

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Anne Steere RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	Joan Williams RIP
		10.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
Monday	5 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	6 th	9.30 am	Nick Davies RIP & his Family
Wednesday	7 th	9.00 am	Patrick O'Toole RIP
Thursday	8 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	9 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Caroline Roe RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Brian Dunne



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Luke 14:25-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

COLLECTIONS: Church: £404 + Digital Collection: £ Thank you for your generosity.
There will be a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Pakistan Floods Appeal.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bessy Shaji, 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: William Turner, Cassia Denne, Peter Edwards, Irene Stephens, Michael Butler, Frank Foy, Veronica Brown, Anne Steere, Kate Harvey, Maureen Casey, William Middleton, Edward Rees, William Middleton, Edward Rees, Jolanta Strachen, Ted Short, Roy Parker, *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. DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL: Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give or use the CAFOD envelopes available in both porches if you wish to donate directly. Please boost your donation by 25% by Gift Aiding it if you can. There will be a Second Collection during all Masses next weekend.

5. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER will take place on Saturday 17th September following the 6.00 pm Mass. The food will be delicious and there will be a raffle. Prizes would be welcome. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend Adults £8.00, Children £4.00. For further information please contact Teresa 01903 529260.

6. TRADCRAFT will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend

7. ST OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL pupils have gained outstanding GCSE results. After three years of non-examinations due to the pandemic, these students were the first to sit formal GCSE exams. St Oscar Romero has been on an upward trend for the last five years. This year, 90% of students achieved a Grade 4 (equivalent to a C grade) in English and Maths and 72% of students achieved a Grade 5 (known as a strong pass) in both English and Maths. Departments across the school performed exceptionally well with English, Maths and Science all securing results of 90%+ at a Grade 4+.

8. CHILDREN'S LITURGY will return this weekend

9. 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.

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. 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.

12. TURNING TIDES: 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: Today the beatification will take place of {Pope John Paul I - known as the 'smiling Pope'. He was Pope for only 33 days – the shortest pontificate in modern times. He was elected Pope on 26th August 1978 on the first day of the conclave that followed the death of Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in St Peter's Basilica. Born as Albino Luciano in the northern Italian town of Canale d'Agordo in October 1912, he was 67 years old and in seeming good health when he was elected. He was the first Pope to choose a double name as a way of honouring his two predecessors John XXIII and Paul VI. He was the last in a long, unbroken line of Italian Popes. Since the Pope is Bishop of Rome the vast majority of Popes have been Italian but there has been no Italian Pope since the death of John Paul I. He was succeeded by the first Polish Pope, John Paul II who was the first non-Italian Pope to be elected since Hadrian VI in 1522, who was a Dutchman who spoke no Italian and whose Latin was incomprehensible. Incidentally Pope Hadrian or Adrian did not change his name in the traditional manner when he was elected. An earlier Pope Hadrian (the IV) became the first and only Englishman to become Pope in 1154. His name was Nicholas Breakspear who died in 1159. Very many recent Popes have been beatified and subsequently canonised – John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II and now the beatification of John Paul I. Beatification means that they are called Blessed. Canonisation means that they are called saints. If I was Pope Francis, I would stipulate in my will that I did not want anyone to put steps in motion to have me beatified. Perhaps he already has – but that might look presumptuous. I think that the Church should be sparing in giving titles to clergy while they are alive – such as Reverend, Canon, Monsignor or addressing them as my lord, your excellency etc. And those who have died should be left in the tender care of Our Saviour.

Albino Luciano, who is being honoured today, came from a poor background. His father spent much of his working life as a seasonal worker – bricklayer and electrician – in Switzerland. Albino had been Bishop of Vittorio Veneto and subsequently, for nine years, as Patriarch of Venice. He was little known outside of Italy and it was a matter of considerable surprise that the 111 voting Cardinals (of whom only 27 were Italian) should have chosen him so quickly – on the fourth ballot – or at all! After the penultimate ballot he was well in the lead and within seven votes of the papacy, he was heard to murmur 'No, please no'. Many thought he might refuse but slowly and sadly he nodded his head 'I do not have the wisdom or heart of Pope John. I do not have the preparation and learning of Pope Paul. But I now stand in their place. I will seek to serve the Church and hope that you will help me with your prayers'.

No Pope had been more approachable nor had such a warm and captivating smile. He hated pomposity and reduced it to a minimum. He abandoned the Royal 'we'; he refused a coronation. There was no more triple crown. He abandoned the gestatorial chair in which Popes used to be carried shoulder high through the crowds and there were no more swaying ostrich feathers. He longed to take the Church back to its origins, to the humility and simplicity and poverty of Jesus himself. But he had the Curia to contend with. He had no enemies in it at the time of his election, he had no enemies at all. But his refusal to be crowned with all the usual trappings had horrified the traditionalists. He also decided that the extra month's salary to all who worked in the Vatican normally paid on the election of a new Pope should be cut in half. This did not increase his popularity. Had he lived a few years, this quiet, gentle, smiling man might have made a dramatic and profound difference to the Church but that was not to be. Before 5.30 am on Friday 29th September 1978 he was found dead in his bed. His was the shortest pontificate since that of Leo XI in 1605 who died after just 21 days as Pope when a severe chill took him away.

There was no post-mortem or autopsy. The Vatican had its own ways of dealing with situations. The Curia obviously panicked and was caught out in some lies as to the finding of the body. It was widely believed that he was on the point of exposing a major financial scandal in which the Vatican Bank was implicated. There were rumours that the Pope had been murdered to prevent some criminality being unearthed. The Vatican is an independent State and the Italian police can enter only if invited, which they were not. So it was a fertile ground for suspicions of all kinds. But it was gradually realised that Pope John Paul I had died of natural causes. Perhaps he is still smiling at the furore his death caused.

Blessed John Paul I, pray for us and help us too to keep smiling in difficult times.