

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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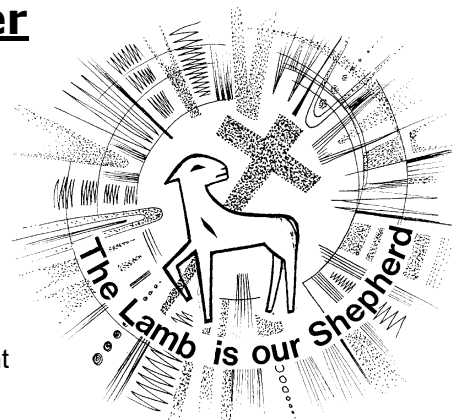
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	11 th	8.00 pm	Joan Norton RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.15 am	Sr Maura O'Brien RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	13 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	14 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Philips RIP
Wednesday	15 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	16 th	7.30 pm	Reg Marshall RIP
Friday	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	18 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	19 th	8.15 am	Ann Milne & the O'Brien Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	Theresa Hogan 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: Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17. John 10:27-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5. John 13:31-35

COLLECTIONS: Church: £561 Thank you for your generosity.

This 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 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: John Bernardi, Jim Maloney, Sylvia Phillips, Isabella Ions, Olive Humphrey, Pat Lucey, Pouppy Baeza, V Rev Cn Desmond McCarthy

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 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.

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

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.

7. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM at English Martyrs Primary School who are now the National Champions in the Small Schools Football Competition.

8. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO': Many thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way the excellent evening last Saturday. £855 was raised for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

9. A TEXAN EVENING will take held in the Barn on Saturday 1st June following the 6.00 pm Mass. Stetson's and boots may be worn! An exciting supper plus quiz and raffle is planned. Tickets £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children on sale **next** weekend.

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 Soap, Toothpaste and Pencil Cases. 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: Apart from Jesus himself who is divine as well as human no human being in history has been honoured to the degree that Mary is. She was officially named 'Bearer of God' at the Third General Council in the Church, which was held at Ephesus in 431. Greek was the language of the Council and the name given to Mary was 'Theotokos' often translated into English as 'Mother of God'. The Council had as its primary objective the task of affirming in the clearest possible way that Jesus was truly God as well as truly man. It therefore stressed that the child born of Mary was truly divine. As always in the subsequent history of the Church any titles and honours ascribed to Mary are but means of highlighting the Divinity of Christ. Our religion always has Christ at its very centre.

Muslims as well as Christians consider Mary to be holy above all women. Her name 'Maryam' appears more often in the Koran than 'Mary' does in the Bible. In the Gospels Mary speaks only four times. The only time she speaks at length in the New Testament is in Luke's Gospel when she utters The Magnificat: 'My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant, surely from now on all generations will call me blessed.' Indeed they have! Mary brought Jesus to us and Mary brings us to Jesus. 'He is the light of the world'. Just as Jewish mothers light the Sabbath candles, Mary seeks to keep the light of the world ever before us.

Her reported appearances have intensified devotion to Mary. Visions of Mary have been often experienced by very poor children living in remote or conflict-ridden places. But we are not bound to believe in the authenticity of any of these claims. The Church has gone to great lengths in examining these phenomena and in many cases has declared them worthy of credence. One such event concerns Kibeho, a small town in Southern Rwanda, The Virgin Mary reputedly appeared to three young girls there in 1982 and foretold of the blood and horror of the genocide that would traumatise the country. In 1994 the majority Hutu attacked the minority Tutsi and in three months 800,000 people were slaughtered. In March 1982 the local bishop asked Venant Ntabomvura, a doctor, to go to a girl's boarding school in Kibeho. He was to investigate three students who had reported visions and conversations with the Virgin Mary. Ntabomvura was a kindly ear, nose and throat specialist who in 2017, at the age of 89, was still practicing. He says that Alphonsine Mumureke had first told of visits by apparitions in November 1981. When they occurred, he says, 'she was talking to someone exactly as if she were talking on the phone.' After Alphonsine, Mary then appeared to Anathalie Mukamazinpaka followed by Marie Claire Mukangango. The girls said they spent countless hours in conversation with the Virgin who called herself Nyina wa Jambo – Mother of the World. Mary spoke to the girls so often that they called her Mama.

Anathalie said: 'The first time she appeared I was reciting the Rosary and she called me by my name. I heard her say 'Nathalie, my child.' She looked very beautiful indeed, between 20 and 30 years old. She spoke in Kinyarwanda in a very calm and soft voice. She was in a blue veil and white dress. She never told me why she chose me. She said she appears to anyone she wants, anytime she wants, anywhere she wants.' Mary's dire prophesy came on a day in 1982, everyone expected to be especially happy – 15th August, the Feast of Mary's assumption into heaven. Ntabomvura, the medical specialist was there and Gaspard Garuka who lived nearby. The girls were crying because they reported that the Virgin was in tears too. Garuka remembered that Alphonsine 'fell down many times, because what she watched was very terrible. One time she even asked 'Please hide this from my eyes'. Anathalie said that what Mary predicted 'is exactly what I saw' during the genocide 12 years later. 'People killing others using spears, burning fire, people's skulls and heads cut off. I saw mass graves surrounded by so much darkness, blood running all over like rivers. All of this had been predicted.'

Anathalie was able to flee Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and then Kenya. Alphonsine became a Monastic Sister in Italy. Marie Claire was killed in the genocide. On 29th June 2001, nearly 20 years after Alphonsine had first reported her apparition; Rwanda's Bishop Augustin Misago and the Vatican declared that the Virgin had appeared at Kibeho.

Systematic investigation and documentation of such occurrences began with the Council of Trent more than 450 years ago. Some 2,000 apparitions have been reported since then. Of these a mere 28 were approved by local bishops, sixteen of these have been recognised by the Vatican

*May God bless you,
Fr. Liam.*