

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Nora O'Toole
Sunday	11 th	8.15am	Intention of Sr. Clare Jardine
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	12 th	9.30 am	Kathleen & Tom Corrigan RIP
Tuesday	13 th	9.30 am	Intention of Daniel McCluskey
Wednesday	14 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	15 th	9.30 am	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Friday	16 th	9.30 am	Mary & Harry Markham RIP
Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	Helen Roe RIP
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	Albert Davitt RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of Miike & Mary Aherne
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

COLLECTIONS: Church: £224 + £78 digital collection Peter's Pence: £123 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea. Please use the Special Envelopes available in both Porches if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

THESE ARE THE ONLY ENVELOPES THAT CAN BE USED FOR GIFT AID FOR THIS CHARITY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Siobhan Isaacs, 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: Moira McCann, Marjorie Clarke, Sean Kearney, Geoffrey Evans, Caroline Casey. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00. Stella Maris is dependant on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

4. A RITE OF COMMITMENT will take place at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday at which our six Confirmation Candidates will be introduced to the Parish. Please pray for: William Armitage, Joseph Finch, Henry Gibbs, Corin Malandain, Robbie McCloskey and James Winton..

5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be received by thirteen of our children next Sunday at a special 12.30 pm Mass. Please pray for: Grace Burgess, Lennon Burtenshaw, Chloe Clark, Evelyn Holmes, John Howell, Jessica Iwuamadi, Malaqui Jarman, Zara Lumsdon, Mary Kate Perrett, Sophia Rogers, Oliver Salloum, Jude Turner, Hannah Watkiss.

6. PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES. There will be a Meeting for Parents and a practice for First Holy Communion this Thursday 15th July at 5.00 pm.

7. MARY'S MEALS: We need Toothbrushes, Colouring Pencils and Crayon. 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. A DAY FOR CATECHISTS will be held on Saturday 25 September at Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the ministry of our catechists and enable the Formation Team to share a renewed vision for catechesis in the Diocese that is a part of a "Cradle to Grave" formation in Faith, supported by the new Directory for Catechesis.

9. THE TWO CATHOLIC WEEKLY PAPERS The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times were amalgamated some time ago in an effort to survive. Over the past fifteen months their difficulties have increased. Most of their sales would have taken place at weekend Masses but with much reduced attendance sales slumped and they have been forced to close. The Universe has served the Catholic community in England and Wales since 1860 – just after the Restoration of the Hierarchy and the re-establishment of Catholic dioceses here. The Tablet – a Catholic weekly publication, established in 1840 - is still going. It seeks to keep up to date with what is happening in the Church at home and overseas.

10. 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: Last Sunday at the 10.30 Mass, Chris Williams was presented with a papal award – the Benemerenti medal – in recognition of his contribution to the parish over many years. 'Benemerenti' means 'well deserved' – and indeed it was. Chris was Chairman of the parish for over 20 years and Financial Secretary for 12 years, as well as helping in a number of other ways in the life of the parish and of the wider community. We were able to meet in the Barn afterwards for a little celebratory gathering – now that social restrictions have begun to ease somewhat. Chris availed of the occasion to encourage more parishioners to consider ways in which they could enhance the life of the parish in the challenging years ahead. Once again we offer a big thank you to Chris.

Today at our 10.30 Mass we have a Rite of Commitment for the Candidates for Confirmation. The date for Confirmation is Sunday 26th September at 3.00 pm. Candidates from the various parishes of the Deanery will be confirmed in one ceremony in the Cathedral. Our candidates will be reading the scriptures at today's Mass.

Next Sunday thirteen young people will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in our parish. It will take place at a special Mass at 12.30 rather than at the 10.30 Mass, as numbers are still restricted. We pray for them and their families at this important stage of their journey of faith.

The last Sunday of July falls on the 25th. Normally the Feast of St James is kept on 25th July but the celebration of that Feast has to make way this year – except perhaps in Spain as St James is the patron saint of Spain. The city of Santiago in Northern Spain is named after St James. It is a hugely popular place for pilgrims to visit and has been for a thousand years. When the 25th July falls on a Sunday – as it does this year – it means that a Holy Year is observed. So this is a Holy Year in the pilgrimage city of Santiago. In earlier Holy Years, the number of pilgrims has almost doubled. But this year – with the pandemic – the number would more likely be halved. So the Church authorities have extended this Holy Year to the end of 2022. The Cathedral has been extensively repaired and restored in preparation for the Holy Year.

The St James after whom Santiago is named and whose feast is on 25th July is James, the brother of John, the sons of Zebedee. He is commonly called 'the greater' or 'the older' to distinguish him from another Apostles James, the son of Alphaeus, known as James the Less or James the Younger. James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee, were called by Jesus as he began his ministry. They dropped their fishing nets and immediately followed Jesus. Peter, James and John were special companions of Jesus. They were together with Jesus at the house of Jairus and at the Transfiguration and at the Garden of Gethsemane. We hear from Mark (3:19) that Jesus had a special name for James and John – he called them 'Boanerges' which means 'Sons of Thunder'. James was the first of the Apostles to be martyred. In the Acts of the Apostles we learn that Herod Agrippa had him put to death by the sword. Since the ninth century his relics have been linked to the city now named after him in North West Spain. Santiago is the only city in Galicia. Today up to two and a half million people visit the shrine every year. Tradition has it that James travelled to the Iberian Peninsula, present day Spain and Portugal. After his martyrdom in Jerusalem many believed that his relics were brought back to Spain. The original shrine church was destroyed during the Islamic occupation and the Cathedral – built over the remains of the saint – was consecrated in 1211.

Most of the countless thousands of pilgrims who travelled to Santiago over the centuries travelled by foot. A network of routes have been developed all across Europe and hostels were built along these pathways, called Caminos. Pilgrims from Ireland or Britain usually travelled by boat to the north coast of Spain and completed their journey by foot. Over the years the number of pilgrims decreased and the routes fell into disuse. But over the last 70 years or so the numbers have mushroomed and walkers and cyclists keep the caminos busy. Travellers come from a great variety of motives but often their motivation changes as they travel.

Advice can be obtained from Camino Pilgrim (CSJ) csj.org.uk