

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

All Souls	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Bernard Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Frank Gillespie (ill)
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Margaret Seary
		7.00 pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayer Group</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Ryan O'Toole & Caroline O'Connor RIP
		7.30 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Deceased Relatives of Gina Marshall
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Michael Shiel RIP
		10.30 am	Beryl Rookyard RIP



**SATURDAY:** Holy Hour: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £533 Stations of the Cross: £7,650  
Thank you for your generosity.

We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £500 last Saturday towards the Stations of the Cross

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Retired Priest's Fund (Gift Aid) Please see Note 3

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Mike Yeulett, Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, 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:** JOSEPHINE HILL and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Harold Thirkettle, Olive Oliver, Vincent Rasdale, Brian Hurst, Reginald Patten, Elizabeth Holding, Benjamin Dixon-Smith, Margaret Hanson, Francis Fisher, Billy McCann

**3. RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION - Sunday 3rd November 2019** Every year at least £200,000 is needed for the support of our retired priests. The amounts incurred are likely to increase in coming years as more priests reach retirement age. This support ensures that priests do not face financial hardship when their parish ministry comes to an end. While in active parish ministry, priests' accommodation and domestic needs are met by the parish and a modest personal income is usually provided from offerings at Christmas, Easter and from baptisms, weddings and funerals. There is no charge to the parish for pension contributions to fund the future needs for their priest. The Retired Priests' Fund supplies these needs, whether the priest is able to live independently or whether more care is required. In recent years, this collection has contributed only a fraction of the amount needed. Please give generously so that we can express our concern and gratitude towards those who have served us so loyally over the years.

**4. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** (Bangers & Mash) will be served in The Barn next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon in aid of SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price Adult £7.50 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy

**5. GOLDEN JUBILEE BARN DANCE** will be held in The Barn on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm. tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend Price Adult £2.00 and Children are free. It is hoped that by keeping the cost of the tickets low our young families will be encouraged to come and join in the fun

**6. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS:** The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

**7. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please collect your emptied Red Boxes from the windowsill in the main Porch.

**8. HAVE YOU VISITED THE REPOSITORY RECENTLY?** We have a wide array of Christmas Cards, a TRADCRAFT Chocolate filled Advent Calendar with Christmas Story Activity Book, Candles, Diaries and items suitable for little Christmas Presents

**9. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS** for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am at St Mary of the Angels, Worthing. You are invited to make every effort to come to this very important annual occasion to remember in prayer the priests, now deceased, who once served in our Parishes.

**10. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols Night  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 3.00 pm - Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children  
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass

**11. 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

**12. TURNING TIDES (WCHP)** are appealing for: Coffee, Sugar, Tinned Tuna, Tinned meals, Biscuits, Tinned Tomatoes, Marmite, Squash, Tinned Rice Pud, Tinned meat, Gravy and Cooking Oil. Boxer Shorts, Men's Socks, Razors and Cleaning Products. Many thanks for your continued and generous help

**Father Liam says:** One of the sayings from my childhood is the joke: 'Constantinople is a very big word and if you can't spell IT you are a very big dunce'. Constantinople means the City of Constantine. He changed the name of the town Byzantium when he made it the capital of the Roman Empire when he left Rome around the year 330. We know it today as Istanbul. For some years the Roman Empire didn't just have two capitals. It had two States, the Western Empire based in Rome and consisting of Italy, Gaul, Britannia, Spain and Northern Africa where people spoke Latin, and the Eastern Empire consisting of Egypt, Palestine, Asia Minor, Greece and Macedonia where they spoke Greek. In both States Christianity became the official religion from 380 onwards. This meant that bishops and archbishops yielded great influence in the affairs of the State and people worshipped in grand churches. The Cross now became the battle emblem of the Empire's legions. For hundreds of years various Emperors based in Rome had tried to keep various tribes out of the Empire. This was one of the reasons why Constantine abandoned Rome as it was becoming increasingly insecure.

Later the incursions became much more severe. Because of the Great Wall of China, Asiatic hordes were no longer able to invade China so they turned westwards in search of new lands to plunder, led by the Huns. They were nimbler and more cunning and more blood-thirsty than any of the other tribes. Even the brave Germanic tribes fled before them. One of these tribes, the Visigoths or West Goths, sought refuge in the Roman Empire but they were soon at war with their hosts. Under the leadership of King Alaric they besieged and sacked Rome in 410. Other German tribes seized this opportunity and burst into the Empire. The Vandals ravaged Sicily and crossed into Italy. Today we still talk of Vandals but they were really no worse than many others.

As for the Huns, they were worse. In 444 their King Attila was at the height of his power. His hordes destroyed and burnt everything in their path. Gold and silver meant nothing to Attila. He himself remained a plain man. Power was the only thing that mattered to him and he conquered half the world. All the armies of the Roman Empire assisted by the German troops joined forces to repel him as he advanced towards Rome and there was no army to save it. It was at this point that one man dared to defy Attila and his forces. This was Pope Leo, known as Leo the Great. With priests and holy banners he went out to meet him and Attila was persuaded to turn back. He left Italy and this time Rome was saved. Had the Pope not acted the Roman Empire of the West on that occasion would have ceased to exist. The Emperors in the West had lost all authority. Most of their soldiers were German and they came to realise that they could do without the Emperor so they deposed him. The last Roman Emperor in the West was Romulus Augustulus. Rome's founder and first King was also Romulus and the first Roman Emperor was the Emperor Augustus during whose reign Jesus was born. Romulus Augustulus was deposed in 476. In his place a German general called Odoacer proclaimed himself King of the Germans in Italy. This marked the end of the Roman Empire in the West.

When did the Roman Empire finally fall? It lasted much longer perhaps than most people imagine. The last of the Roman Emperors Constantine XI fell in battle defending Constantinople in 1453. Byzantium endured as an unbroken Christian power from the time the Emperor was evangelised in the Fourth Century until the 15<sup>th</sup> Century when so much of the Christian Church in the East was lost to Mohammedism. Monasticism took a strong hold in the Eastern Church and from the Fourth Century the desert places near the Nile were famed for their monastic communities.

In Italy emerged the Father of Western Monasticism – St Benedict born in 480. The Benedictines continue to base their monastic life on the Rule drawn up by Benedict. They supported themselves by hard work and the development of agriculture and the arts. They established schools and they were the only places in those days where the memory and texts of Greek and Latin literature were kept alive.

*May God Bless you.  
Fr. Liam.*