

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Slattery & Bailey Families
Sunday	13 th	8.15am	Dorothy Thomas RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	14 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Tuesday	15 th	9.30 am	Charlie Gillespie RIP
Wednesday	16 th	9.30 am	The Intention of Anne O'Halloran
Thursday	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	18 th	9.30 am	Nicholas Murphy RIP
		11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR STELLA SEVILLE RIP
Saturday	19 th	6.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Roe Family
Sunday	20 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	The Intention of Anne Steere
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4:35-41

COLLECTIONS: Church: £258 + £72 digital collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for A Day For Life (NOT Gift Aided)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Valerie Halley, 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: Wendy Lee, Rose Jeffery, Jim Murphy, Pamela Dixon-Smith, Nicholas Murphy, Winifred Roland, Thomas Smith, John Foley, Liam McCann.
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. EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) Uganda Appeal 12/13 June: This charity provides real hope for the future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Philomena Lland will give a brief talk at all the Masses on the weekend about their work. For further information about EVC please look at their website at: [Home | EVC Uganda](http://Home|EVC Uganda)

5. STREET PASTORS We are looking for individuals/couples who are able to commit to at least once a month on a Friday or Saturday 9.30pm-5am the next morning (breaks included) to be part of a team who goes out into town to help with handing out bottles of water, lollipops or flip flops and be that friendly ear to listen those who need that friendly ear. We are needing anyone over the age of 18 years, Part of a church. As Street pastors is affiliated with Accession trust. If anyone is a little curious about what we Street pastors do. FANCY a night out with a twist. Please get in contact with any one of the street pastors you meet or contact the email/contact info. More information available via worthing@streetpastors.org.uk or browse this website <http://www.streetpastors.org.uk/>.

6. GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE AT WEST GRINSTEAD: All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join Bishop Richard for our annual pilgrimage to West Grinstead on Wednesday, 7th July, from 10 am. This is always a lovely event. It is a day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation. There will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and a visit to the Secret Chapel (flat shoes advised). Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided. Please carshare as limited parking. To book a place please contact: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

7. MARY'S MEALS: We need Flannels, Soap and Toothpaste. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks as they enable children to go to school and be fed a nourishing meal.

8. 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: I suppose it is true to say that people have always put their greatest efforts into the people and things that they hold dearest to them. Parents obviously devote themselves to their families. To the end of their days they are concerned for the welfare of their children and grandchildren. Their family is hugely precious to them. It is their great project.

Down the centuries Christians have devoted themselves to Christ and the Church. It is a great inspiration to us to remember what efforts so many people have made to express their love for their faith. Countless examples fortunately remain of how much work and time and talent was invested by so many people in producing beautiful things to give glory and honour to God. Astonishingly beautiful objects have been found or unearthed over the years that reflect love and devotion for the scriptures and for the Mass. Exquisitely ornate chalices and communion plate are now stored in various museums that once were used in public worship, especially in monasteries and Cathedrals. Astounding workmanship, for instance, went into the base of some chalices which would have been seen only by the celebrants. They were made primarily for the glory of God and for his delight. The delight such beauty gave to Christians was for the purpose of raising their minds and hearts to God.

We have the most brilliantly illuminated manuscripts such as the Lindisfarne Gospels, now housed in the British Museum and the Book of Kells, the crowning achievement of Celtic art and so much more, testifying to the love of the Scriptures in all ages and places where the Good News took root. Scripture inspired the ornamentation of medieval churches, with their stained-glass windows and elaborate wall paintings. We are indeed fortunate that so much artistry has survived down the centuries in spite of the disruption of war and persecution.

Before literacy was common, Christians learned to treasure the Bible from these visual aids. Mystery plays, common in England in the Middle Ages, brought the Bible to life. Before and after the Reformation Christians, in different communities, tried to make the scriptures accessible to the people, particularly with the coming of printing. The Book of Kells had once more pages than it has now. Parts of the Gospels of Luke and John are missing. The wonder is that so much of it has survived. The Abbey of Kells was plundered by the Vikings at least seven times before 1006, when the book was stolen and buried for three months. When it was found its jewel encrusted cover had gone forever. Every region where Christianity flourished produced Gospels in its own particular style. But few decorated them with such magnificence as the monks of Northern Britain and Ireland. In 563 St Columba, said to be the founder of the Abbey of Kells as well as the creator of its famous book, left Ireland for Iona in Scotland where he established a monastery that flourished for nearly 250 years. By then, in England, successive Saxon invasions had almost wiped out Christianity and it was not until 597 that St Augustine was sent from Rome by Pope Gregory the Great. He arrived in Kent and with his monks set about re-establishing the faith in England.

When a Kentish princess married Edwin of Northumbria, she brought Christianity with her to Northern England – north of the Humber. Their sons were sent to Iona to be educated and later St Aidan was invited to come from Iona to found a monastery at Lindisfarne. Aidan and his monks brought with them the Celtic tradition of illuminating manuscripts. At Lindisfarne Celtic and Saxon art was mingled together with Roman and Byzantine influence and the monks created the marvellous Durham Gospels and the Book of Lindisfarne. The Lindisfarne Gospels gives between the lines of the Latin text a word-by-word translation in the local dialect of Northumbria. Lindisfarne was chosen for their home by the monks of Iona because twice a day it was cut off from the mainland by the tide. That gave the island some solitude while affording them wider contact. With good reason it is also called Holy Island. The monks of Lindisfarne had to abandon their monastery in 875 because of the Viking raids.

The great tragedy in the history of this country was the suppression of the monasteries which resulted in the pillaging of their lands and the removal of lead from roofs and the stealing of stones to build nice country houses. But the desire for monastic life did not end with the dissolution of the monasteries. Young English men and women went abroad and became monks and nuns. When it was possible monasteries were re-established and monastic life goes on.

Near to us is the Convent of Poor Clares at Crossbush and the Carthusian monastery at Partridge Green – St Hugh's Charterhouse. They are great spiritual power-houses encouraging us by prayer and example to witness to Christ in our days as did the generations before us. Indeed we are all called to be little power-houses ourselves. Christ has promised us: 'I will give you power when the Holy Spirit comes to you.' He reminds us: 'Where your treasure is, there is your heart also.'