

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	8 th	6.00 pm	Intention of M McCluskey
Sunday	9 th	8.15am	Michael O'Mara RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	10 th	9.30 am	Breda Kavanagh RIP
		11.00 am	REQUIEM FOR HARRY LAMBROU RIP
Tuesday	11 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	12 th	9.30 am	Intention of Sharon McCluskey
Ascension Day	13 th	9.30 am	James Bourke RIP
		7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	14 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Saturday	15 th	6.00 pm	Joan Norton RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.15 am	Christine Watson RIP
		10.30 am	Lily O'Brien RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

COLLECTIONS: Church: £325 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for the **Missionary Endeavour** of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, normally a Holy Day of Obligation

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Norma Markham, Pat Duggan, Anne O'Halloran, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, 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: Lucy Cocking, David Toley, Greta Clarke, Margaret Edwards, John Bernardi,, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. DONA CONTACTLESS AND ONLINE CHURCH DONATIONS: A steady decline in cash donations in recent years has been further exacerbated by the effects of the lockdown. At the suggestion of the Diocese a new **cashless donation system is now cited in both porches**. This enables you to make Chip & Pin or Contactless donations instead of cash. **A short introduction video is available to view on the front of the parish website**

4. ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to recruit a practising Catholic to join our Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. The Governing Body work as a team in co-operation with the Headteacher to ensure legal responsibilities are met and to preserve the Catholic character of the school. Lack of experience should not deter you from expressing an interest if you have a genuine desire to serve the school by devoting your time & expertise. The Governors of English Martyrs School Community are committed to a working environment that is diverse and all inclusive. For further information please contact the school on 01903 502868.

5. REOPENING OF THE CHURCH TO VISITORS TO THE CEILING will take place on Monday 17th May, There will be a meeting for all who have volunteered to be welcomers and/or to run the Repository this Thursday in the church at 4.00pm. More volunteers are needed if we are to be able to open the church Mondays 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and Tuesdays to Fridays 10.00 am – 4.00 pm as in the past. A 'session' for volunteers is from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm or 1.00 - 4.00 pm. If you are tempted and would like to find out more before committing yourself please come to the meeting on Thursday – you have nothing to lose!!

6. CAFOD Parliament in your Parish is about engaging with our MP's to plan a better post-COVID world. This year the UK hosts both the G7 meeting of rich countries, discussing overseas Debt & Aid, and the Cop26 Climate Summit. It's important to hold our politicians accountable after the Pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues. In response to a recent document by Pope Francis, we are inviting Catholics of all ages from Worthing, Rustington, Lancing, Shoreham Parishes to join us in a Zoom meeting with our MP's Sir Peter Bottomley & Tim Loughton, to just listen to or join in a discussion on climate change, debt, Aid budget, and to encourage our MPs to take any actions we, or they, may think appropriate. Please email: rod.504t@ntlworld.com if you would like to be included and the name of your MP, and we will keep you informed. The Zoom link to be sent when date is confirmed. For more info. see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim>

7. 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: Early in lockdown Pope Francis appointed a Vatican Commission to consult experts across the world on the post-Covid future. He asked the Commission to 'prepare the future'. He wanted the Church not just to respond to what was to come but to help shape it. Now that the world had entered a dark night, Pope Francis has been in a sense, the world's spiritual director. Of course when Jesus said to Simon 'You are the rock' he was not just speaking to the man Simon. He had in mind those who would follow him in guiding the Christian family. Pope Francis did not allow himself to be overwhelmed by the severity of the pandemic. He summoned the energy and creativity to shine a torch on the paths ahead.

He wrote a delightful book called 'Let us Dream – the Path to a Better Future'. It ends with a poem which he received from a friend in Argentina. It was written by a Cuban actor and comedian in Miami, Alexis Valdes. He wrote it in Spanish in a single sitting, without changing the words, as if God had used him as a channel. Pope Francis says of it: 'It captures the path to a better future that I have tried to express in this book. Let's let his poetry and its beauty have the final word'.

HOPE

When the storm passes
and the roads are tamed,
and we are the survivors
of a collective shipwreck.

We will understand how fragile
it means to be alive,
We will sweat empathy
for who is and who has left.

With a weeping heart
and a blessed destiny
we will feel happy
just for being alive.

We will miss the old man
asking for a dollar in the market,
we didn't know his name
although he was next to us.

And we will hug
the first stranger
and praise the luck
of not having lost a friend.

And perhaps the poor old man
was your God in disguise.
You never asked for his name
because you were in a hurry.

And then we'll remember
everything we lost
And all at once we will learn
all we had not learned before.

And everything will be a miracle
And everything will be legacy.
And life will be respected,
the life we have won.

We will no longer be envious
because we have all suffered,
We will no longer be lazy
And will be more compassionate.

When the storm passes
I ask God, full of sadness
to return us to be better
as he had dreamed we would be.
Alexis Valdés

What belongs to all will be worth more
than that never achieved.
We will be more generous
and much more committed.