O Holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy church.'

This great Easter hymn emphasises that this candle is made from bees wax. Later on in the hymn we are reminded that this light 'into many flames divided yet never dimmed by sharing of its light for it is fed by melting wax drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious'. In the past candles were traditionally made from bees wax and the Easter Candle is certainly meant to be so made. Candles and honey were great gifts that bees conferred on humanity from earliest times as well as the indispensable contribution they made and make by pollinating plants without which life would crash to a halt.

We know that bee numbers have taken quite a tumble over the past number of years. Three hives had been placed within the walls of Notre Dame Cathedral some time ago as part of an initiative to boost the bee population. They were Notre Dames smallest official residents – some 180,000 of them. Incredibly they managed to survive the inferno that consumed the Cathedral's ancient wooden roof. The Cathedral officials were sure that they could not possibly survive – but survive they did. They clung to life, protecting their queen. 'It's a big day. I am so relieved. I saw satellite photos that showed that the three hives did not burn', said Notre Dame's bee-keeper, Nicholas Geant. 'Instead of killing them the carbon dioxide from the smoke makes them drunk, puts them to sleep.'

The hives were much lower than the roof and the 19th century spire that burned and collapsed on the Monday of Holy Week. Since bees do not have lungs they can't die from smoke inhalation but they can die from excessive heat. European bees – unlike some other species elsewhere – don't abandon their hives when facing danger. When they sense fire, they gorge themselves on honey and stay to protect their queen, who doesn't move. Even though they were 30 metres lower than the top of the roof, the wax in the hive melts at 63°C. If the wax that protects their hive melts, the bees simply die inside. But Notre Dame officials saw the bees on top of the sacristy a week after the fire, buzzing in and out of their hives.

Wild flower meadows provide shelter and food for important pollinators including bees. There are over 250 species of bees in the U.K. and they play a vital part in supporting the ecosystem. When wild flower meadows vanish so do pollinators as well as other insects and animals that eat insects, such as birds, hedgehogs and bats. Bees are in particular decline in the U.K. With the decline of wild flower meadows some species of bee have evolved to only eat a limited number of pollens. Too much competition for food sources inevitably causes bee populations to reduce. The more diversity we have in our natural habitats, then the more bees, birds, animals and insects there will be. Development of land for property and change in farming methods have contributed to this decline in wild flower meadows and bio-diversity generally. Herbicides, insecticides and weed-killers don't help!

Our gardens used to be pollinator friendly, full of food, herbs and medicinal plants. Now we are more likely to have decorative plants in our gardens and we are less likely to leave long grasses and hedgerows. We are trying to return some of our ground to a wild flower meadow. The little garden between the Barn and the Presbytery at the corner of Compton Avenue is planted to grow wild – with a grass path through it.

'Grow Wild' is the UK's biggest wild flower campaigner – maybe you could be part of it?