

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Daisy Wratschko RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.15am	Pamela Simblett RIP
		10.30 am	Kevin Shiel RIP
Monday	18 th	9.30 am	Anne O'Halloran (III)
Tuesday	19 th	9.30 am	Intention of Michael & Mary Meagher & Family
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	20 th	9.30 am	Breda Dalton RIP
Thursday	21 st	9.30 am	Joan Williams RIP
Friday	22 nd	9.30 am	Toni Judd RIP
Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Andrew Kelly RIP & the intentions of the Kelly & Jacob Families
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	John Iago RIP
		10.30 am	Deceased members of the O'Brian-Isaacs Family



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

COLLECTIONS: Church: £341 Digital collection £55 Thank you for your generosity.
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for MISSIO,
This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special MISSIO envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anne O'Halloran, Sienna Coates, Franca Villa, 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: and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Pauline Moody, Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West, Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. 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.

5. CRAFTALONG: Please join us for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday 27 October from 2pm to 4pm in the Barn. We will be making birthday cards and Christmas cards. There will be tea and cake and a raffle. It will be completely free but there will be a box for donations. If you don't fancy card making, please pop in for a cuppa and cake. Everyone is very welcome. This will be the first Parish social event since March 2020. All the proceeds will be divided and given to charities which we support as a Parish. Please help make this a success. Contact Frances Boylan on 01903 610402 for more information.

6.TWO MESSAGES FROM ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL: On behalf of the Governors of English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, I am writing to say a huge 'thank you' to all those parishioners who contributed so generously to the school roof fund. We did not meet the fundraising target of £25,000, which was an enormous challenge, but our Diocese have granted us an interest free loan to cover the shortfall. Your support is very much appreciated by all Governors and our whole school community.

Can I please also draw your attention to a Deanery Open Evening to recruit new Governors. At English Martyrs School we currently need two additional Foundation Governors and two Parent Governors. The Open Evening is at St Oscar Romero Secondary School on Tuesday 19 October at 18:00 hours. Please do come along and hear more about this very rewarding voluntary role which supports your local school. There will be two or three Governors from English Martyrs School on hand to answer any of your questions. We look forward to seeing you.

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: Once again you are asked to keep all your generous donations to Mary's Meals until the problems of the delivery of the packs have been overcome. It would seem that the problems with transport and distribution of goods is not confined to Great Britain! When the backlog has been overcome we look forward to receiving all your offerings.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: There is a story told of a priest who was invited to speak at the local Catholic school at their assembly. He was thrilled at the opportunity to shine that this afforded him and he said to the young people: 'You may never have had the chance to put a question to your parish priest before,' he pompously began, 'so now I invite you to ask me any question you like'. After a little pause, a quiet voice nervously asked: 'Tell us, Father, what do you do all day?' I hope that this will not prompt you to ask me that question. Like most questions, it is easier to ask than to answer. But I would like to write about an important task that clergy and Religious are expected to do every day – to pray the Divine Office. It is also called the Liturgy of the Hours. Ideally it is meant to be prayed at various times of the day – seven times in fact. In Religious Communities it is sung at set times. That is why it is called the Liturgy of the Hours. A great part of the Divine Office is made up of the Psalms which are designed to be sung. But a number of readings are also included from the Scriptures and also from the writings of some of the Saints. Parish clergy usually pray the Divine Office on their own and without song. I must admit that I don't intersperse the various Hours of the Office throughout the day as would be the ideal. I often cram most of it together. I do this for convenience sake and not from a sense of devotion. If one were to say all the Hours of the Office at one sitting it would take more than 45 minutes. Many people, other than clergy and Religious also pray the Hours, especially the Morning Prayer and the Evening Prayer (sometimes called Vespers). The other parts of the Liturgy of the Hours are the Office of Readings, A Prayer before Noon (Terce), at Noon (Sext) and afternoon (None) and Night Prayer (Compline)

In the Western Catholic Church the Divine Office, like the Mass, had to be celebrated in Latin until the mid-1960's. As the time of my ordination approached the vernacular was finding its way into the Church Liturgy. Work was progressing on agreeing translations for the celebrations of Mass and the Sacraments and the Divine Office. The Divine Office took some time to be definitively translated but a temporary translation was issued. However, would we in the seminary approaching ordination be allowed to say the Office in English? We were told that if we wished to do so we would have to write to our Bishop for permission – and state our reasons. We were advised of the best reason to give. We were not encouraged to admit that we did not have a good understanding of Latin. We were supposed to have! After all, the official texts books we had were in Latin, though we studied ones in English. We were advised that if we told the Bishop that we would find it more devotional and prayerful to recite the Divine Office in English he could not withhold permission for us to do so. So I never prayed the Liturgy of the Hours in Latin, though at first I was required to celebrate Mass in Latin.

The present Liturgy of the Hours differs from the one it replaced in more ways than the language. The old Office used all 150 Psalms in the space of each week. When it came to the translation – bearing in mind that the Second Vatican Council was encouraging all Catholics to pray the Divine Office – the decision was made not to use some of the Psalms in the Liturgy. A few of the Psalms use very strong language in speaking of the enemies of God's people and ask God to deal harshly with them. We are encouraged to interpret such Psalms as referring to Satan and the fallen angels. Nevertheless it was thought wise not to use such Psalms in the Liturgy, especially when it was in the vernacular.

It is not only the Liturgy that has changed in the past decades. So has the Rosary. The full Rosary used to be comprised of meditations on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries – 15 mysteries in all. While contemplating each mystery in turn we say the Hail Mary ten times. In the full Rosary that would be 150 recitations of the Hail Mary. For those who did not have ready access to the Psalms in a language they could understand, the Rosary with its 150 Hail Marys was their way of associating themselves to the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Office. About 20 years ago Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light – episodes in the public life of Jesus – to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

Some mainly retired clergy get permission to celebrate Mass in pre-Vatican II form. This is far more than saying Mass in Latin. It is using a different Rite and a different calendar to the one ushered in at the Second Vatican Council. This is called the Extraordinary Form as distinct from the Ordinary Form that we are familiar with. Followers of the Extraordinary Rite also have permission to use the pre-Vatican II Divine Office. In this way the so called 'cursing Psalms are still part of the Liturgy of the Church.