

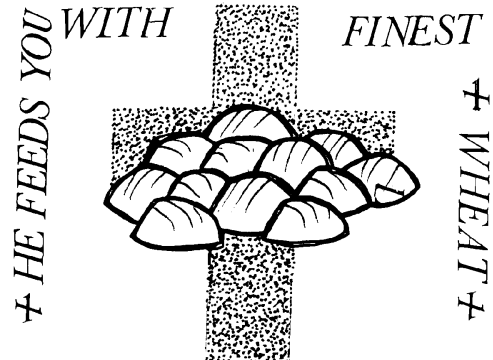
Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Anne Steere
Sunday	25 th	8.15am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Chris Rookyard RIP
Monday	26 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	27 th	9.30 am	Thomas Murray RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	28 th	9.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP
Thursday	29 th	9.30 am	Frank & Sharon McCluskey
Friday	30 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	31 st	6.00 pm	Kathleen O'Halloran RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Intention of Mary Sullivan
		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: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 16:2-4, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35

COLLECTIONS: Church: £312 + £57 digital collection

Thank you for your generosity.

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: AGNES FITZSIMMONS and those whose anniversaries occur about now:, Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan McCann, Elsie Peeney, Timothy Payne, Patrick Harty, Joan Hawkins, Constance Lilleyman, Janet Flynn, Bernard Flynn, Sheila Mander, Brenda Allen, Deacon Pat Moloney.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. CHOIR PRACTICE resumes (definitely!) this Tuesday at the new time of 7.00 pm.

4. WELCOME BACK to Father John Nuttall

5. OUR CHURCH is looking a little more 'normal' with all the benches now available for use with seat cushions. However, there are signs reminding you that Social Distancing – 1 meter – is still necessary as is the wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitiser. This week we will have the joy of singing the entrance hymn and the final hymn, words on hymn sheets, but through face masks so you need to sing up! Stewards who have assisted so well for so many months will continue their good work so please watch out for them, particularly during Holy Communion.

6. REDUNDANT IPADS AND LAPTOPS are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josie@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

7. WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS will be taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard. For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site. You can sign up by clicking [here](#) or go via the diocesan website's event calendar – www.abdiocese.org.uk

8. MARY'S MEALS: We need Toothbrushes, Colouring Pencils and Crayons **and serviceable towels (any size)**. 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.

9. Diocesan Youth Service – 40th Anniversary Celebration – 4 September 2021 - Arundel Cathedral - We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) or go via the diocesan website's event calendar – www.abdiocese.org.uk for more information and to register.

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: The first words of the Apostles Creed are: 'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.' These words provide all who believe in God with the basis for a true attitude to creation. Before we say anything else about the world and all it contains, we profess our belief that they are, in fact, created – that God intended them, fashioned them and sustains them. If we wish to co-operate with the will of God we have to respect his creation as his gift to us.

The Bible opens with the words: 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' As God creates every new thing he is pictured taking pride in it 'and God saw that it was good.' Finally God saw everything that he made 'and indeed it was very good.' Every single species is valuable. Human beings are described as being made 'in the image of God' (Gen 1:26) and they are to have stewardship over all other creatures.

The first chapter of Genesis has been studied more carefully than almost any other section of the Old Testament. One of the greatest and earliest of Christian theologians was St Basil. He calls the cosmos: 'a school for learning about God.' Unfortunately, all too many have failed to attend that school with open minds. It is becoming all too obvious that the climate changes we are experiencing have been man-made. This has been one of the most serious human failures ever. It will need a tremendous human effort to avert disaster.

There have been many great human achievements in the past 200 years or so that should give us confidence that we can save the health of our planet, but first we must be convinced of the immensity of the problem. The Science writer Stephen Johnson, in a new book 'Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer' suggests that our greatest achievement has been the doubling of life expectancy in the past century. In 1900 global life expectancy was 32 years. By 2019 it was 72 years. Two hundred years ago the average person died at 40. In 2010 in rich countries it was 80. Johnson thinks that doubling our lifespan in a century was 'the most amazing thing we have ever pulled off as a species.' But we tend not to think about it or even to notice it.

The growth of the world's population is not about more people being born but about less babies dying. 200 years ago a quarter of all children died before their first birthday. Half of all children died before their fifth birthday. Being a child was incredibly risky irrespective of the socio-economics of the family. Today over 99% of children in wealthy countries survive to adulthood. We tend to forget how much we owe to science and medicine and public health and so there are pockets of vocal distrust towards the science of vaccination.

There was a much stronger anti-vaccination movement in Victorian times and they resisted vaccination fiercely even though people were dying from smallpox. In May 1796 a medical breakthrough was made when an English doctor, Edward Jenner, noticed that milkmaids did not get smallpox but frequently had the less deadly cowpox. Charles Dickens was among the many who realised the significance of Jenner's discovery and he wrote dozens of pro-vaccination essays. Wouldn't it be a good idea if one or two of our soap-operas had strong pro-vaccination storylines! Smallpox was officially declared dead on 9th December 1979.

Cholera was thought to be caused by noxious mists until a London doctor, John Snow, traced it to a deadly water supply in Soho in 1854. He was able to show that the disease was water-borne not air-borne so water supplies were purified and efforts made to dispose safely of waste. Southern Water have been finding this rather too expensive to implement in recent times!

One hundred years ago the world's population was only a quarter of what it is now. The Spanish Flu that followed the Second World War resulted in the death of huge numbers of people – more than all the people who lost their lives in the Great War. Covid-19 has caused the death of less than 1 per cent of those who died from the Spanish Flu.

The good news about the COVID-19 vaccines is that immunisation is progressing and a significant proportion of the adult population have had the second vaccination. It seems that reluctance to the jab is the highest among the 25-34 age group. It is vital that as many young people as possible are vaccinated so that we can all help to protect one another. Of course, this is not the only way in which we can help reduce the infection in the people around us but it is a very important way.

Some months ago the Queen and the late Duke of Edinburgh made a point of letting it be known that they were vaccinated - as did Pope Francis – not just for their own safety but to protect others. Pope Francis urges everyone to do this. He said: 'I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine. It is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life but you are also gambling with the lives of others