

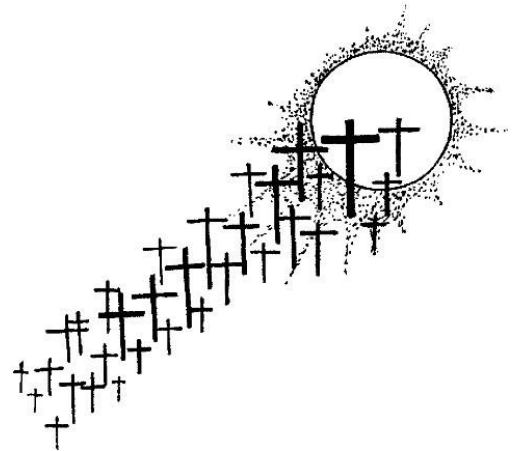
Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

31.10.2021

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All Saints

Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Dawn Copping RIP
Sunday	31 st	8.15am	Dawn Copping RIP
		10.30 am	Peter Baldwin RIP
Monday	1 st	9.30 am	The Parish
ALL	2nd	9.30 am	Ann McCluskey RIP
SOULS		7.30 pm	Intention of Elizabeth McDermott
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Intention of Pdraig Lorrhan
Thursday	4 th	9.30 am	Norma Markham RIP
Friday	5 th	9.30 am	Toni Judd RIP
Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Michael Murphy RIP
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	Ernie Howse RIP
		10.30 am	Mary T Devine RIP
		3.00 pm	SERVICE IN PRAISE OF CREATION



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John :1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

COLLECTIONS: Church: £271 Digital collection £49 MISSIO: £399 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund (Gift Aided) Please see Note 5

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Father Robert Ellis, Ken & Liz Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin. Siobhan Isaacs, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, 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: ANNE O'HALLORAN, FRANCA VILLA and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Doris Hayes, Mary Furman, Harold Thirkettle, Olive Oliver, Vincent Rasdale, Brian Hurst, Reginald Patten. *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.

4. A SERVICE IN PRAISE OF CREATION, to coincide with 'COP 26', will take place next Sunday at 3.00 pm. It will be a feast of singing and readings followed by refreshments in the Barn..

5. THE RETIRED PRIESTS FUND – there are thirty-two (and rising) retired priests in our diocese, many of whom are cared for in Nursing Homes. The diocese exercises its duty of care through your generous response to this collection and the need increases year on year so please help!

6. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS: The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

7. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held on Monday 8th November at 11.00 am at St Michael's, High Salvington. You are invited to make every effort to come to this very important annual occasion to remember in prayer the priests, now deceased, who once served in our Parishes.

8. CRAFTALONG A big thanks goes out to everyone that attended the Craftalong on Wednesday. At one point there was 25 people making cards and another 20 people sitting chatting and having a cup of tea and some cake. The energy level was really high and there was lots of laughter! A total of £180 was raised and it will be distributed to CAFOD, Mary's Meals and Kalingalinga. Bernie, Teresa and Frances hope to arrange a similar event in the future.

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. 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.

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: The Synod of the Church is about to begin. It is a two-year process, culminating with the Assembly of Representative Bishops in Rome in October 2023. By convening this Synod Pope Francis invites the whole Church to walk together as Christ's family. Synod literally means 'walking together'. Jesus is with us as 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. The followers of Jesus were originally called 'followers of the Way'. They later were given the name 'Christian' by their opponents. It was meant to be a term of abuse but the first name they chose for themselves was 'Followers of the Way' and we follow Jesus by being united with one another, by listening to one another, cherishing and encouraging one another. That is what synodality means and Pope Francis is asking the Church in every parish and diocese throughout the world to truly reflect on who we are or what we are called to be.

One of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council was the institution of the Synod of Bishops. But some fruits take a long time to ripen. Pope Paul VI envisaged that by meeting together every few years the bishops of the universal Church would truly be enabled to exercise their collegiality. They would hopefully, in union with one another under the Pope, be empowered by the Holy Spirit to make the Church truly the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World. This vision was obscured by the fact that in the intervening years the central administration of the Church in the Vatican fixated on keeping powers to themselves rather than promoting initiatives in the local churches worldwide.

Pope Francis has put an enormous amount of energy in getting the Synod off the ground. He is striving to ensure that this process of involving the whole Church in whatever concerns the life of the Church will prove effective. This Synod is taking place at a time like no other. There is the global pandemic, local and international conflicts, the growing impact of Climate Change, migration, racism, violence, persecution and increasing inequalities across humanity. In the Church this time is marked by the disclosure of the suffering experienced by minors and vulnerable people to the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by significant numbers of priests and consecrated persons. The Covid-19 pandemic has made existing inequalities explode. In the midst of this situation synodality represents a path by which the Church can be renewed by the action of the Holy Spirit. This journey together will hopefully unite us more deeply as the people of God, as Followers of the Way. It is meant to also send us out to pursue our own mission as a witness and as a servant of the entire family of humanity.

Pope Francis is asking us 'not to soundproof our hearts. Let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another,' He tells that we must listen to the gospel if we are to discern what the Holy Spirit desires of us. The Pope has reminded the Bishops that the principal subjects of this synodal experience are all the baptised. He exhorts us to take special care to involve the handicapped, the elderly, Catholics who rarely or never attend Mass. He suggests that creative means should also be found in order to involve children and young people. It is important that we hear the voices of other people, including people who have left the practice of the faith, people of other faiths or none.

Pope Francis suggests that the practice of synodality would benefit from people speaking with authentic courage and honesty. Everyone can grow in understanding through dialogue. There should be humility in listening and courage in speaking. Everyone has the right to be heard, just as everyone has the right to speak. It is not about engaging in a debate to convince others. We must welcome what others say as a way by which the Holy Spirit can speak for the good of all. We must not treat the Synod as a kind of Parliament. It is contrary to the spirit of synodality to antagonise others. There may be a temptation to listen only to those who are involved in church activities. This ultimately ignores a significant proportion of the People of God.

We have had a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard about the Synod. There are still copies in the porches. A small team of people in the Diocese have been working on a booklet that all participants can use. There are 2,248 dioceses in the Catholic Church. In all of them groups will be meeting in all the parishes. It is meant to be a prayerful and reflective journey. Pope Francis has recommended a particular prayer to be said by each group when they meet, we will also use it at Sunday Masses. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with this prayer which has been used at Councils and Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years. It begins: 'We stand before you Holy Spirit as we gather together in your name.' Launching the Synod in Rome, Pope Francis said: 'God is not found in neat, orderly places but he meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. As we begin this Synodal process, let us ask ourselves – all of us – whether we, the Christian community, embody this style of God who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity.'