

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Christ The King

Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Sivyer Family Past & Present
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	Deceased Relatives of the Bandy & Phillips Families
		10.30 am	Jayastha & Jeewasta Fernando RIP
Monday	25 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	26 th	9.30 am	Anne Steere (ill)
		1.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR LESLIE LEE RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	27 th	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
Thursday	28 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	29 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Frank Burns RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	Chithra Silva RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

COLLECTIONS: Church: £606 Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund: £491 Stations of the Cross: £8,000
Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, 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, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, George Maw, Reginald Austin, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy, Walter Jackson

3. 'CURRY & CAROLS' full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 7th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend - Adults £7.50 Children £4.00 Raffle prizes please!

4. WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER, Sunday 12th to Friday 17th January 2020. This experience offers you the chance to meet each day for 30 minutes with an experienced Prayer Guide, one-to-one. The role of the Prayer Guide is to help you to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in your heart. It is the Holy Spirit who guides us in prayer. A daily informal and confidential meeting, at a time to suit you, will be agreed with the Prayer Guide. In a way, you have this beautiful opportunity of a week of retreat in the midst of your ordinary, everyday life. Places will go quickly. Please take a leaflet and application form from the church entrance and return as soon as possible (details are listed there). The leaflet also provides clear information about the week. This is for you! It is at the initiative of Bishop Richard

5. GLOBAL AWARENESS – A PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION in the Good Shepherd Chapel **next** Sunday 1st December at 3.00 pm. Led by Ashley Ralston, Chairman of the Social Action Commission and National Justice and Peace Network Environment Group. How do our everyday decisions impact the lives of people around the globe? How can we help to create a more just and peaceful society? For further information please contact Madelaine 01903 505546

6. EDGE YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting of the popular EDGE Youth Group will be at 7pm this Sunday in 'The Barn'. It's open to anyone in Year 7 to Year 11. It's a great chance to have fun, deepen your faith, make some friends, and have pizza! For more information, contact elizabeth.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk. (New parents especially should Email for a consent form). We'd love to see you there.

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

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

9. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 7th December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols Night
Sunday 15th December - 3.00 pm - Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine
Thursday 19th December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday 24th December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
Wednesday 25th December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass
Sunday 5th January 2020 - 10.30 am Golden Jubilee Mass with Bishop Richard

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

11. 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: Back in February, at an open meeting of the Parish, it was discussed how we should celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Parish church of the English Martyrs. A number of events have already taken place arising from that, such as the Parish Garden Party and the Jubilee Concert, the All-night Prayer Vigil and the exhibitions relating to the church and the ceiling. Also last weekend's Barn Dance These have been very successful and wonderfully well supported. The final event will be the Golden Jubilee Mass at which Bishop Richard will be Chief Celebrant on Sunday 5th January 2020, the Feast of the Epiphany followed by refreshments in the Barn.

Among the permanent steps by which this Jubilee could be marked it was suggested that a new set of Stations of the Cross might be acquired and also a wooden statue of St Joseph to match the beautiful wooden statue of Our Lady and the Child Jesus might be commissioned. These suggestions met with approval of the meeting and a Steering Committee was formed to implement the decisions. The Parish Finance Committee decided that the parish would finance the Statue of St Joseph. This is being made by the same firm who commissioned the statue of Mary and Child – and who fashioned the Martyrs Window.

It was the feeling of the open meeting that parishioners should be given the opportunity of making donations towards the provision of the Stations of the Cross. The Finance Committee happily agreed that the parish would finance whatever sum remained to be paid. They left it to the discretion of the Steering Committee to choose the particular set of Stations they felt suited our church. The Steering Committee looked at several brochures illustrating Stations and unanimously came to the decision – which was within a similar price range to most of those considered. Shortly after the open meeting our parish chairman, Christopher Williams, spoke at all weekend Masses – before it was decided which Stations we would have – outlining what progress was being made and how the project would be financed. When the decision was made in June illustrations of the Stations were displayed in the church and special envelopes for Gift Aid and non-Gift Aid donations were provided -towards making a contribution to the cost, which is £21,000. So far these envelopes have brought in £8,000 and with Gift Aid this amounts to about £9,000. This is a wonderfully generous response. Thank you very much. The Stations have arrived and will be put up at the end of November. Bishop Richard will bless them on the occasion of the Jubilee Mass.

The present Stations of the Cross are not the original Stations that we had in the church. Some photographs that came to light as part of the Jubilee display show us what they looked like. We do not know where they are now. What we have are reproductions and from a purely material point of view they have no worth. We view the Stations of the Cross from a very different point of view however. Nevertheless, it could be argued that our church deserves something better and more conducive to prayer. The prayer form associated with the Stations of the Cross is formally called the Way of the Cross and is a prayer for all seasons.

The Way of the Cross had its origins in the pious practices of the first Christians in Jerusalem. They walked as pilgrims along the way that Christ had followed from the Court of Pilate to Mount Calvary. They knew exactly the Way Christ followed. Some of them would have seen Jesus make this sorrowful journey – or would have known people who were witnesses of these events. The journey Jesus took would have been made by many people sentenced to death before and after him. So the Way of the Cross was well known to these early followers of Christ. Christian pilgrims came to Jerusalem from some distance away as early as the third century. It became a major feature of Christian devotion. For many pilgrims it was a powerful way to verify the truth of their faith to be able to see and touch what was recounted in the Gospels.

Pilgrimages to Jerusalem became much more prevalent from 326 when the Emperor Constantine gave freedom of religion to his people. As time went on of course, Jerusalem had altered. New roads and buildings appeared. It was no longer possible to know exactly the route Jesus had taken. But they knew the location of the most significant sites. The first place that was typically visited by these early pilgrims was the Mount of Olives where Jesus was last seen by his followers as he ascended into heaven. Christian pilgrimages of course centred on Mount Calvary and the tomb of Jesus which was also the scene of the Resurrection.

Who would make these long journeys on foot to the Holy Land? It would take considerable time and resources to accomplish this. Some would have done it as a way of doing penance or to discharge particular spiritual burdens. They may have had some great needs that they wished to intercede for.