

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Graham Venn RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Douglas Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Patrick McLaughlin RIP
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	John L Sullivan RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Fred McGinn RIP
Thursday	27 th	9.30 am	David Walsh RIP
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Phillips and Bandy Families
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	For Samuel Bezants and his family
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	Father Robert Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	Peter Baldwin RIP



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 - 10.45 am and 5.15 - 5.45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

COLLECTIONS: Church: £344 + Digital Collection: £57 Thank you for your generosity.

This 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, 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: Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely, Constance Clark, Kathleen Hope, Giuseppina Pryke, Jean Murphy, Tony Sassi, Roy Bellm. *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. 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 worthingstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend as places are limited

6. 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.

7. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting next Sunday, 30th 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

8. TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY and is being celebrated in every Catholic Parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 02078 219755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: mission.org.uk

9. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS IF HOLY COMMUNION are invited to attend an afternoon formation session on Saturday 10th December, from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Holy Family Church, Lancing [BN15 9BB]. It is suitable for both new ministers and existing ministers who would like a refresher and update. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Home Communion for the Sick will be covered. To apply please speak to Father Liam.

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. 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 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: Some years ago the book 'Roots' was serialised on television. The author, Alex Haley, researched the history of his family, working on the stories his grandmother had told him as a child. Haley, an American, was able to find out when an ancestor of his had been taken from his village in Africa and kidnapped by slave-traders. From the records of slave ships Haley was able to determine from what part of Africa his ancestors may have been taken. Travelling there, Haley met with the descendants of those who had lived in that village and the storyteller chanted their history from memory. He told of a young man, Kunta Kinte, who had gone out of the village one day to collect wood and never returned. Haley told the villagers, from the stories that he had heard from his grandmother, what had happened to that young man and that he was his descendant. The community welcomed Haley as one who had finally come home. Every Sunday our Catholic community gathers to hear our story. The book from which that story is read is carried with reverence and respect. We prepare to hear our story with singing and silence and prayer. Our story begins with the Jewish people. Their traditions and ours are told in legends and histories, laws, letters, parables and songs. Whatever form they take those scriptures tell the story of a God who made and loved us and how he chose a people who could reveal to all who God is. The words of this book are God's message of love to us. We sit down and the reader begins and the Church is nourished at the table of God's Word. Two tables are set before us, the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. On Sundays three scripture readings are proclaimed. The first is usually from the oldest books of the Bible – the Hebrew scriptures. The second is normally from one of the letters of the New Testament and the third is from one of the Gospels. As a people we travel through the centuries. The other Christian churches journey with much the same book. Jews carry a book that contains most of these same scriptures and they have carried it much longer. Most of the Christian scriptures are in fact a Jewish book.

Through the course of three years the book is opened on Sundays to many parts of this collection of various smaller books. The Bible literally means 'Books'. It is, in fact, a small library but the most precious of all of them. In the course of three years the Sunday readings open up much of the scriptures to us. The readings are not simply for our information. They are what gives the Church its nourishment and life. They were, of course, written over two thousand years ago – some much longer – and in very different places and civilisations. They were written under divine inspiration but in the language and idiom of their own time and place. We shouldn't be too surprised then when we find some of what is read to us difficult to understand. The Old Testament was the only scriptures that existed in the lifetime of Jesus. The New Testament was written after his Resurrection and the more we are familiar with the Old Testament the clearer we see how the New Testament fulfils it.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the Gospel. The whole congregation stands and begins to sing, usually at any rate, Alleluia. Candles and incense sometimes accompany the Book of the Gospels. When the text is announced we respond: 'Glory to you Lord' and we sign our foreheads, lips and heart with the sign of the cross. In this way we pray that the gospel may fill our minds, form our words and change our hearts. The homily follows and the Liturgy of the Word concludes with prayers of intercession. Christ's followers have been doing this at Sunday Mass for a very long time. It is a delight to hear St Justin the Martyr describe what Christians did in his day. He wrote this account in the year 155 to the pagan Emperor Antoninus who was persecuting the Church: "On the day of the sun all who live in cities or in the country gather together in the same place and the memoirs of the Apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits. Then when the reader has ended, the one who presides instructs and exhorts all to imitate the good things just read. After this we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves and for all others wherever they may be so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions and faithful to the commandments so as to obtain eternal salvation.' He goes on in the letter to tell the emperor what they do next! Like them we too move from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.