

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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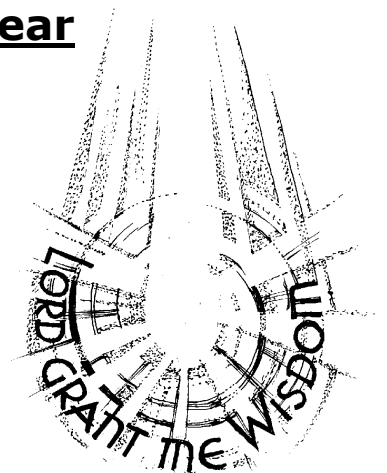
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	9 th	6.00 pm	Johannah O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	10 th	8.15am	Alan Baker RIP
		10.30 am	Mark Simons RIP
Monday	11 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	12 th	9.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	13 th	9.30 am	Toni Judd RIP
Thursday	14 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Friday	15 th	9.30 am	Ann & Bernard Bandy RIP
Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Daisy Wratschko RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Pamela Simblett RIP
		10.30 am	Kevin Shiel RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

COLLECTIONS: Church: £338 Digital collection £63 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £ 393
Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sienna Coates, Franca Villa, Joan Williams, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin. 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, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, 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: JOAN WILLIAMS, MARY ROSE and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Pauline Cave-Berry, Ray Cottam, Molly Bellenger, Phyllis Davey, Johanna Hawkins, Maurice Chiverton, Kathy Bainbridge, Reg Marshall, Roger Davis, Violet Earl, Emily Hudson
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. ST OSCAR ROMERO OPEN EVENING – St Oscar Romero is a thriving Catholic secondary school, rated 'Outstanding' in every category in our Diocesan Inspection, offering a first class education. Open Morning tours are available on October 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th at 9am and can be booked via Eventbrite.

5. WERE YOU AN ALTAR SERVER IN YOUR YOUTH? As I am sure you are aware we really do need some more Altar Servers and it would be great if some of the more 'mature' ladies or gentlemen could assist as well as young ones!

6. PLEASE REMEMBER to be sure to follow the COVID rules, masks, hand-sanitiser, social distancing, taking all papers away with you, hymn books returned to either porch AND, most importantly, going to Holy Communion row by row – out one end of the bench and back by the other end. *We need welcomers and people to collect up the hymn books and leave them in neat piles on the table after 6.00 pm Mass and away in the cupboards after 10.30 Mass. Could that be you?*

7. GRANDPARENTS' GROUPS: Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

9. TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR with Marriage Care. Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as **relationship counsellors** and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

10. 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: BRIGHTON VIGIL: [40 Days for Life](#) is an internationally coordinated 40-day vigil campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting and community outreach. Their peaceful, prayerful vigils gently offers support to women who might otherwise feel they have no choice but to abort. All participants sign a statement of peace. The Brighton BPAS abortion clinic closed in June but has been replaced by a smaller clinic, operated by MSI International. The next Brighton vigil will be held outside the new clinic from **22nd September to 31st October**. If you would like to join the vigil, or are interested in finding out more see contact Sheridan Lynch on 07803 047 402. *And please always keep this in your prayers.*

11. MARY'S MEALS: We need Toothpaste, Flannels. Soap, Pencil Cases and *small* Balls (Tennis Ball size) If you have sandals, flip-flops, trainers, shoes – *age 3 – 14 years only* - that still have life in them please place them in the collection container for Mary's Meals in the West Porch. They are much needed. 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.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known stories of all time. It has powerful messages for us in all areas of our life. Many people would regard climate change as the most important issue facing the world and this parable has much to tell us about how we should deal with it. Like the man on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, our planet has fallen into the hands of robbers who have plundered it 'and have gone away, leaving it half dead'. (Luke 10:30) Our common home continues to be plundered and stripped of its assets by what we continue to do and fail to do, leaving it half dead – but the plunder goes on. What sets the Samaritan apart in the parable is that he is someone who acts. He gets involved at great personal sacrifice and seeks to remedy the situation. He is moved by compassion at the sight of the plight of the man who fell into the hands of the robbers.

Pope Francis recently said: 'We are squeezing the goods of the planet. Squeezing them, like an orange, countries and companies in the North have been enriched by exploiting natural gifts from the South, generating an 'ecological debt'. Who is going to pay that debt? Furthermore, the 'ecological debt' is enlarged when multinationals do outside their countries what they are not allowed to do in their own. It is outrageous. Today, not tomorrow we have to take care of creation with responsibility. The goods of the planet must not be plundered but shared in a fair and respectful way. No to plundering, Yes to sharing'.

Pope Francis published an Encyclical Letter in 2015 entitled 'Laudate Si – On the Care of our Common Home'. The first words, borrowed from St Francis of Assisi set the tone: 'Laudate Si, mi Signore. Praise be to you my Lord. Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.' In Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks a very important question: 'What kind of world do you want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (L.S 160) This is the same question being asked of us now by the young people of the world. In May 2019 Pope Francis met the young Swedish climate activist, Greta Thunberg. He congratulated her on her work and asked her to continue. Greta is a powerful example of how one person can effect change. On one occasion she said: 'I've learnt that no one is too small to make a difference. And if a few children can get headlines all over the world just by not going to school on Fridays, then imagine what we could all do together if we really wanted to.' Pope Francis says: 'Not everyone wants to accept this reality (of climate crisis) but it is the only way because making resolutions to change one's life without taking effective steps and definitive action leads to nothing. Ideas are discussed – and it is good that they are – but reality must always be engaged and discerned. We must all take this on board and ask ourselves: 'What must I do in the face of this catastrophe.'"

What do we need to do as individuals and as a parish? We need to change and we need to become an agent of change. Without a community response there is absolutely no hope of addressing the climate crisis. While individuals can make a very decisive contribution, it is only a community response that will make a palpable difference to the future of our common home. I think that the issue of a parish response to the ecological crisis should be on the Agenda of every Parish Council Meeting; perhaps an advocate for climate action might lead a parish-based 'Care for Creation' group. We might find out if such groups exist in local churches of all denominations with a view to learn from one another and encourage one another. No one is an island!

We must take seriously the first sentence of the Creed. 'We believe in one God.' We proclaim that the one God in whom we believe is the one creator of heaven and earth and all creation. There is not one creator for humanity and another for all other forms of life. The climate crisis makes clear that humankind and the natural world will flourish or collapse together. The Book of Psalms constantly calls on us to contemplate the magnificence of the universe around us. The Book of Psalms is the prayer book given to us by the Holy Spirit. It is the prayer book of the Jewish people and our prayer book. We pray the Psalms in every Mass. It was the prayer book of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and of the Apostles. In Psalm 8 we read: 'When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are we that you should keep us in mind, mere mortals that you care for us.'

St Francis had a deep religious view of the world and of all creation. So has Pope Francis. He speaks in Laudato Si of God giving us two great books to enable us to grow in knowledge and love of him – the Book of Scriptures and the Book of Nature. We must cherish them both.