

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

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| Saturday | 24 th | 6.00 pm | John Roe RIP |
| Sunday | 25 th | 8.15 am | Michael Aherne RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Gavin Shepherd RIP |
| Monday | 26 th | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | 27 th | 9.30 am | The Parish |
| | | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 28 th | 9.30 am | Mary Murphy (In Thanksgiving) |
| Thursday | 29 th | 7.30 pm | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 30 th | 9.30 am | Deacon Pat Moloney RIP |
| Saturday | 31 st | 6.00 pm | Daniel & Mary Stone RIP |
| Sunday | 1 st | 8.15 am | Thomas Murray RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Yvonne Carter 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: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

COLLECTIONS: Church: £515 Stations of the Cross: £6,152 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margaret Birch, 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: Hilda Doyle, Anne Tims, Paul Lucas, Mary Rolph, Patricia Johnson, Stephen Smith, Jeremiah Daly, Father Sean McWheeney, Harold Hudson, Leonard Coombes, Chris Gale, Bridget Connolly, Donald Musgrove, Michael Walsh, Joan Moutrie, Nora Puttock, Canon Eric Flood

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

4. 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 7th 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

5. 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.

6. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER will take place on Saturday 14th September following the 6.00 pm Mass. The food will be delicious and there will be a raffle. Prizes would be welcome. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend Adults £7.50, Children £4.00. For further information please contact Teresa 01903 529260.

7. FATIMA DAY - Saturday, 21 September 2019 9.30am- 5pm Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco to Our Lady Queen of Peace, Shoreham by Sea BN43 5WG. The day begins at 9.30am with the Enthronement of the Statue, followed by Holy Mass, Rosary and Confession, Veneration of the Relics, Act of Consecration, talk and film on Fatima and the "Little Shepherds", Adoration, Divine Mercy and ends at 5pm with Benediction. Please bring your lunch, drinks provided. Come to find out more of the real message of Fatima. Organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF). All welcome!

8. THE USED STAMPS reappeared and have now been sent off to St Patrick's Missionary Society. A gentle reminder about ½ inch around the outside of the stamp rather than ½ an envelope! The additional paper adds to the postage costs to send the stamps. Many thanks to all who do collect the stamps – it is much appreciated.

9. DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Sat. 14th 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).

10. CHILDRENS LITURGY will resume **next** Sunday 1st September.

11. 'SCHOOL OF PRAYER': This is a two-day introduction to 'Weeks of Guided Prayer' which will be happening in our area on the 12th and 13th October. The Jesuits together with the Diocese will be delivering this exciting course which will provide a wonderful and comprehensive exploration of prayer in many forms. Our Deanery has been chosen to host this event, which will in time take place in all other Deaneries in the Diocese, and we look forward to welcoming you. Please keep an eye out for further information in September. A local venue will soon be confirmed.

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: Julian of Norwich was a famous mystic and writer from the 14th Century. She lived as an anchoress, walled up in a little cell at the site of a church now named in her honour, St Julian's church. Her original cell was destroyed after the Reformation and has now been rebuilt as a side chapel. Here she wrote her famous book 'Revelations of Divine Love'. The chapel has a place to light candles before a stone crucifix.

Anchorite's cells were part of the structure of a number of ancient churches. It was a room built into the walls of the church with three small windows. An anchorite or anchoress would be bricked up inside until the end of their life. What is so remarkable about St Julian was the enthusiasm with which she used her confinement to express her message. At the time England was plagued by the Black Death and mired in despair and famine and suffering. There was the violent suppression of the Peasant's Revolt. From her cell Julian handed out words of blinding light and optimism that brought her instant fame. People came from near and far to consult her through one of her tiny windows.

Her book is the first written in English by a woman. It is based on a series of visions she had when she was aged 30 during a life-threatening illness. The visions relate mainly to Christ's suffering and crucifixion and to the Virgin Mary. Having reflected on them for another 30 years she wrote them all down towards the end of the 14th Century. Her optimism is infectious. She views creation through her conviction of God's love for all his creatures. She contemplates a hazelnut in the palm of her hand and rejoices in its three properties: the first is that God made it, second is that God loves it, the third that God keeps it. Another famous saying of hers is: 'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well'.

Nearer home an intact anchorite cell can be seen at St Nicholas church, Compton, south of Guildford. This was a stopping point on the Winchester to Canterbury Pilgrimage Way. The former anchorite cell is located in the south wall of the chancel. In between long periods of prayer and contemplation, the anchorite would give advice to pilgrims and visitors who asked for it through a small window, A cruciform squint would look out from the cell on to the altar of the church so that the hermit could follow the Mass and receive Holy Communion. The technical name for this little window is hagioscope – viewing that which is holy. The heavy wooden sill in front of the squint has been worn through by the elbows of devoted anchorites. The scorch marks of candles testify to the countless hours of nocturnal prayer.

A famous anchorite lived in the nearby church of St James at Shere, seven miles east of Compton. Christine Carpenter was enclosed there for three years until 1332 when she left her cell. Within a few months she changed her mind and asked to be re-enclosed. There are copies of the letters to and from the Pope of the time permitting her to leave and re-enter.

Some distance away in Somerset the Parish church of St Michael and All Angels in Haselbury Plucknett has a small stone side building which was the cell of St. Wulfric where he spent the last 29 years of his life. The cell became a shrine when he died in 1154. He was initially buried in his cell. However a row broke out between the local parishioners and monks from the nearby Montacute Abbey. The monks thought his burial place should be in their abbey. They regarded him as one of their own as they had supplied him with food. The local people regarded him as theirs as he had lived in their church for so long. In the end the parish priest put an end to the argument by removing St Wulfric's mortal remains to their secret grave. One consequence was that his body escaped being desecrated at the Reformation.