

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Margaret Metcalf RIP
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	In Thanksgiving (Pearl Rego)
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	<b>Deceased Clergy of the Diocese</b>
		7.00 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Angela Kelt
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of the Dunne Family
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	John Iago RIP
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Nellie Jacob RIP
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Baby Finnegan Aherne – Deo Gratias
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £405 + Digital Collection: £37 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Retired Priest's Fund (Gift Aid)

**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:** RAY KELLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Reginald Patten, Elizabeth Holding, Benjamin Dixon-Smith, Margaret Hanson, Leslie Lee, Francis Fisher, Billy McCann, Brian McHale, Phillip Horsfall, Edward Hetherington, Elvira Fleming, Patricia Thompson, Bernard O'Connor, Helenja Kamieniecka, John Biddles, Thomas Eze. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS:** The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

**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 First Confirmation Candidates Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**5. A PARISH MEETING** will be held in The Barn next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm All are welcome.

**6. THE RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** – there are thirty-two (and rising) retired priests in our diocese, many of whom are cared for in Nursing Homes. The diocese exercises its duty of care through your generous response to this collection and the need increases year on year so please help!

**7. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** (Bangers & Mash) will be served in The Barn on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon in aid of SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price Adult £8.00 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy

**8. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS** for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am here at English Martyrs. You are invited to make every effort to come to this very important annual occasion to remember in prayer the priests, now deceased, who once served in our Parishes.

**9. TRADCRAFT WILL BE ON SALE** in the Barn after all Masses next weekend.

**10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 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)

**11. ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3.15pm – 4.30pm for games, crafts, fun and refreshments. All are welcome.

**12. MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are invited to attend an afternoon formation session on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.~

**14. 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, 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: Ronald Knox was a lecturer at Oxford University** and became a Catholic at the age of 29. He was ordained a priest six years later in 1925 and was well known as a writer and preacher. His translation of the Bible was widely used by Catholics. I came across a talk he gave on the subject of death so I thought I would give you a flavour of what he wrote about it, but I cannot do justice to his artistry.

He refers to an old saying well known years ago that 'nine tailors make a man'. Apparently, this had nothing to do with people who make clothes. 'Tailor' is a misrepresentation of the word 'teller'. Tellers were the preliminary strokes of the bell which announced a death in a parish. Before the bell rang one stroke for each year of the deceased persons age it first indicated whether the deceased was a man or a woman or a child. In some places it rang nine times for a man, six times for a woman and three times for a child. That is how 'nine tellers make a man' came over time to cast aspersions on members of a hard working profession who were stigmatised as lacking in personal courage. Father Ronald Knox goes on to divide his meditation on death into nine points, one for each stroke of the bell.

One: Death means rest from work, from pain. That is clear enough, even to the mind of those who do not believe in a future life. 'Duncan is in his grave; After life's fitful fever he sleeps well. Treason has done his worst; nor shall steel, nor poison, malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing can touch him further'. Knox goes on to surmise that the holy souls in purgatory are already at rest in a sense unimaginable to us. They feel their minds at rest and wake up to find that far from being dead, eternal life has been won.

Two: Death strips us, puts away the toys we cherished, shrouds have no pockets, a cheque signed by one who has died is no longer honoured. We could always see that the miser was a miserable creature. That is why we called him the miser. When Our Lord told his disciples the parable of the Rich Fool he was reinforcing the belief of unbelievers; you did not need to be a disciple of his to see that death can make our reliance on human plans look silly. Yet we behave as if the things of this world were the real treasure worth having. Because of this, the second stroke of the passing bell is worth listening to.

Three: Death levels us. The nine tellers only assure us that it is a man who has died, rather than a woman or child. They do not tell us whether he is rich or poor, a master or a slave. 'Death lays his icy hands on Kings, Sceptre and crown must tumble down, and in the dust be equal made with the poor crooked scythe and spade.' The thought of death should make us more concerned about the people who in this world are disregarded.

Four: Death may come at any time. We can't even be sure that we will be given a minute or two to prepare ourselves for it. What we are then, in the sight of God, we shall be for all eternity. To have a little time, even if it's only an hour or two, to polish up our consciences – that is a useful thing to ask for, if it should be God's will.

Five: Death must come sometime, so a limit is set on all our human activities. God has a job for us to do in this world. We have been given a talent to trade with, to use, not to bury in the ground. The span of life allotted to us is long enough to get the job well and truly done, as long as we are quick off the mark. Few of us are.

Six: Death is the moment of decision, the tape at the end of the race. That is why we must pray for the grace of perseverance. There should be no relaxation of effort Christ tells us. We are engaged to work while it is day. The night is the time to cease from labour. There is no question of calling it a day while we still have daylight. There is no giving up until we go into the keeping of our heavenly Father.

Seven: Death is a painful experience. We will be better able to square up to it if we have at least some acquaintance with pain. That is, in part, the meaning of mortification. Mortification, of course, has plenty of other grounds to recommend it; we want to unite ourselves with the sufferings of our Lord, to make satisfaction for our sins and the sins of others. Mortification is meant to produce in us a habit of resignation so that when death comes it will not take us altogether by surprise.

Eight: Death is the consummation of sacrifice. When Christ was about to die on the cross he called out 'It is accomplished'. Death is the completion of your earthly journey. Our whole life as Christians is meant to be a sacrifice, continually offered to God. We are his creatures. We trust him to know better than we know what is best for us. We should seek to accept death and the manner and moment of it because we belong to him.

Nine: Death is a bursting into life, the flowering of that Risen Life which we already share. After death we shall have the experience of living that new life. It will not fully flower until we experience our final entrance to our Father's Home.