

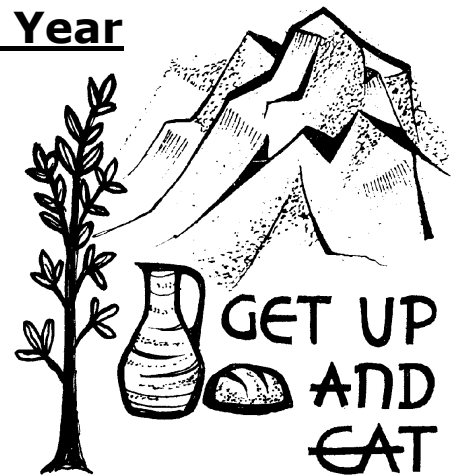
Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

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| Saturday | 7 th | 6.00 pm | The Parish |
| Sunday | 8 th | 8.15am | Intentions of the Bishop Family |
| | | 10.30 am | Michael Murphy RIP |
| Monday | 9 th | 9.30 am | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 10 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Jane Melhuish (ill) |
| | | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 11 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Lelia Murray |
| Thursday | 12 th | 9.30 am | Anne Steere (ill) |
| Friday | 13 th | 9.30 am | Stephanie Shephard RIP |
| Saturday | 14 th | 6.00 pm | Intention of Cecilia Suarez |
| Sunday | 15 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: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

COLLECTIONS: Church: £257 + £ digital collection

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: John Iago, 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: CHRISTOPHER HATTON and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Stanislaw Kamieniecki, Claire Steadman, Michael Trytko, Maria Grein, Mabel Lamb, Evelyn Garnham, Peggy Kennard, Maria Lightfoot, John Dunn, William McKenna, Bridget Brennan, Betty Welford, Adrian Thatcher, Derek Green. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. AN ACTIVE CHURCH? We certainly were an active church and the time has come to resume activities. We are missing the Little Angels Mother and Toddler Group, the Little Angels Music Group and the Friday afternoon 'Friendship in the Barn'. I am sure that once they are up and running they will be well supported. I am equally as sure that the organisers of these groups will be looking for helpers without whom they will be unable to function. This is an appeal for volunteers for each of these groups. Please contact the office, details above, and I will pass your name on to the leader. **One week on and one volunteer!** There has also been a request for the return of refreshments after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday mornings but none of these things can happen without volunteers to help. We need people to help with preparing the kitchen – cleaning, setting up, serving and cleaning up as well as drivers for Friday afternoons. With sufficient volunteers a monthly rota could be drawn up so that the help would not become too onerous. Teresa Boyle has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the volunteers for these activities and she can be contacted by email teresaboyle2003@yahoo.co.uk on her mobile at anytime 07932 042759 or even her landline on Thursday to Sunday ONLY 01903 529260

5. HUGE THANKS to Marie Davidson for all that she has done to ensure that the church is cleaned in preparation for the weekend Masses. Marie has held the reins for the past 35 years, organising lists, cajoling new members for her endless teams. She has decided that now is the time to hang up her duster. Many thanks Marie and to all those who responded to your call. In addition many thanks to those who came a week or so back and cleaned the benches so that the church could 'return to normal'.

6. MARY'S MEALS: We need Flannels, Colouring Pencils and Crayons and serviceable towels (any size). Received a letter this morning thanking us for the latest 30 packs. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

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: Among the most interesting ancient churches in Sussex is the Holy Trinity Church in Bosham. It can claim the title of oldest Christian place in Sussex. Christians have worshipped here for well over 1,000 years. It dates back to Saxon times and appears on the Bayeux Tapestry. The church and Bosham itself have seen much history, making this a popular tourist destination. There is speculation that King Harold II, the last Saxon king of England is buried at the foot of the chancel arch. It was he who supposedly died with an arrow in his eye at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Harold sailed from Bosham to Normandy before the fateful conquest. Bosham is a perfect natural harbour thought to be where King Canute sat in his throne in front of the sea and attempted to hold back the tide. It was his way of showing his sycophantic advisors that he was only mortal, God was mightier than all. The water level rises very quickly, in fact because the harbour is so shallow many drivers who park their cars when the tide is out discover how oddly the waters behave. Roman remains have been found in the village and some experts think that the central arch of the church looks Roman. The harbour was ideal for the flat-bottomed boats of the Roman and Saxon navies. The famous Roman Villa at Fishbourne is only two miles away. St Bede in his Ecclesiastical History of England mentions Bosham as the home of Irish Missionaries in the 7th Century. Nothing survives from the 7th Century settlement. St Bede says that they 'had a very small monastery in Bosham, surrounded by woods and the sea. In it were five or six brethren who served the Lord in a life of humility and poverty. But none of the natives was willing to imitate their life or listen to their preaching.' St Wilfrid arrived in the 680's and he had much more success in converting local people to Christianity. Nothing from St Wilfrid's period survives in Bosham.

To the right of the chancel there is a memorial to a daughter of King Canute who is said to have drowned and was buried in the church. Some coffins have been found but without closer examination precise dating has not been possible. Sat Nav users might like to know the postal code – PO18 13LY. The church is open during the day.

The village of Botolph gets its name from its church dedicated to St Botolph. Little is known of this missionary. He was a Saxon saint and perhaps therefore not highly regarded by the Normans. This seems to be why there are so few surviving records about his time. Around 70 churches have been dedicated to him. The church was originally dedicated to him when it was built in 950. After the Norman Conquest it was rededicated to St Peter. But St Botolph's memory lingered on and over time the church reverted to its original patron and the village's identity merged with its church and adopted his name too. We do know that St Botolph was an abbot who died around 680 and probably lived in Iken in Suffolk. There is a fragment of wall paint in the church at Botolph showing an outline of the saint with his staff. The wall paintings are among England's oldest surviving images. They are thought to be too fragmentary to be worth restoring. Post code BN44 3WS.

Didling is a hamlet which lies amid rolling fields of grazing sheep. Its church is called 'the Shepherd's church' and its font is one of the oldest in continual use in the country. There is no electricity in the church. Candles are relied on to illuminate the services which are held perhaps once a month. It is a simple, whitewashed structure, so low it is hidden by the boundary hedge. There was a Saxon building here from which the rough-hewn font survives. There is an icon of St Andrew near the altar. A large yew tree nearby – about 500 years old. Post Code GU29 0LQ.

There is another Saxon church nearby at Elsted which was rescued from ruin in 1950 and lovingly restored. It is dedicated to St Paul.

Sompting is an elegant Saxon church. It is thought to have a rare surviving effigy of St Wilfrid – the 7th century evangelist of Sussex. But the church has no direct link to St Wilfrid. It was built around the year 1,000 and now stands isolated from the village of Sompting, cut off from the coast by the A27 dual carriageway. It has a connection with the Knights Templar who came there to be blessed before setting sail for the Crusades. It is dedicated to St Mary the Blessed Virgin. (BN15 0AZ) and is unlocked.

Steyning is very much associated with St Cuthman who was a shepherd. In the 11th century his relics were gifted to a monastery, who settled – with the relics – in Normandy. A modern sculpture of the saint was installed in the Village Green in the year 2000 – a white stone figure gazing across the road at the site of the church he founded. The present church on the same site is dedicated to St Andrew and St Cuthman. He abandoned his life as a shepherd to become a full-time carer for his mother. A side chapel is dedicated to St Cuthman and has a colourful modern stained-glass window. (BN44 3YB)

May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.