

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Caroline Roe RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	Father Sean McWeeney RIP
Monday	9 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am	Stuart Christopher RIP
Wednesday	11 th	9.30 am	Thomas Murray RIP
Thursday	12 th	2.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR MICHAEL BUTLER RIP
		7.30 pm	Kevin Emery RIP
Friday	13 th	9.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP
Saturday	14 th	6.00 pm	John West RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.15 am	Kevin Shiel RIP
		10.30 am	Neil Halley RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Luke 14:25-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

COLLECTIONS: Church: £555 Stations of the Cross: £6,450 Thank you for your generosity.
There will be a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Home Missions (No Gift Aid)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Ken Ellis, Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, 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: ANNE McALINDEN, MICHAEL BUTLER and those whose anniversaries occur about now: William Middleton, Edward Rees, Jolanta Strachen, Ted Short, Roy Parker, Desmond Healey, Cyril Price, Pat Hare, Florence Morrell, James Wiley, Dr John Clarke, Bob Plumtree, Philip Shave, Kathleen Foley

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

4. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – As a memento of our Jubilee celebrations you are invited to collect a copy of 'A Brief History of English Martyrs Church' by two of our parishioners – Breda Gibson and Adrian Bishop. They are available in both porches and compliment the exhibition now in the church.

5. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER will take place **next** 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 **this** weekend Adults £7.50, Children £4.00. For further information please contact Teresa 01903 529260.

6. TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend

7. DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS will be held at Arundel Cathedral next 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).

8. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 3rd October at 8.00 pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 8th October from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

9. CONFIRMATION 2019/20: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting soon. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

10. '24 OUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PARISH': Friday 4th October from 7.30 pm until Saturday 4th October concluding with 6.00 pm Parish Mass. This will include 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with times for the Rosary, Divine Mercy and Silent Prayer. During the night there will be short DVD's to assist prayer. Watch this space for further information.

11. MARY'S MEALS: Tony is in the Main Porch collecting sponsors for Simon Halley who will be cycling the London to Brighton Ride next weekend to raise money for Mary's Meals.

12. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 14th September – CAFOD Harvest Supper

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd September after all Masses in the Barn – Traidcraft

Sunday 22nd September from 7.00 pm Youth Group meets again

Friday 4th - Saturday 5th - 24 hour Prayer Vigil for the Parish

Sunday 6th October at 3.00pm – Parish Jubilee Concert

Saturday 19th October – Saints & Sinners

13. TURNING TIDES (WCHP) HARVEST APPEAL during which items are requested that can be stored and used as needed throughout the year. Please could you donate: Boxer Shorts, Men's Socks, Dish Cloths, Dishwasher Salt, Dishwasher Tablets, Dishwasher Rinse Aid, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tinned Fruit and Veg, Pickles or chutney, Shaving Foam or Gel, Washing Powder, Razors, Herbs, Liquid Soap. There is a blue box in the West Porch for your donations. Many thanks in advance

Father Liam says: 'THIS IS OUR COMMON HOME' is the title of a very significant event happening in our Deanery on Saturday next, 14th September. It is being organised by Worthing Deanery Justice and Peace Group and is taking place at St Peter's Church Hall, Shoreham (BN43 5WG if using Satnav) It is about the health of our planet and what that means for all of us. This is a half-day event from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Among other things we will learn what our Deanery and Diocese are doing to combat the Climate Emergency and there will be discussions and suggestions about what we can do as individuals and as a parish to cherish the earth – God's first command to us.

In recent weeks there has been great publicity about the 16-year-old Swedish girl Greta Thunberg who arrived in New York at the end of August having made a zero-carbon journey on board a solar-powered yacht. The purpose of her voyage was to address the United Nations on the climate crisis. She has been a great champion of the cause for most of a year now – so much so that she is recognised around the world just by her Christian name. There is only one Greta, and may God bless and strengthen her. Detractors have pointed out that some of her crew may be flying back from New York afterwards and some observers, eager to knock the teenager, claim to have spotted single-use plastic bottles on board. She has set an example by hitching a ride on the boat even though it may be seen as a wildly impractical way of getting around. Not everyone has the time or the opportunity to go to and come back from New York in a boat co-skippered by a member of the Monaco Royal family.

Before Greta even got on a boat to sail to Donald Trump's home city of New York she had laid it on the line for the President of the US. In one of her videos she pleaded with Trump: 'If you don't take action now you are going to be seen as one of the greatest villain's in history. You say you love your children above all else and yet you steal their future.' When her boat finally sailed into New York she sounded like a disappointed teacher writing a report on a difficult pupil: 'My message to him is just to listen to the science and he obviously doesn't do that.'

Trump himself has rowed back from being an out and out climate change denier. Back in 2012 he tweeted: 'The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U S manufacturing non-competitive.' More recently he has said: 'I think something's happening, something's changing and it'll change back again. I don't think it's a hoax. I think there's probably a difference but I don't know that it's man-made. I'm not denying climate change but it could very well go back.'

Up to two hundred celebrities and business people were reported to have gathered at a resort in Sicily in July to discuss climate change. 114 private jets were chartered to get there. Among the speakers were Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Cruise and Prince Harry. Celebrities who speak on ecological matters have been easy targets of critics if they are seen to fail to practise what they preach. It may seem that everybody else is being given an excuse to do nothing.

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, is the most prominent Irish campaigner on climate change, warning that it is the single most important issue facing humanity. She recently pleaded 'Make climate change personal in your life because it is that serious. We can't afford not to. Do something that you weren't doing before so that you know you've made it personal in your life. You've got a carbon footprint. You're responsible for that. You can do something. You can recycle more efficiently. You can use public transport.' She acknowledges that she flies around the world as a speaker and climate change activist. But she ensures that every flight is offset – extra money is paid to compensate for the carbon emissions produced.

According to a recent BBC report a typical economy class transatlantic flight from London to New York produces an average 2,700 kg of carbon dioxide per person. That is more than the average amount released in a year by a typical car. Many regular flyers now seek to cancel their CO₂ emissions by buying an offset. First they can calculate how much carbon they have emitted by inserting their flight details on-line. Then they buy an 'offset' that seeks to reduce the amount of carbon being emitted elsewhere. Typically, this involves a donation to a scheme to plant trees or a renewable energy project. Planting trees is not necessarily the magic solution to emissions. It depends on the type of trees and where they are planted. If they are planted where carbon is already being stored naturally, such as in a peat bog, it could actually make the situation worse. Half the money from carbon offsetting could be going to the administrative cost.

We all have a responsibility to do what we can to tackle climate change. That involves action to get the sort of system change that is needed and action to reduce our own carbon footprint. That includes everyone, celebrity or not. What is very clear now is that political action is much more important than individual action. Individual action is important. Political action is mightily important. With a General Election imminent what can we do to ensure that climate change is firmly on the agenda? Hope to see you in Shoreham!