

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	25 th	6.00 pm	Jack Louis RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.15 am	Bill & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	27 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	28 th	9.30 am	Intention of Victor Gorni
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	29 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Ascension	30 th	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
Of the Lord		7.30 pm	The Parish
Friday	31 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Intention of the Spinks Family
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of the Bolton Family
		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 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14: 23-29

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 513 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)**

Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network (No Gift Aid)**

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation

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: Hay Fraser, Cherry Stone, Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide

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

4. 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! The charity we are supporting this year is Daya Mina in Sri Lanka run by the Sisters of Charity. It is a Centre that serves young people and children, who because of some impairment or difficulty in learning, are unable to function independently or adequately in society without specialised education, training or ongoing support services. An exciting supper plus quiz and raffle is planned. Tickets £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children on sale **this** weekend.

5. ENGLISH MARTYRS GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: In September there will be (with your help) an Exhibition in the church entitled 'Our Church' and Adrian and Breda, who have kindly agreed to organise it, are looking for the following: Any photos/memorabilia from Weddings, First Holy Communion, Marriages; written memories of those who recall the move from the Barn to the 'new church'; a photograph of the Martyrs Window in colour or the church pre Sistine Chapel ceiling? Do take a look among your photographic memories and written memories and lend them to us to make this a really fascinating walk 'down memory lane'.

6. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Thursday 6th June at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

7. CONGRATULATIONS to Poppy Birks, Katie Cox, Roshini Lambert and Evelyn Winton, who were confirmed at Arundel Cathedral last weekend. They will receive their certificates this weekend

8. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: June rosters are now available in the Sacristy

9. TO THOSE WHO KINDLY GIFT AID: Please collect a letter in the porch with details of your annual donation through Gift Aid.

10. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses this weekend

11. USED POSTAGE STAMPS are not just for Christmas...please remember to collect them throughout the year and drop them into the box in the Main Porch. (They need half an inch of envelope around them so that the little perforations are not damaged.) They are then sent on to St Patrick's Missionary Society where they sell them to raise money for the Missions

12. RACE FOR LIFE 2019 is coming to Worthing on 16th June and this year 'Males' may also participate. The event raises awareness to cancer and provides vital funds for research and cure. For further details see: www.raceforlife/worthing

13. ARE YOU REALLY SO BUSY THAT YOU COULD NOT 'LEND A HAND?' There are such a wide variety of volunteer activities within our church that no matter what your skills there would be something that you could assist with at some time during the week. Probably the biggest commitment is to assist with welcoming our visitors during the week and helping in the shop. This requires a commitment of three hours per week from now until the end of October then nothing until next Easter! (You are allowed time off for holidays!) The other opportunities are on monthly rotas – Flowers arrangers, helpers at Friendship in the Barn on Friday afternoons, cleaners, helpers with either of our Little Angels Groups on a Thursday or Friday morning. Please don't leave it to 'someone else' because they might not exist and these tasks really do need 'someone' to do them. For further information please contact Anne in the Office 01903 242624

14. 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

15. 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: Pope Francis does not leave Rome to go on holidays. Throughout his life he has not gone on holidays. He takes things easy and rests more in August but he stays in the Vatican. This must have seemed very bad news for the shopkeepers and those in the hotel and tourism industry in Castel Gondolfo. Since the 17th Century, the Popes always spent the hot summer months in this beautiful little town in the hills near Rome. Big crowds used to come to see the Pope there on Wednesdays and Sundays and pray the Angelus with him. Tourists brought great prosperity to the place. But all this was threatened when the Pope announced six years ago – shortly after his election – that he would not be spending any time there. The people who depended on tourists for their livelihoods would have feared that future Popes would do likewise as they might feel constrained to follow the example of Pope Francis. The future of Castel Gondolfo looked dire for traders – though no doubt some residents looked forward to the prospect of a more peaceful life. But what was to become of the papal residence and the museums and beautifully maintained gardens, now that the flow of tourists would ebb away? Surely the Papal finances would also suffer! That could be a very high price to pay for the Pope's frugal lifestyle!

It did not take Pope Francis long to set about addressing the problem. He decided that the Papal apartments and gardens should be opened up to the public. The rich botanical and architectural treasures of the villas and gardens long closed to the general public would become accessible to all – at a price! The initiative went further in bringing the summertime papal property within reach of the public. The so-called 'Second Vatican' in the hills was linked to Vatican City State by a regular train service. The tiny train station in the Vatican was opened to ticketed town goers so anyone can take a specially chartered train that leaves every Saturday for a round trip journey to Castel Gondolfo, just 13 miles away. It goes little more than 100 yards before it passes the bricked Vatican City Walls and enters Italian territory. It leaves Rome behind and meanders across grassy fields following an ancient Roman aqueduct along the Appian Way. It cuts through dark tunnels before reaching the hills of the regional park. A full day ticket for £30 starts with a two-hour visit to the Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel. After a one hour walk through the Vatican Gardens there is a one hour train journey to Castel Gondolfo with a one-hour mini-train ride through the Pontifical gardens.

The 135 acre property includes 3 palaces, the ruins of the first Century Summer Villa of the Roman Emperor Domitian, formal gardens, olive orchards and green-houses. It is the first time that the Apostolic Palace, which houses the astronomical observatory dome, has been officially opened to the public. Tourists on these itineraries leave the Papal property at lunch time for three or four hours of free time in the town before the late afternoon train back to Rome.

The last time – before Pope Francis – a Pope did not spend time in Castel Gondolfo was during World War II. During that war Pope Pius XII first threw open the doors of the Papal residence to hundreds of people seeking shelter in 1943 during a heavy allied bombing campaign. The Papal villa became an active war zone in January 1944 when an estimated 123,000 people, including many Jews, were sheltered in the neutral territory of the Papal villas. The Papal Palace became a refuge for the town's residents and a field hospital with at least 40 babies born – many of them Jewish – in the Papal Apartments.