

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

16.10.2022

Father Liam O'Connor, 37 Compton Avenue,

Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. BN12 4UE

Presbytery 01903 242624 / Church repository 01903 506890

Email: emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk Website: www.english-martyrs.co.uk

Deacon Gary Bevans 01903 503514

Safeguarding Rep. Anne Niven 01903 242624

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No: 25287

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15 th	6.00 pm	Johannah O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.15 am	Joan Williams RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	17 th	9.30 am	Private Intention (ED)
Tuesday	18 th	9.30 am	Jane Melhuish RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	19 th	9.30 am	Margaret Dunne RIP
Thursday	20 th	9.30 am	Bill & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
Friday	21 st	9.30 am	Ann & Bernard Bandy RIP
Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Graham Venn RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Douglas Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

COLLECTIONS: Church: £386 + Digital Collection: £ CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £884

Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Missions

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special World Missions envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Samuel Bezants, 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: Violet Earl, Emily Hudson, Georgia Little, Pauline Moody, Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West, Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Mary Rose, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. 'JOURNEY OF FAITH' is a new 16 week course that will be starting on Monday 24th October 7.00 – 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

4. 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 3rd November at 7.00 pm and the First Confirmation Candidates Meeting on Thursday 17th November at 6.30 pm. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

5. RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE will be at Arundel Cathedral 22nd and 23rd October but you need to book in advance. To do this go to the Diocesan Website – 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 22nd from 12 noon until 10 p.m. and on Sunday 23rd from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.

6. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND INSTRUCTION will take place on Saturday 5th November at St. Michael's, Hayling Rise. The day starts at 8.45 am with registration, followed by Mass at 9.00 am celebrated by Bishop Richard. The guest speakers are Brendan Cleary and Father Rod Jones. The day concludes with Adoration at 3.00 pm followed by Benediction at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Please book with St Michael's Parish Office – 01903 264770 worthngstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend as places are limited

7. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHOIR for helping us to celebrate 'World Smile Day' so joyfully. An evening enjoyed by all those who attended. £145 was raised for 'Pyjama Fairies'.

8. A PARISH MEETING will be held in The Barn on Wednesday 9th November at 7.00 pm. If you have an item that you would like to be discussed please send details to the Parish Office by 2nd November so that they can be added to the Agenda. All are welcome.

9. 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 or 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.

10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 16th 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

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 WISH LIST is appealing for the many items that they need in their stock cupboards to help the many homeless throughout the year. Spreads – peanut butter, sandwich paste, marmite, chocolate spread etc Small bottled and carton drinks/water Cereal bars, Snack pots, Tinned ham, corned beef and fish. Tinned meals - meat and vegetarian, Tinned pies - meat and vegetarian, Pot noodles Tin custard and rice pudding, Cooking sauces. Shampoo and conditioner, Shaving gels and razors, Deodorants, Bath towels Men's boxers, Women's briefs, Women & men's tee-shirts. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help. The collection box is under the bench in the West Porch..

FATHER LIAM SAYS: When we meet here on Sunday a lot of what we do is centred on a book and a lot of what we do is centred on a table. The book is, of course, the Book of Scripture and the table is The Table of the Lord. We call the Book of Scripture that we use at Mass the Lectionary meaning the book where the passages to be read (lectios) at each celebration are arranged. But, since the Mass is the Lord's Supper, the Table of the Lord holds central place. Gathering around the book and around the table – that is what we do together on Sunday. Because this is central to our identity as Catholics and our striving to place Christ first in our lives, we need to think now and then how best we do it together. What we do together in church goes by the name of Liturgy – the Greek word for working together. In the Eucharist there is the Liturgy of the Word, which is centred on the Scriptures and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which is centred on what takes place at the Table of the Lord. The Liturgy on Sunday is done by the assembly. Before any other thing happens, people have to gather. Liturgy is the work of the people of God. What we do here takes all of us. It is the great enterprise of celebrating the Eucharist – the supreme action of giving praise and glory to the Father, in, with and through Christ – our great High Priest. We come to place ourselves beside our brothers and sisters. We listen together to God speaking to us in the Scripture and we give thanks and praise to God over the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do in memory of him. We come here as very human, very distracted, very preoccupied with our own worries, our own agendas, our own prayers. But we set our aloneness aside because we gather as church, as the Body of Christ. We are that body: Baptism made us so. God's Word makes us so. The Eucharist we celebrate here and the communion we share make us so. As we enter we take holy water and sign ourselves with the Cross. We thank God for bringing us into the family of the Church through Baptism and giving us a share even now in Christ's Risen Life. We celebrate who we are and remind ourselves of the one to whom we belong and of the family of Christ of which we are a part. And so we come together. What is this gathering called? It is sometimes called the congregation. So we congregate. It is sometimes called the Assembly. We assemble. Jesus from his earliest days assembled with family and friends in the Synagogue. Synagogue means an assembly. The word church means assembly. We come before God not just as individuals but as a community. Because we belong to God and to the Christ we belong to one another. We all belong to the family of God and so are called to worship our Father together as his children.

When we board a bus alone we probably look for a seat alone. If we board with a friend we sit together, but we don't need to pay much attention to anyone else on the bus. We ask nothing more from the bus than that it takes us from one place to another. But when we come to church it is meant to be different. We are not really meant to look for a place to sit alone or just with a friend or family. This isn't a bus. It is a boat that is rowed by everyone on board. That is what liturgy is – something done by everyone together. Different people may have different roles but the task in hand – moving the boat – is done by everyone. Our task then is to make the church look like the church, act like the church, sound like the church. We have to do the best we can to make God's house – and ours – welcoming to all of us. If a pew is empty, try not to sit on the end, protecting it. Try taking a place in the middle as if inviting others to sit beside us. Greet others warmly even if you do not know their name yet. You might even tell them your name as we begin the joint enterprise of the liturgy.