

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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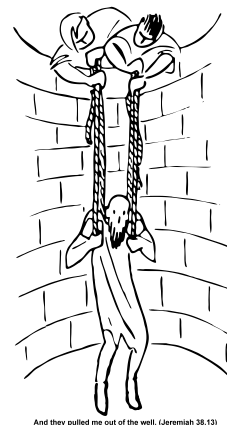
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### Twentieth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Joan Ashwell RIP
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of Theresa Steadman
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of the Petter Family
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Angela Kett
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Ellie Grainger (Speedy Recovery)
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	John Roe RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Gavin Shepherd RIP



**SATURDAY:** Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £532 Stations of the Cross: £6,102 Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Lita Yong, Ken Ellis, Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Bernard Bandy, 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: Ralph Murphy, Raymond Hamill, Gordon Kennedy, Margaret McDade, Patricia Tuttlebee, Mary Mills, George Furman, Beryl Hockmuth, Alan Beech, Anne Beagley, Pauline Stocking, John Smith, Joan Jacobs, Richard Wood, Syd Colbran, Baby Grace Hudson, Reginald Hart, Baby Russell Prince

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

**4. TRADCRAFT** will be on sale in the Barn after all Masses **this** Sunday

**5. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** – Some very kind parishioners have delivered over two hundred invitations to the people who live in the roads surrounding our church inviting them to come to meet us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. In addition the Mayor and her Consort will be coming from 2.00 until 3.30 pm. Our visitors will have the opportunity to listen to a talk about the church, view what will be a new exhibition about the history of the church and enjoy tea and cakes in the Barn. To this end we need home made cakes! If you are a baker of cakes please would you bake one/some for this event and deliver them to the Barn at 1.00pm on the day. (If this is difficult please contact Anne in the Office and we can make an alternative arrangement.) Many thanks – in advance

**6. DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS** will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> September, at 12 noon, with Bishop Richard presiding. For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to. Please bring cassock/cotta or alb. Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish).

**7. GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION – 'The Sistine Chapel Ceiling Reproduction'** will be available in the church for the month of August. Come when we are open during the week and see how Gary painted the ceiling, illustrated by photo's and film.

**8. HELP NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 am Mass.** We have recently had some shortages in the Sunday morning rota for refreshments after 10.30 Mass. If you can give 1.5 hours once a month, ideally four people would be great. Please call Teresa if interested on 01903 529260. Thank you.

**9. CHILDRENS LITURGY** will resume on Sunday 1st September.

**10. THE REQUIEM MASS FOR DEACON PAT MOLONEY** will be next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August at St Charles Borromeo, East Worthing at 11.00 am.

**11. USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS:** Could the person who removed all the used stamps from the box in the main porch please return them so that they may be sent to St Patrick's Missionary Society who collect them to raise money for their important work.

**12. MARY'S MEALS:** We are now in particular need of Soap, Flannels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Pencil Cases. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

**13. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects):** In a recent Annual Report we learn that in 2018 Turning Tides, who now have centres in Littlehampton and Horsham as well as Worthing, supported 2,028 men and women throughout the year. On any one night 169 people are accommodated in their housing and 485 people accessed Breakfast in their three hubs. Items they currently need: Coffee, Sugar, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meals, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Cooking Oil, Juice, Squash. Also Cleaning products and Deodorants. 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 whole world was utterly surprised** on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 when Pope Benedict XVI announced that at the end of that month he would resign the papacy, due to his advanced age. No Pope had resigned since 1415 – almost 600 years before when Gregory XII abdicated at the time when there were rival claimants to the Chair of Peter. Pope Benedict came to realise that the complexities of life in the Vatican were too much for him. He quickly took up residence, in a convent in the grounds of Vatican City.

Just as no one expected Benedict to resign, no one expected Jorge Mario Bergoglio to be elected his successor. On reaching the age of 75 he had offered his resignation as Archbishop of Buenos Aires to Pope Benedict a year before but it had not been accepted. If it had been it would be most unlikely that he would have been elected. It would have seemed strange for a retired bishop to be chosen as bishop of Rome. In the speculation before the Conclave virtually no one mentioned his name, despite him having received many votes following the death of Pope John Paul II in April 2005.

Cardinal Bergoglio was elected on the fifth ballot – very quickly for someone who in the Church at large was an unknown. But the Cardinals knew better and they chose a man who would be 'a first' in several important ways. Of course many Popes have been 'firsts'. Pope John XXIII was the first Pope in 500 years to choose the name John. Pope John Paul II was the first Pope ever to come from Poland and the first non-Italian Pope in over 400 years. Benedict XVI was the first German Pope since the Middle Ages. But Pope Francis was first in so many significant ways. He is the first Pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit Pope, the first to take the name Francis and the first Pope in over fifty years not to have participated in the Second Vatican Council. He was not ordained a priest until 1969, five years after the end of the Council. His Golden Jubilee of Ordination will be on 13<sup>th</sup> December this year. Jesuits take a longer road to the priesthood than any others. His election surprised the Jesuits as much as it did anybody else. Not many years after ordination he served as provincial superior of the Argentinian Jesuits for six years. It was at a particularly difficult time when the military were in power in Argentina and operated a ruthlessly oppressive regime. Pope Francis himself has confessed to being rigid and authoritarian in his office as superior. Perhaps he was appointed to the post without sufficient experience.

His first important assignment after ordination was as master of novices to those aspiring to become members of the Society of Jesus. As such his principal task would be to help those novices to deepen their spiritual lives. In the process his own spiritual life would have developed as well and Pope Francis is known as a man of prayer enabling him to have the energy and courage he displays in fulfilling his onerous task. But why would a Jesuit take a Franciscan name? St Ignatius of Loyola, the leading person in establishing the Society of Jesus was also a man of prayer, dedicated to the poor. Many people at first thought he chose Francis after St Francis Xavier, a close colleague of St Ignatius and a co-founder of the Jesuits. Pope Francis tells us that when the votes made it clear that he would be elected 'those words came to me: the poor, the poor. Then right away, thinking of the poor I thought of Francis of Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars, as the votes were still being counted, till the end. Francis is also a man of peace. That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi. For me he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation.'

St Bonaventure in his 'Life of Saint Francis' gives us this account that Pope Francis would be very familiar with and moved by: 'Francis was walking near the church of St Damian, which from all its exceeding great age was threatening to fall. At the prompting of the Spirit he went within to pray. And as with eyes full of tears he gazed upon the Lord's Cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice proceeding from the Cross saying thrice: 'Francis go and repair my house which you see is falling utterly into ruins.' Francis trembled, being alone in the church and was astonished at the sound of such a wondrous Voice and, perceiving in his heart the might of divine speech, was carried out of himself into ecstasy. When at length he came to himself again, he prepared to obey and devoted himself wholly to the behest to repair the material church. However the principal intent of the message had regard to that Church which Christ had purchased with his own blood, even as the Holy Spirit taught him and as he himself afterwards revealed unto the brethren.'

The order given to St Francis is a plea to all of us – a plea that Pope Francis is constantly seeking to answer: 'Go and repair my house which as you see is falling utterly into ruin.' Pope Francis is concerned about putting the Church right and also about addressing the precarious health of the planet.