

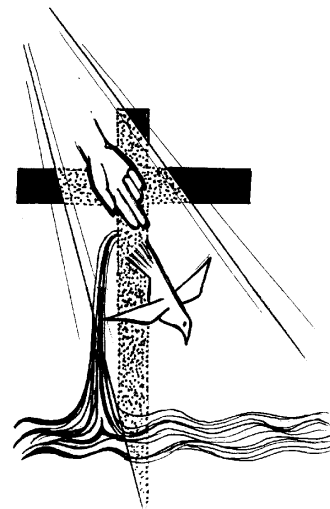
Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Patsy Jacob RIP & the intentions of his family
Sunday	30 th	8.15am	The Parish
		10.30 am	John Hardman RIP
Monday	31 st	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	1 st	9.30 am	Intention of Sr. Marie O'Mahony
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
Friday	4 th	9.30 am	Patrick O'Toole RIP
Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Jenny Begley RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	Ann Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

COLLECTIONS: Church: £277 + £84 digital collection Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pat Duggan, Anne O'Halloran, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, John Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20 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: NORMA MARKHAM and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide, Geoffrey Clarey, Sarah Hancox, Simon Sims, Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert, Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. THE GOVERNORS OF ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL are appealing for your help to raise the £25,000, which is the 10% required to be fundraised by the whole school community. Herewith some ways in which you can donate to the roof fund:

- Raise the Roof link on the school website <https://gofund.me/9b3090f6>
- By cheque made payable to English Martyrs School marked 'roof fund'
- By Dona – cashless-collection
- By English Martyrs Church website

Our very grateful thanks for any financial support you can give to our roof fund, becoming a school governor, joining our fundraising group or helping out at the school.

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. THE CHURCH IS OPEN TO VISITORS TO THE CEILING but a few 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. Currently we are closed on Wednesday afternoons for lack of volunteers. If you are tempted and would like to find out more before committing yourself please contact Teresa 01903 529260 – you have nothing to lose!!

6. CHOIR PRACTICE has resumed and we will meet on Tuesday evenings in church at the new time of 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm. New members are very welcome to come and join us.

7. CAFOD: 2021 - A year of opportunity - An online talk with Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD on 26th May at 7.30 pm, Cost £5. This year the UK will host two major international gatherings: the G7 and the Climate Conference (COP26). Christine Allen will explore ways in which these events could make a difference to our world, especially to the lives of people who live in poverty. She will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 and draw lessons for the future for our interdependence with one another and with our natural world as we seek to recover and heal after the pandemic. You can [book online](#) or T: 01428 642161

8. THE RETURN OF MARY'S MEALS: To date we have sent **5,010** backpacks to Mary's Meals and they are now in a position to collect more. Tony has the backpacks but now has a particular need for Flannels, Soap and Toothpaste. Many thanks to all who have so generously contributed to these backpacks in the past.

9. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Cereal bars, Sugar, Coffee, Small Juices, Cooking Oil, Squash, Carton Milk, Crisps. Also Hand Sanitisers, Liquid Soaps, Shampoo, Toilet Rolls, Kitchen Rolls, Toilet Cleaner, Washing Powder, Washing Liquid, Cream Cleaner, Black Sacks, Sandwich Bags, Ante-Bac Spray, Cereal Bowls, Small Tents, Bath Towels. Single Duvets. Men's Jeans, Jogging Bottoms, (Small/Medium) Men's Boxers (New please) Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: These are exciting times, I imagine, for archaeologists especially if they have access to the latest technology. Drones can help reveal mounds that have ancient remains of lost cities and temples hidden beneath them. Carbon count technologies can give the age of all kinds of artefacts with amazing accuracy. Laser beams and a whole array of gadgets can open up the past in a way unheard of a decade ago. About 30 years ago the outer walls of the ancient city of Troy were discovered. Nearly 3,000 years ago Homer had written of this fabled city and its most famous inhabitant Helen of Troy whose face had 'launched a thousand ships' at the start of the Trojan Wars. For centuries people had thought that Troy and its story was the product of a great poet's imagination. But recent excavations have proved otherwise.

The Catholic Church has been an integral part of western civilisation for two thousand years. No other institution in the world comes close in terms of an uninterrupted system of governance and it shows no sign of coming to an end anytime soon! It has a wealth of historical materiel constantly coming to light. An early Christian document called The Didaché (The Teaching of the Twelve) dating from the early 2nd century was discovered in 1875, which tells us a great deal about how the infant Church conducted its affairs. The systematic excavations of the Roman Catacombs only began in the early 19th Century. Excavations under St Peter's Basilica discovered what experts believe to be St Peter's tomb. The original St Peter's Basilica built by the Emperor Constantine was built on the same site and underneath the high altar of both Basilicas lies the tomb of Peter. Prior to this discovery experts had wondered why St Peter's Basilica was built on such an awkward site on the side of a hill when there was plenty of level ground around. In 1961 the name of a man which was mentioned in the gospels and nowhere else was found inscribed on a pillar in Caesarea in Palestine. The name was Pontius Pilate. In 1990 a bulldozer accidentally scraped off the roof of an ancient grave in Jerusalem. Experts identified this as the grave of Caiaphas, the high priest at the trial of Jesus. In 1948 a shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls, which reveal so much about the time of St John the Baptist and Jesus himself. The Church has always lived in a world of perpetual change. That is the way of the world and the Church too has constantly been changing. If it did not change it would not have survived. To live is to change. Sometimes we tend to think that familiar landmarks of the Church must have been there from the beginning. There is room for change and the Church is always changing. Some changes are better than others!

We may think that the Popes have always lived in the Vatican but they have only lived there for about 150 years. Down the centuries they had lived in the Lateran Palace – now a museum. It is next to the Basilica of St John Lateran, which always has – and still is – the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – the Pope's Cathedral. It was only when the Papal States became part of the unified Italy in 1870 that the Pope, Pius IX, left the Lateran. The Papal territory was now the tiny Vatican City and the Lateran Palace was not in the Vatican City. So the Pope, fleeing from the revolutionaries, made himself a 'Prisoner of the Vatican'. By way of protest he did not enter the wider world. It was only in the 11th Century that Cardinals were created. Around that time incense began to be used for the first time in Catholic worship. It had been associated with pagan worship. In the 14th Century Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross were introduced. Celibacy only became obligatory throughout the Western Church for clergy in the 11th Century. It has never been compulsory for the clergy in the Eastern Church, even in the parts of the Eastern Church in union with Rome. Even in the West exceptions have been made in the last 20 years or so in the case of married Anglican clergy who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church and wish to become Catholic priests.

In the 16th Century the Reformation resulted in much of Europe being separated from the Catholic faith. Widespread corruption in the Catholic Church had undermined the confidence of many people in it. Only twenty years after the Reformation had taken hold did the Church take steps to bring about meaningful reform – when it summoned the Council of Trent. By now much of Europe was in chaos and the Council was interrupted for years on end and had to be held in a number of places. But it did result in bringing order and discipline to Catholic life and imposed a uniformity that lasted 400 years. The Second Vatican Council struggled to break loose from that rigidity and Pope Francis is still trying to make the flame burn more brightly. This is a task for us all, aided by the Holy Spirit.