

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### The Fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael Murphy RIP
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Toni Judd RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Extended Cleere Family
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Yvonne Carroll RIP
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Antony Iago & Leia Iago RIP
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Audrée & Cyril Price RIP
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Anne Niven
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Mike Steere RIP
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Andrea Pyle RIP
		10.30 am	David Scard RIP



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1, Mark 1:40-45

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £719**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Special Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches. (Please see Note 4)**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, Mick Brouder, John Smith, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, 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: DEREK HUTCHINGS** and those whose anniversaries occur about now. Anastasia Langan, Walter Thompson, Alice Thomas, Antony Iago, Kathleen Taylor, Robert Thompson, Antonia Kozubowska-Alexandre, Mike Steere. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*  
*NB The funeral Masses for Susan Perriman and Winifred Aherne will be celebrated this week with very limited numbers,*

**3. A PARISH LENT COURSE** Called 'Discovering Jesus Through Lent' will be run via zoom and will consist of a short 30 minute film followed by sharing and discussion. The Course will start on Monday 22nd February at 11am. It requires no study but an open heart!!! Contact Dermot and Jane Anne on 07765403883

**4. A & B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021** Due to Covid-19 it is unlikely that the Diocese will be able to take many Assisted Pilgrims to Lourdes this year, but the Lourdes Annual Collection will go ahead as usual on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The money will be put into a Restricted Fund, and if not used this year, will be used to help pilgrims in future years who would be otherwise unable to go to Lourdes. Not a penny will be lost or wasted. Gift Aid envelopes will be available in both porches from next weekend for those who are able to Gift Aid. For those yet to return to the church for Mass details of how to donate on-line are below.

Donating On-Line Information For those who wish to donate on-line to the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal Collection, the following information shows how this can be done using the A&B Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website.

1. Go to the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website using this link: [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Website](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home) or the website address <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

2. Click on the Donate button on the right-hand side of the screen.

3. Please then click on the Donate button in the middle of the page and follow the instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, either by email on [lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk) or call 01403 740110

**5. CONFIRMATION 2021** will be celebrated in the Autumn. If you are in Year 10 or above and are considering joining the Confirmation programme, which will be via zoom, please email the Office ([emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk](mailto:emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk)) for an Application Form.

**6. THE WOODEN STATUE OF OUR LADY AND THE CHILD JESUS** is in the workshop of the firm who carved it. They are in the process of furnishing us with a matching statue of St. Joseph and so they needed to have our statue at hand. This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the Year of St. Joseph.

**7. INVITED, LENT 2021 – The Mission Begins.** The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him. What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more

**8. TURNING TIDES (WCHP):** Items needed: Cereal bars, Tinned Meats, Gravy, Tinned Rice, Tinned Custard, Cooking Sauces, Tea, Coffee, Washing Powder, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Pump Hand Soap, Sanitizer Sprays, Floor cleaner, Toilet Bleach, Washing-up brushes, Men's razors, Deodorants, Sleeping Bags Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: In November the United Kingdom will host** a hugely important United Nation's meeting on Climate Change. It will take place in Glasgow and the meeting is known as 'COP 26'. It is the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the parties. The first such Conference was convened in 2006. Since then global emissions of carbon dioxide have increased by 17%. It is interesting to note that in April 2020 – the first full month in which countries around the world responded to Covid-19 – global emissions fell by 17%. The challenge facing the world is about making large reductions in global emissions without wrecking the global economy. Covid-19 hasn't finished its onslaught on peoples' lives and livelihoods and on the economies of the world. The task is to build back better. This will involve replacing climate destroying industries. Our economies must not be powered by pollutants.

Renewables have overtaken fossil fuels as the biggest source of electricity in the United Kingdom over the course of the year for the first time. Wind, solar, bioenergy and hydropower generated 42% of the UK electricity while fossil fuels – mostly gas – produced 41% according to researches by Ember and Ayora Energiewende. This compares to figures from 2019 when renewables generated 37% of the UK's electricity with 45% for fossil fuels!

In the UK the share from wind turbines continues to increase making up nearly a quarter (24%) of generation in 2020 – double the share it had just five years ago and up from 20% in 2019. A decade ago three-quarters of the UK power generation came from fossil fuels – mostly gas and coal. Renewables accounted for just 7% in 2010. Much has been done. There is still much to do.

It is disappointing that the Environment Bill has been delayed for the third time. This Bill is intended to ensure that there would be no gaps in the environmental protection as a consequence of Brexit. The Bill was paused in March due to the first wave of Covid-19, then it was paused again in the autumn and now also. The government is certainly looking increasingly out of step with the U.S. A new coal mine may be opened in Cumbria. One of the reasons cited is the high unemployment rate in the area. This would be the first deep coal mine opened in the UK for thirty years. Could this really happen? What message would this send out when the UK is hosting COP 26? The plan has been under consideration for years. West Cumbria Mining, owned by Australian investors, have applied for a license to drill under the Irish Sea. Green activists are seeking a judicial review to block the plan. They are led by Cumbrian MP, Tim Farnon, the former Lib Dem Leader.

Britain will be hosting another important international meeting long before COP 26 in November. A number of world leaders will be meeting in Cornwall in June for the G7 Summit. Queen Elizabeth will be hosting President Biden and the other world leaders involved in the G7 power block at Buckingham Palace prior to the meeting. Would it not be rather a pity if the green activists were to seek to embarrass the government over its plans to open up a deep coalmine while those important meetings of heads of governments were taking place in Cornwall or Glasgow?

It is good news that BP plans to scale back its search for oil and gas. It has cut its team of geologists, engineers and scientists to fewer than 100, down from over 700 just a few years ago. BP started digging for oil in the Middle East more a hundred years ago. It now plans to slash their net emissions to zero by the middle of the century and to reduce the amount of oil and gas it produces by 40% by 2030.

The Biden administration has moved rapidly to change the policies set by Donald Trump on climate change. They certainly are not waiting until the Covid-19 pandemic has been brought under control before turning their attention to addressing the climate change problems. The whole world has to deal with these challenges simultaneously. One is as urgent as the other.

Again I would like to congratulate our parish for the installation of the Solar Panels of our church roof/ Our action was timely. Shortly after we had the panels in place – and it took longer to arrange than we had ever imagined - the UK government dramatically cut its subsidies, finally scrapping them in April 2019. When substantial financial support was in place – which we fortunately were able to avail of – solar power installations rose by 85% in 2014, 78% in 2015 and 36% in 2016. Growth in solar panels is now virtually at a standstill. Solar is the cheapest and most popular energy source in the UK yet a series of government interventions have put people off fitting solar panels.