

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Patrick Moloney RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	Billy Gallagher RIP
		10.30 am	Mike Butler RIP
		3.00 pm	Golden Jubilee Concert
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	7 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Tuesday	8 th	9.30 am	Intention of Margaret Seary (ill)
Wednesday	9 th	9.30 am	John Curran RIP
Thursday	10 th	7.30 pm	The Parish
Friday	11 th	9.30 am	Special Intention (TS)
Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	Johanna O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	Reg Marshall RIP
		10.30 am	Robert Reed RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17: 11-19

COLLECTIONS: Church: £583 Stations of the Cross: £7,050 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which was on Friday.

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes available in both porches

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, 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: : Benjamin O'Gorman, Margaret McGuinness, Pauline Cave-Berry, Ray Cottam, Molly Bellenger, Phyllis Davey

3. GOLDEN JUBILEE CONCERT will be held **this** Sunday 6th October at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to come to this special event in honour of our church's Golden Jubilee, where our Choir and Young Music Group, together with pupils of Chatsmore and English Martyrs Schools, will present a programme of hymns, songs and readings from the last fifty years. Come and join us at our musical celebration of this landmark anniversary of our parish.

4. 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

5. SAINTS & SINNERS XVIII, to raise money for Turning Tides (WCHP) will take place here in the Barn on Saturday 19th October with a Fish/Sausage/Chicken and Chips Supper with Bar, Quiz and Raffle from 7.00 pm. Tickets, £7.50 each, will be on sale this weekend. Please see poster in porch for further details.

6. 'SCHOOL OF PRAYER': This is a two-day introduction to 'Weeks of Guided Prayer' which will be happening in our area **next weekend** 12th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and 13th October from 12 noon – 4.00 pm at Chatsmore Catholic High School. The Jesuits together with the Diocese will be delivering this exciting course which will provide a 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 see posters in both porches

7. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN FILM SHOWING: A new film about John Henry Newman, England, Our Lady and the history of the Catholic Church in England will be shown in the Barn at 3pm, on the day of his canonisation, Sunday 13th October. Free entry, tea, coffee and cakes. Come along and join this celebration of a new Saint for England

8. A KSC RACE NIGHT supporting St Mary's Catholic Primary School Inclusion room and KSC charities will be held **next** Saturday 12th Oct at 7.00 for 7.30pm start in The Barn. Licenced bar and raffle- Contact David 521439

9. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: The lessons for the children are on Tuesdays from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP are meeting from 7pm until 8.30 pm next Sunday in 'The Barn'. It is open to anyone in Year 7 to Year 11 and is a great chance to have fun, deepen your faith, make some friends, and have pizza! For more information, contact Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk. (New parents especially should Email for a consent form). We'd love to see you there

11. CHATSMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING- next Tuesday, 8th October 6-8pm "You are warmly invited to our Open Evening, particularly if you have children approaching secondary school age. The evening will start with a presentation by the Headteacher, Mr Byrne, and the Head Boy and Girl at 6pm in the hall. This will be followed by a tour of the school and chance to meet the staff and students in different departments. All are welcome."

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

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: St Paul was an avid letter writer. So much of the New Testament was written by him and most likely he wrote countless other letters after becoming a Christian, that never survived. Writing, we need to remind ourselves, was a very laborious task in ancient times. Most of us even now find it difficult and we resort to modern means of communicating. But in Paul's day getting ready the materials on which to write and with which to write could be a nightmare especially for someone who was as busy as he was.

In his Second Letter to Timothy, part of which we have heard today, he mentions that he is without a number of items that he needs. He is in prison when he is writing this letter so most likely when he was arrested he did not have the opportunity to bring the things with him. He tells Timothy: 'When you come bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books and above all the parchments.' Reading this we might wonder, 'What cloak, what books, what parchments and why in this order?' Here was Paul, taken as prisoner by ship to Rome, journeying from port to port and waiting for suitable weather. He is hurried along and leaves some of his possessions behind. We know that Paul left Troas in late autumn. He asks Timothy: 'Do your best to come before winter.' As soon as he gets a chance he asks for them to be sent to him. The cloak in question (phailones in Greek) was a one-piece wrap of rough wool with an opening in the middle for the head. Useful as it would be in cold weather, surely his hosts and friends in Rome and indeed anywhere on his route could have given him more than one immediately. The Greek word 'phailones' could also mean a covering cloak in which to keep and carry various items – a kind of brief-case in fact. Paul is simply asking for his complete set of documents contained in the wrapper.

Contained in the receptacle in the first place are the 'books' or 'biblia' in the Greek – the root of our modern word 'Bible'. In Paul's day however it meant 'scrolls'. Paul does not tell Timothy what kind of scrolls he had left behind. They may have been scrolls of 'Old Testament' writings or of a gospel like Mark or indeed of any text that he valued. Then he wanted the parchments – in Greek 'membranas'. This, experts tell us, means parchment 'notebooks'. These notebooks were made from single leaves, loosely held together by leather bands. Paul apparently had a number of such notebooks containing his notes and drafts of his letters. It would have been very important for him to retrieve them. Paul is the first and only Greek writer of the first century to mention parchment notebooks so Paul could have invented the method. So we can see why Paul was anxious to be re-united with his package. It would be like us losing our tablet! Nevertheless he mentions this loss only at the end of his letter. He has more important things to mention. The needs of Timothy were more important than his own concerns. In today's section of his letter Paul addresses our needs as well as those of Timothy.

Early in his ministry, Jesus was asked to read the scriptures and preach in the Synagogue of his home town of Nazareth. They handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written 'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.' Having read the scripture 'he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down.' (Luke 4:17-20) Today only the Pentateuch, the first five books of scriptures, are read from the scrolls in the Synagogues. All the other readings are read from printed books. When Jesus was asked to read, he did not choose the text. It would have been the text set for that Sabbath. He would have been told what the passage was when he was handed the scroll. The person who had read the scroll from Isaiah on the previous day would have rolled up the scroll from both ends. Jesus would not have to unroll the scroll from the beginning. Biblical scrolls in those days did not have chapter and verse. A passage was identified by its first words or sentence. This is what Jesus had to find before he could begin to read Isaiah 61:1-2. Afterwards he would have rolled both sides of the scroll back together again to meet in the middle, with the greater part of the roll on the right hand side and a smaller one – only five 'chapters' or 7% remained on the left.