

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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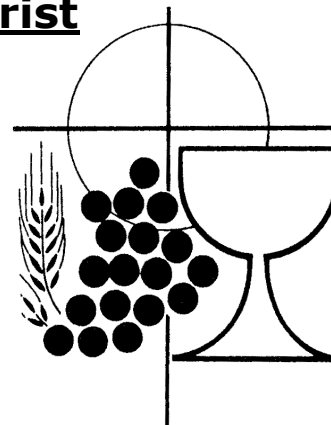
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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Laura Phillips RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Teresa Ryan RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	Peter Giles RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Joan Kennedy RIP
Thursday	27 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Tom Veirch RIP
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	Michael Aherne 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: Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

COLLECTIONS: Church: £581 Day of Life: £393 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence (NO Gift Aid)

Next Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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: W J Clarke, Thomas Foley, Mieczyslaw Ostatek, Claud Tuttlebee, Rita Traynor, Paul Simmons. Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire

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

4. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: At all three Masses this weekend there will be a ceremony of Renewal of Commitment on the part of the Eucharistic Ministers. Those who are away are asked to make their renewal at some other time.

5. THE FIRST OF OUR ENGLISH MARTYRS GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: THE PARISH GARDEN PARTY will be taking place on Saturday 6th July from 2.00 until 5.00 pm with a delicious tea, accordion accompaniment and fun and games for the children on Father Liam's lawn. It will only be a successful start to our celebrations if you come and bring all your family members! Many thanks to those who have already sent in 'Memorabilia' illustrating life in the Parish throughout the past 50 years. Adrian and Breda would love to see still more if you can find it.

6. BRIGHTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2019: 'Celebrate' is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is 'Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' (Joshua 1:9) 'Celebrate' weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. This year we welcome as our main speakers, Joe and Sarah Wells, Rev. Yinka Oyekan and Simon Ireson with worship led by John Wright and drama from RISE Theatre. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children and teenagers, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are offering a 50% discount to first-time families (one/two parents plus child/children) See posters and booking forms (available in both porches) for more information. You can also visit <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton> where you can also book online.

7. INNER BARN DOOR: Please **DO NOT** leave the hook across the door as the Monday morning cleaners and Barn users are unable to access the Barn from the outside.

8. ADRIAN BISHOP'S BOOKS: For those who have been following the adventures of the four children in Adrian's books, you will be pleased to know that book seven, entitled 'Sunburst' will be on sale in the Repository next weekend. Price £6.00

9. 'FRIENDSHIP AT THE BARN' NEEDS YOU! Could you drive one Friday afternoon a month to bring guests with out transport too and from the afternoon teas? Could you offer 3 1/2 hours one Friday afternoon a month to help serve teas and coffee and cakes to all the guests who come to make them welcome? We are reaching many new people, those new to the area seeking friendship, those newly bereaved and seeking company and support as well as those hoping for company and a good chat . As our numbers grow we are in need of more people to help us. Please contact: Jane-Anne - 07765 403883 or Veronica - 01903 446742 for further information. Thank you

10. 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

11. 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: Today we celebrate the feast day of the Lord's gift of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. When we meet here on Sundays a lot of what we do is centred on a book and a lot is centred on a table. It is a special book of course because it is the Word of the Lord and the table is very special – it is the Table of the Lord. Much of our time together on the Lord's Day is spent on listening to, and reflecting on, the reading from the Book of Life – the Scriptures – and on being nourished by the Lord at the table he has set for us. The meaning of the word 'Church' is 'those who gather' or 'the assembly' and because we are the church we are privileged, and called, to assemble. We who gather listen to God's Word, pray together and give thanks and praise over the bread and wine that, as at the Last Supper, at Christ's Word, become for us his Body and Blood.

Each Sunday we follow many paths to come here. We may come singly or as one of a family group. But we gather to give expression to the fact that we belong together. Baptism has made us the Church of Christ. We come to set all aloneness aside. We reach out to one another, recognising that we are brothers and sisters. We are not just a group of people who happen to be in the same place, at the same time. That is what happens at a train station or a cinema. But this is different because we are the one body of Christ. 'There are indeed many different members but one body' as St Paul expresses it in his First Letter to the Corinthians (12:20) we assemble at Sunday Mass to praise and thank God together. Do we really need three Sunday Masses? It certainly does not foster togetherness. And it certainly will not continue indefinitely. Being church means we are together. We treasure and celebrate our togetherness.

If I board a bus alone I probably look for a seat alone. If I'm with a friend we probably sit together. We don't need to pay much attention to anyone else on the bus. St Paul somewhere uses a word – he wrote in Greek – that suggests we are like people on a boat that is rowed by everyone on board. This is what liturgy is – something done by everyone together. Sunday Mass is what we do together. So we should try to get together. Will there be a time when without even thinking about it we come through the door and head for an empty place close to the altar? If we come forward when we arrive then the spaces will fill from the front. If a row is empty, how about taking a place in the middle of the row as if inviting others to sit beside us. Sitting at the end of the row may not be sending out the best message. It may make it more difficult for someone else to find a place. It is always good to see what message we are sending out. It is important that we send out a welcoming message. If we routinely fill the seats at the back those coming later may find it harder to find a place. This is particularly the case when larger numbers gather. But it is good practice at all times. When it comes to the time when Masses are fewer it will be very important. We must do the best we can to make our church welcoming to all of us. There is no special holiness in getting close to the altar but there is a holiness in getting close to one another and showing welcome and consideration and hospitality to others. Giving one another a smile and sharing your Christian name with them would help in building community. Much is lost from our Eucharist if we fail to welcome one another! Perhaps when we sit closer together we will sing more confidently also.

So many people have a lot of preparations to do before they arrive at church. Some have families to cope with or children to get ready. Getting to church can be rather frenetic for some. I came from a large family and can remember the stress and strain our parents had in getting us in some kind of shape on Sunday mornings. But for those who can manage it, it would be good to find a few moments beforehand to have a look at what the scripture readings are about. In the Main Porch on the wall to the left of the main door there are copies of Sunday Plus giving the prayers and readings of the following Sunday. These are not just for the benefit of those allocated to read but for others as well. Near the door to the sacristy there are large print copies of the prayers and readings of the Mass as well as large print copies of the weekly Newsletter. We thank those who give out Mass sheets and hymn books and a welcoming word to all who gather Sunday by Sunday

Another aid to participation in the Mass is the Children's chapel. Those who use it can see and hear the celebration of the Eucharist while not being heard themselves. Gary has helped to make it very inviting and welcoming for the children by his painting of Noah's Ark. There are also Happy Bags, filled according to age, available in both porches to assist our young people in being part of our gathering.