

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Intention of Theresa Steadman
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Ernest Howse RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Mgr John Armitage
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Steve Horne
		7.30 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of O'Keeffe, Maley & Jackson Families
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Pat & Babe O'Mahoney RIP
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Kathleen & Tom Corrigan RIP
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	James Hamilton RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 66:10-14; St. Paul to Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £552 Peter Pence: £378 Stations of the Cross: £2,150

Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided  
**ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES**

**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: MAUN WARREN** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Ernest Howse, William Reilly, Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan, Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves

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

**4. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** If you have not Renewed your Commitment as a Eucharistic Minister please let Father Liam know so that an arrangement can be made for a future date.

**5. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting out ports. Please give generously to support

**6. BRIGHTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2019:** 'Celebrate' is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place next Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. 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. '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

**8. WORTHING DEANERY INITIAL SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING** will take place on Saturday, 27th July 2019 at St Michael's, Hayling Rise from 10.00 am – 12 noon. This training is for *everyone* but we are particularly targeting those who work with or minister to Vulnerable Groups (Children and Adults at Risk.) It is the expectation of the Bishop, Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that this initial training is undertaken and refreshed every three years. New Volunteers should undertake the Initial Training within the first year of being appointed. A Refresher Training Programme is now being rolled out. If you are able to attend please inform Anne in the Office by 22nd July so that I can book our places

**9. 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

**10. 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: Several years ago I spent a few pleasant days** in Derbyshire and visited many charming villages to admire 'the dressing of the wells'. For hundreds of years many village wells have been beautifully decorated with floral arrangements and garlands and displays around the time of Pentecost. Tissington has five wells so it is thronged with visitors each year at that time.

It seems that well dressing was introduced during the worst years of the Black Death to give thanks for the provision of pure water. The floral arrangements are made by pressing petals into clay and they depict scenes from the bible or local history or celebrate topical themes. Tissington began to celebrate their wells as early as 1350, shortly after the Black Death made its first appearance in England. It is said to have been introduced in a ship's cargo at Melcombe in Dorset. Within weeks the plague had reached Farnham which was home to about 4,000 people. In the first year of the plague Farnham had lost 740 people. Half the population of England died in the first three years of the pestilence. The disease struck down people so quickly that parents had to decide whether to abandon their children who were sick in order to save those still free of the disease. A monk of Westminster Abbey wrote: 'There were in those days death without sorrow, marriage without affection, want without poverty, flight without escape.'

In the Winchester Diocese half of the clergy were dead within two years. King Edward II lost his daughter to the plague as she travelled to Spain to get married. The King wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury to organise Masses to be said for the repose of her soul – but the Archbishop was dead before the letter arrived. The fabric of society was changing and the government was rattled. A law was passed to stop workers asking for higher wages and employers from giving it to them. Not surprisingly most ignored this order despite the threat of heavy fines. Those who survived now had more money and power was shifting away from the powerful landowners. A law was passed in 1363 to regulate the quality and colour of people's cloth so that ordinary people could not dress like their betters and have ideas above their station. The law of course was impossible to enforce.

Neither was the plague impossible to eliminate. It made many re-appearances but was not as virulent as the Black Death itself. It arrived in the Derbyshire village of Eyam in 1665 when a bundle of cloth was sent from London to a local tailor. His assistant opened the package and four days later he died. When the last burial resulting from this plague took place over a year later there were just 83 of the villages 350 inhabitants still standing. When the plague struck Eyam, the villagers decided they would all stay and risk probable death rather than run and so spread the sickness to the neighbouring villages. The local vicar, William Mompesson inspired the people to make this ultimate sacrifice. His wife Catherine, at the age of 27, was among those who died. She and her husband had visited the houses of grieving families throughout the ordeal. Over the course of these thirteen grim months each family was expected to bury its own dead, to minimise the risk of passing on the infection. Mompesson was greatly aided in his task by Thomas Stanley who had previously been the vicar. He had been sacked from his post because of his theological opinions but the two ministers worked as a team to lead the people through this dreadful trial.

To reduce the risk of infection church services were held in the open air – a few minutes walk outside the village. The hilly site is curved in a sort of amphitheatre shape and there is even a rocky ledge called Pulpit Rock from where the minister preached. An annual service is held here on the last Sunday in August – the day of Catherine Mompesson's death. Eyam also has a sort of holy well, located a mile away. It is named after Mompesson. People from neighbouring villages left food and goods here for the people of Eyam to collect so as to avoid direct contact. The villages of Eyam left coins by way of payment in vinegar filled holes to disinfect them. Much was donated without charge. The well is now locked behind metal railings. One mother, Elizabeth Hancock, buried six of her children and her husband in just eight days. The little walled enclosure is known as the Riley Graves, named after the nearby Riley House. The National Trust has put up a sign.

A month after the last of the fatalities, Mompesson wrote to a friend that the village had become a Golgotha. He stayed another three years. His wife's grave is often covered with fresh flowers. The iron railings which enclose it is engraved with the word 'Cavete' – Be Cautious