

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday	12 th	6.00 pm	John Roe RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.15am	Antonio Maccarrone RIP
		10.30 am	Liz Harvey RIP
Monday	14 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	15 th	9.30 am	Intention of Alexander – In Thanksgiving
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	16 th	9.30 am	Anne Steere RIP
Thursday	17 th	9.30 am	Margaret Dunn RIP
Friday	18 th	9.30 am	Mrs Kennedy RIP
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Geoffrey Stickley RIP
Saturday	19 th	10.00–11.00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		6.00 pm	Intention of Thomas & Frances Boylan
Sunday	20 th	8.15 am	Intention of Orlando Estoesta
		10.30 am	The Parish

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8, 13 -15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13: 1-9

COLLECTIONS: Church: £381 Digital Collection: £124 Ukraine Appeal: £601 Thank you for your generosity. There will be a Second Collection this weekend for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.
(Special Gift Aid Envelopes available in both porches)
There will be a second Collection next Sunday for Ukraine.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Helena & Vittorio Villa, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, 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: ROSS CARRUTHERS and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Annie Mather, Natalie Citterio, Tony Towers, Catherine McGoohan, James Brownlee, Frances Money, Elizabeth Hastie, Anthony Canneaux, Kathleen Kearney, Fred Melling, Peggy Dale, Maria Jones, Kate Rowe, Michael Conway, Joyce Whaling, Marjorie Leach, Stanley Hanson, Jenny Begley, Michael Hancox, Breda Gibson. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - LENT APPEAL. Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent.

4. MINISTRY OF THE WORD FORMATION COURSE: Everybody who proclaims the word of God in the liturgy needs, whether new to it or a long time minister, to reflect on the importance of what they are doing and to practice their proclamation. To assist with that there will be a series of deanery 'Ministers of the Word Course'. The one on Saturday 19 March is now fully booked. Another course will run on 28 May from 11am-12.30pm at St Michael's, Hayling Rise, Worthing BN13 3AL in the parish hall and church. Again numbers are limited. Please book by contacting Deacon Mark Woods on email mark.woods@abdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01903 877801. A further date will be fixed in June or July if required.

5. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

6. HAND MADE MOTHERS DAY AND EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

It is recommended that we continue to wear masks, use hand-sanitiser, 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.



7. PUPILS FROM ST OSCAR ROMERO will be taking the Wainwright Challenge from 9 –12 June. Wainwright is the best and most famous guide book writer in our history and his name has been used to offer a challenge to climb all the mountains in his books (the Wainwrights). 214 fells in the Lake District. The pupils are looking for sponsorship, many thanks to those who have already sponsored them, to raise money for their chosen charity – Turning Tides. The official online link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/storc-wainwright-challenge>.

8. FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND would like to thank all parishioners who raised £411.66 for Christians in the Holy Land through the Crib Collection. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging, especially as they face another Easter season with limited numbers of pilgrims. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.'

9. On MONDAY 14th MARCH 8am-midday, **St Oscar Romero Catholic School**, will be collecting much-needed supplies, to support families fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Arrangements have been made for it all to be sent out to the desperate families. We are collecting Pre-loved clothing including - coats, shoes, trainers, jumper and New Items such as - nappies, toiletries, towels, sanitary products, and ladies and children's underwear. Please bring your donations to school on Monday morning, where a team of volunteers will be waiting to sort your items.

10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting next Sunday, 20th March, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 730 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk.

11. MARY'S MEALS: Sadly the Back Pack Project has had to be stopped due to the amazing rise in transport costs – it is money needed to feed the children. Your help over the years has been much appreciated. Thank you.

12. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Carton Milk, Honey, Fruit Juices, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meals, Pot Noodles, Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Small Carton Juices, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Cling Film,. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations. (Sadly we are no longer able to deliver clothes and other such goods.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: You can get a lot of information about the way your Diocese operates not only from the Diocesan Directory but also on-line. There are a number of consultative bodies that the bishop regularly meets with. These include groups such as the Deans, the Chapter of Canons, the Episcopal College, the College of Consultors, the Council of Priests. Our Diocese is no different to any other in this part of the world in this regard. All the members of these bodies are priests. There are other groups that the Bishops consult such as Diocesan Finance Committee, the Education Committee and Diocesan Charity trustees, which have a number of clergy on them. In my 56 years as a priest in this Diocese, I am glad to say that I have never been a member of any of these august bodies, nor indeed, I am even happier to say, have I ever been invited to join any of them. I am sure they do great work – but it seems to me to be evidence of far too much influence being in the hands of the clergy. Clericalism is the name given to a situation where over-due importance is afforded to the clergy. The clergy are a tiny proportion of the membership of the Church. In all of our Dioceses the proportion has been shrinking for the past fifty years and is set to continue to do so. When will their dominance begin to shrink? Since his election in March 2013 Pope Francis has often railed against clericalism. He frequently mentions it in talks and it is a factor in his negative views about ambitious members of the Roman Curia. This is what he said in his opening address to the last Synod, devoted to the Youth of the Church. 'It is therefore necessary to decisively overcome the scourge of clericalism. Clericalism arises from an elitist and exclusivist vision of vocation that interprets the ministry received as a power to be exercised rather than as a free and generous service to be given. This leads us to believe that we belong to a group that has all the answers and no longer needs to listen, to learn anything or that pretends to listen. Clericalism is a perversion and is the root of many evils in the Church. We must humbly ask forgiveness for this and above all create the conditions so that it is not repeated.'

In an open letter to the people of God in August 2018 he said: 'Clericalism not only nullifies the character of Christians but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed on the heart of our people. Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesiastical body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say 'no' to abuse is to say an emphatic 'no' to all forms of clericalism.' Here, Pope Francis is saying that in some cases it can happen that parishioners can contribute to this scourge when they place their priests on pedestals. He is warning against turning proper respect for the clergy into special treatment.

After the Protestant reformation various Catholic leaders attempted to reform the clergy. The lives of many priests were so scandalous that this was one of the reasons why the Reformation took off. Many church leaders very successfully introduced various seminary formation programmes. They were not attempting to establish the priesthood above the laity for the sake of 'lording' it over them but to call the clergy to authentic pastoral care and service. They emphasised that all the baptised share in Christ's priesthood. They applied the language of 'alter Christus' Latin for 'another Christ) to all the baptised, not simply to priests. Only later did this begin to be more and more restricted to the clergy.

Seminary authorities, I'm sure, are very aware of the efforts they must continue to make to imbue candidates for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate with the proper spirit of pastoral service. Maybe to combat clericalism some system of lay oversight of clerics might have to be devised. But many clergy (especially in Rome) would resist this.

We need to re-emphasise the priesthood of the baptised. We must grow in our conviction that we all share in the one true priesthood of Jesus Christ. 'In Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest'. (Hebrews 4:14). Jesus tells us, as he told his first disciples: 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' (Mark 9:35)

NOTICES 2nd Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day

Meeting on Tuesday in the Barn at 7.00 pm for married couples

WE ARE IN VERY URGENT NEED of people to help with both groups of Little Angels. At the moment each group is being run by just three people every week. With many more people a rota can be set up thus making the task easier for everyone. If you are able to help please contact Anne in the Parish office Or just turn up on Thursday or Friday morning at 9.00 am and you will be welcomed with open arms.