

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Nora O'Toole
Monday	22 nd	9.30 am	Max Goldberg RIP
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30 am	Gavin Shepherd RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	24 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Thursday	25 th	9.30 am	Jane Melhuish RIP
Friday	26 th	9.30 am	Andre Fisher RIP
Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	Ross Carruthers RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of Brian Dunne



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

COLLECTIONS: Church: £347 + Digital Collection: £27 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Thomas Boylan, John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Ken Ellis, 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, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Pauline Stocking, John Smith, Joan Jacobs, Richard Wood, Syd Colbran, Baby Grace Hudson, Anne McAlinden, Reginald Hart, Baby Russell Prince, Hilda Doyle, Anne Tims, Paul Lucas, Mary Rolph, Patricia Johnson, Stephen Smith, Jeremiah Daly, Father Sean McWheeney, Harold Hudson, Elizabeth Hoskins. *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. HAVE YOUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED? If so and your loved one has recovered but is on the list in Item 1 please let Anne in the Office know so that the name can be removed – 01903 242624

5. THE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2022 will be held on Saturday 8th October from 11.30 am – 2.00 pm in Arundel Cathedral. Are you celebrating an anniversary with a particular significance for you this year? Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. The venue is wheelchair friendly.

6. GRANDPARENTS FORMATION DAY: We are looking forward to welcoming you at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on Wednesday 14 September for our annual day for Grandparents to hear from a member of the Sycamore team on the importance of Grandparents in handing on the faith. The day begins with morning prayer at 11am (coffee from 10.30am) and concludes at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Email: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

7. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION at West Grinstead on Saturday 17th September from 10am to 4pm with Arundel Parish and the Friends of Arundel Cathedral. The day will include Holy Mass, Adoration, Benediction, rosary, historical talk and an optional pilgrimage walk. All welcome on this pilgrimage with the theme of "Faith of Our Fathers". Donation for Shrine £10. Car sharing arranged. To book or for further information please contact Maria Whitehouse on 01903 413606.

8. HAPPY BAGS have returned and are available in both porches for the use of young people during Mass. Please help yourself and return them to the porches at the end of Mass.

9. RECYCLING OF USED CHURCH CANDLES: DM Hay, a church supplier, have devised a plan for recycling all that is left when a candle has been burnt - the metal holders, the plastic holders and the wax. Part of the plan is to reuse the unburnt wax to fill the Sanctuary Lights. Unfortunately, someone has removed a bin full of wax and we really do need it to be returned please.

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Coffee, Cereal Bars, Carton Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juices, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meat, Tinned Corned Beef, Pot Noodles, Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Small Carton Juices, Anti-Bac cleaning spray and wipes, Dishwasher tablets and Washing up Liquid. 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: Among the 21 new cardinals that Pope Francis will be creating on 27th August is Archbishop Arthur Roche who is the head of the Vatican's Commission on the Liturgy. He is the Yorkshire born former Bishop of Leeds, who has been working in Rome for the past ten years. Unbelievably Pope Francis will be ten years in office next March.

Archbishop Roche, who is 72, will be the third Englishman to be given the Red Hat by Pope Francis. Only Cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to take part in the election of a Pope so Cardinal Nicholas and Cardinal-elect Roche are in that category. The other English Cardinal, created two years ago, is Bishop Michael Fitzgerald who because of age has no vote as is also the case of Cardinal Sean Brady retired, Archbishop of Armagh. So Ireland, as things stand will have no elector at the next conclave.

It is unusual for new Cardinals to be created in August. Just before this conclave Pope Francis will be visiting the Italian town of L'Aquila to show his solidarity with the people there who are still rebuilding their lives following the devastating 2009 earthquake in the region. He will celebrate Mass in the forecourt of the Basilica where Pope Celestine V is buried. Pope Celestine was a thirteenth century monk, hermit, Pope and Saint who resigned from the Papacy in 1295. There had been a prolonged period of failed efforts to elect a Pope so they finally elected this very holy man who had no experience of office – so he wisely decided to stand down. It is easy for rumours to circulate in the Vatican so there has been speculation that Pope Francis may soon retire – but this is thought unlikely while Benedict XVI is still alive. He himself has spoken recently of possibly standing down.

Following the creation of the new Cardinals all the Cardinals are summoned to hold discussions on the new Constitution of the Roman Curia. The last time all the Cardinals were invited to meet in Rome was in early 2015. The August meeting will be an opportunity for the Cardinals, many of whom do not know each other well, to spend a couple of days together in prayer and deliberation. Pope Francis has postponed his visits to South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo because of his mobility problems. It was due to take place in early July and he had expected to be accompanied by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the head of the Church of Scotland. The decision to delay the visit was so as not to jeopardise the results of the therapy he is undergoing for his right knee. This puts a question mark over all foreign travel plans. He has apparently ruled out surgery, which could put him out of action for several months.

Pope Francis wants to ensure that his reforms are irreversible. The Synod process, which will be unfolded in November next year is likely to be the last great act of his pontificate. It is the most significant event in the Church since the Second Vatican Council. So much depends on it for the future of the Church. Can it actually deliver much-needed reforms and if it can, what might that reform look like? New ground has to be broken, meaningful change can only come about under God and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, through leadership and courage among those in positions of influence in the Church. Space has to be found for new thinking and new ways of acting. There is no point in trying to maintain a particular form of life in the church, which was for a different time. Discerning the way forward is the task of the Synod, the task of the whole church. We have to learn to journey together so as not to silence those who hold different views to ours. This has been the great concern of Pope Francis ever since his election. We are the people of God. We must leave clericalism behind and find more authentic ways of being the people of God. The new Constitution for the Roman Curia states that the clerics and Religious working in the Vatican should serve a maximum of two, five year terms. perhaps Pope Francis sees merit in a ten-year term in office for the Papacy too.

Pope Francis may be concerned that the Synod might be dismissed in the future as his personal project. He might see it as an advantage to hand it over to a successor as a going concern. Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council into existence and was at the helm for the first session. It was left to Pope Paul VI to steer it to a conclusion. No doubt Pope Francis is always seeking guidance from God – and others too. He knows how vital are the times we live in for the future of the Church and the planet and all God's family. We are all in need of God's guidance and strength.