

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Caroline Roe RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Brian Dunne
Monday	12 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	13 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	14 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	15 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	16 th	9.30 am	Pat & Babe O'Mahoney RIP
Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Michael Burholt
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	Bernard Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 5.15 - 5:45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13.

COLLECTIONS: Church: £460 + Digital Collection: £62 Thank you for your generosity.
There will be a Second Collection at all Masses this weekend for the Pakistan Floods Appeal
(Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches.)

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Home Missions (No Gift Aid)

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: BESSY JAMES and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Desmond Healey, Cyril Price, Pat Hare, Dawn Copping, Florence Morrell, James Wiley, Dr John Clarke, Bob Pluntree, Philip Shave, Kathleen Foley, Richard Barnard, Catherine Mansfield, William Hebdige, Anthony Woodman, Hilda Smith, Alan Soper, Bernard Bleach, Kevin Shiel. *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 this 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. 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+.

7. WELCOME BACK AND THANKS TO FATHER JOHN for coming this weekend. We wish you a very happy and relaxed holiday!

8. LITTLE ANGELS & LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC GROUP have returned to the Barn on Thursdays and Fridays. We wish them all a happy term.

9. GRANDPARENTS FORMATION DAY: We are looking forward to welcoming you at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley next 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. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION at West Grinstead next 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.

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: 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: The 'Season of Creation' runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September to the Feast of St Francis on 4th October. It has its origins in the Orthodox Church, which in 1989 proclaimed September 1st as a day of prayer for creation. Subsequently the World Council of Churches extended the celebration until 4th October. Many Christians throughout the world embraced the idea and in 2015 Pope Francis officially declared 1st September the World Day of Prayer for Creation in the Catholic calendar. This means that the world's 2.2 billion Christians are now invited to celebrate the Season of Creation as an ecumenical occasion worldwide. In reality, of course, most Christians have never heard of the Season of Creation!

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking encyclical on the environment, *Laudate Si – or Care for our Common Home*. In it he calls on all people of the world to enter into dialogue about what is happening on our planet, urging us to listen to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. He invites us to 'become painfully aware' of the extent of the crisis our world is facing to engage in the conversion that is needed to protect our common home. All Christians are invited to embrace the season wholeheartedly through deep reflection, through living more sustainably, through making your concerns known and through responding to the plight of those who in ever increasing numbers are suffering from the various climate events that our world is all too familiar with. Thank you very much for your generous help to the people of Pakistan at this time. It so often happens that the people who suffer most from the climate emergency are those who have done comparatively little to cause it.

We know now that the past two hundred years of 'development' have caused widespread destruction of our planet, altering the very fabric of our ecosystems. Our planet has finite resources and we have been abusing it. Levels of consumption by humans are out of control. The Season of Creation is a time to reconnect with the beauty of God's creation so that we can travel by more sustainable paths. We must embrace a gentler way of walking on this earth. God's creatures are disappearing from the earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the Living Planet Report concluded that 68% of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970 to 2016. This mass extinction of life on our planet is not the first one but it is the first that is caused by human over-consumption. For example, by destroying our great rainforests we not only lose our trees but also the habitats of birds, insects, mammals and plants, which will never be seen again. Pope Francis invites us to 'feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of species as painful disfigurement. We are part of and dependant on complex and delicate ecosystems, which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling. We humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is not itself healthy.

Change is urgently needed at our individual level and at political levels. The Science is clear. Our world is warming because of the level of human activity, giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, a rise in sea levels and the displacement of millions of people. If we continue as we are many parts of the world will be uninhabitable in the decades to come. Just a hundred fossil fuel companies produce 70% of the carbon emissions behind this crisis. But it isn't just the companies who are responsible for this. We the consumers are part of the problem.

The roots of the environmental crisis our planet faces are deeply spiritual. We have become detached from the beauty of the natural world. Pope Francis encourages us to remember the 'the entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything is, as it were, a caress of God' (*Laudate Si*: 84)

The Feast of St Francis on 4th October marks the end of the Season of Creation. He is the Patron Saint of Ecology and we have much to learn from him. He was a mystic who 'faithful to scripture invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us glimpses of his infinite beauty and goodness' (*Laudate Si*: 12)

Global efforts to tackle the climate emergency will continue at Cop 27 in Egypt in November and at the Biodiversity Conference in Canada in December. Pope Francis' call for ecological conversion is directed to all of us individually leading us to ask ourselves how we might change our lifestyles. The theme of this year's Season of Creation is 'Listening to the voice of creation'. Creation is certainly telling us how it is hurting.