

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Ann Bandy
		10.30 am	Michael & Yvonne Carroll RIP
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Len Argent RIP
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Michael & Yvonne Carroll IP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Gladys Dwight RIP
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Tom & Kathleen Ryan 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
		<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM FOR GRACE WEST RIP</b>
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael & Yvonne Carroll RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £382 + Digital Collection: £35 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: Christine Nolan. Max Bullock, Renee Russell, Lottie-Mae, Ann Bandy, Toal Gallagher, Ralph Murphy, Raymond Hamill, Gordon Kennedy, Margaret McDade, Patricia Tuttlebee, Mary Mills, George Furman, Beryl Hockmuth, Alan Beech, Anne Beagley. *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. YOUNG ADULTS DAY AT THE SEASIDE** with Fr Stephen Ortiger will take place next Saturday 20 August from 11am - 3pm. The day will start with Mass at Our lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

**6. AU REVOIR TO FATHER JOHN.** Thank you for 'holding the fort' so well and 'see you next year!

**7. THE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2022** will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**8. 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 E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

**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. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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:** I came across this moving account of British soldiers celebrating the Feast of the Assumption in Jerusalem in the closing stages of World War I. It was written by a Benedictine priest, Bede Camm who served as a chaplain to the British Army in the Middle East. He recalls that some of the soldiers at that Mass were to lose their lives before the Great War ended and refers to the millions who died in the epidemic known as Spanish Flu shortly afterwards. Bede Camm died in 1942.

*15<sup>th</sup> August 1918: British Soldiers on Pilgrimage in Jerusalem.*

The crypt of the church of St Anne is cut in the rock, and it is there that the Jerusalem tradition tells us our blessed lady was born. Around the church and the great adjacent buildings (seminaries for the Greek Catholic clergy) are fair gardens and courts, and here too are to be found the subterranean remains of the Pool of Bethesda where Our Lord healed the paralytic.

The pilgrims reached the church three quarters of an hour too soon. The difficulty was overcome by putting the sermon before the Mass, and thus after a hymn had been sung, I made my way through the throng and preached from the altar steps. It was an impressive sight that met one's eyes as one looked round. The big church was literally packed with men. The general and the officers had seats in the nave, but the choir, sanctuary, nave and aisles were thronged with men, some sitting on the ground, others standing, pressed together so closely that the priest had the greatest difficulty in getting to the altar. All carried their mess-tins and haversacks, for they were to lunch in the grounds after the Mass. I shall never forget that great throng of bronzed men, who had been through so many dangers, endured so many hardships in order to deliver Jerusalem from the infidel, and now had come to Mary's crowning day to render thanks to God at the tombs of Jesus and his mother.

It was wonderful to hear them singing the familiar hymns during the Mass that followed. I have never heard anything like that 'Faith of our Fathers' shouted from fifteen hundred lusty throats, and it was ever more wonderful to kneel in the hush and stillness that fell on that great crowd when the bell rang out and the Host was raised. I don't wonder that the celebrant, Austrian though he was, burst into tears and could hardly go on with the Mass. He told us afterwards that he had never been so moved in his life, and he wrote a detailed account of the pilgrimage for Rome, which (as I found later on) delighted the Holy Father and done some good in many ways there. Indeed, it was difficult enough to refrain from tears. 'Faith of our Fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee 'til death' they sang, and in a few weeks' time how many had found that death in the great advance through Galilee and Syria. How many more, alas, were to find it in the very hour of victory, mown down by the fatal epidemic which claimed many more lives than had the Turkish bullets.

*May God Bless you,  
Fr. Liam.*

The Assumption (An Answer)

Before Earth saw him, she had felt and known  
The small soft feet that thrust like buds in  
Spring.  
The body of Our Lord was all her own  
Once. From the cross her arms received her  
King.

Think you that she, who bore him on her  
breast,  
Had not the Word still living in her heart?  
Or that, because one voice had called her  
blest,  
Her inmost soul had lost the better part?

*Henceforth all generations.....*Ah, but that  
You think was an ancient song she knew!  
Millions this night will sing Magnificat,  
And bring at least one strange prediction true.

Think you his heaven, that deep transcendent  
state,  
Floats like Murillo's picture in the air?  
Or that her life, so heavenly consecrate,  
Had no essential habitation there?

Think you he looked upon her dying face,  
And, throned above his burning seraphim,  
Felt no especial tenderness or grace  
For her whose life-blood once had throbbed in  
him?

Proof of his filial love, his body on earth  
Still lives and breathes, and tells us, night and  
day,  
That earth and heaven were mingled in his  
birth,  
Through her, who kneels beside us when we  
pray;

Kneels to the Word made flesh; her living faith  
Kneels to Incarnate Love, "not lent but given,"  
Assumed to her on earth; and, after death,  
Assuming her to his own heart in Heaven.

*Alfred Noyes. (1880-1958)*