

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Intention of Frances & Thomas Boylan
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Mrs Chris Hyttner RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00 am</b>	The Families Petter & Wells RIP
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Tony Dunne
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Johannah O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Joan Williams RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17: 11-19

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £465 + Digital Collection: £37 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which was held on Friday.

This may be Gift Aided using **ONLY** the special CAFOD envelopes available in both porches

**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: Margaret McGuinness, Pauline Cave-Berry, Ray Cottam, Molly Bellenger, Phyllis Davey, Johanna Hawkins, Maurice Chiverton, Kathy Bainbridge, Reg Marshall, Roger Davis. *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. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – World Food Crisis Appeal.** Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donation can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Please use the envelope or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

**5. OPEN DAYS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** If your child is due to start school in September 2023, you are invited to one of the school's open days for a presentation by the Headteacher, Dr Helen Townsley, and a tour of the school and grounds. The dates are: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The times are 9.30am or 5.30pm on each day. Please call 01903 502868 or email [office@englishmartyrs.school](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.school) to book your visit.

**6. 'JOURNEY OF FAITH'** is a new 16 week course that will be starting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7 – 8.30 p.m. for those who wish to know more about our faith with the view to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. The course will be a mix of talks and video talks to explore all aspects of our Faith. For more information contact Father Liam on 01903 242624

**7. Please pray for** the repose of the souls of Sister Maureen Banyard FMDM and Fr Michael Perry – a retired priest of our diocese.

**8. CONFIRMATION 2022/23:** If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will start with the Parent's Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and the First Confirmation Candidates Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**9 APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 01903 529260 and it will be collected..

**10. RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE** will be at Arundel Cathedral 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October but you need to book in advance. To do this go to the Diocesan Website – [www.abdiocese.org](http://www.abdiocese.org) – for further information and to book your place. The times for private veneration of the relics at the Cathedral are on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 noon until 10 p.m. and on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.

**11. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST OSCAR ROMERO SCHOOL:** St Oscar Romero will be carrying out assessments on the students from **Monday 31st October to Friday 18th November** and we would be grateful if any parishioners could volunteer their services to read or scribe for some of our students. If anyone would like to help out, could they contact Miss L Benson or Mrs H Bray at [lbenson@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:lbenson@stromeros.co.uk) or [hbray@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:hbray@stromeros.co.uk) stating which day, days or part days they can offer. The assessments will take place during lessons which are at 9am, 11am and 1.15pm.

**12. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people in Years 7 to 11 are welcome. Contact Niall for more information [nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk)

**13. 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. Last week we sent £249 to Mary's Meals – raised through the little boxes.

**14. TURNING TIDES HARVEST REQUESTS** for the many items that they need in their stock cupboards to help the many homeless throughout the year. Please see the Posters and leaflets in both porches, which contain lists of all that they require. Please take a leaflet with you and see if you could donate just one (or more!) items to this wonderful work.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** This summer many of us will have heard the tune 'Jerusalem' played more often in the course of 10 days than ever before. It was played every time an English athlete won gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. English winners of gold medals at the European Games in Glasgow shortly afterwards were heralded by the playing of 'God save the Queen', which would not have been appropriate for any winner in the Commonwealth setting.

The composer of the tune was Sir Hubert Parry, who in 1916 set the words of William Blake's poem, 'And did those feet', to music. The Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, commissioned Parry to set the poem of four stanzas to music. Blake had written the words about a century earlier and the poem by then had almost been forgotten. Bridges hoped that it would raise morale during the Great War. Ever since it has been firmly established as a patriotic hymn.

William Blake was born in London in 1757, the son of an Irish hosier. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to an engraver and went on to study at the Royal Academy School. His first book of poems appeared in 1783. He produced a number of illustrated books of poetry using engraved copper plates, though he met with little acknowledgement. He had a deep Christian faith and felt guided by visitations from the spiritual world.

What did Blake have in mind when he wrote:

'And did those feet in ancient times,  
walk upon England's mountains green?'

According to the late Victorian legend, Joseph of Arimathea brought the boy Jesus – his nephew – to England as he travelled widely, trading for tin. Blake did not know of this myth as it was invented more than half a century after Blake's death in 1827. But he was aware of a much older story that Joseph had come to Britain with 12 followers and established the first Christian church at Glastonbury. A twelfth century book 'The Ancient Church of Glastonbury' was tampered with by an anonymous editor much later who inserted this tale of Joseph into the book. He was eager to establish the primacy of Glastonbury Abbey over the Abbey of Westminster. John Milton, the author of 'Paradise Lost' wrote a book 'The History of Britain'. In it he says that Joseph of Arimathea was 'said to have preached the Christian faith in this land'.

Milton, who was a supporter of Oliver Cromwell, was extremely anti-Catholic. Protestant writers ever since the time of Elizabeth I's reign had been searching for an alternative version of how Christianity came to England. They were not happy with the account that St. Augustine had been the first to plant the faith in the South of England. St Augustine had, of course, been sent by Pope Gregory the Great to Kent with a company of 40 monks from a monastery in Rome. When the Church of England broke from Rome there was an effort to foster the legend that there was indeed a non-Roman source for the Church of England and that source was Joseph and his band of followers. John Milton's history did much to propagate this view. Blake too was not kindly disposed towards Catholics but was much less so than Milton. In his poem he asks four questions, the answer to each of which is 'no'. This is one reason why it is not particularly suitable to be sung at a wedding!

