

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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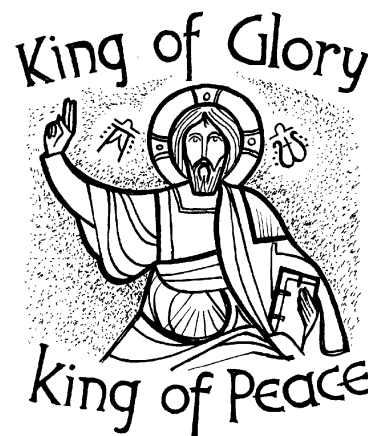
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### Christ The King

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Peter Ayre RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Peter Boyle RIP
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Kathleen O'Toole RIP
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Patrick, Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Tim & Angela Ryan RIP
Friday	25 <sup>h</sup>	9.30 am	Mary Ginty RIP
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Deceased Relatives of Gina Marshall
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Holy Souls



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £390 + Digital Collection:  
£100

Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for LEPTRA. Please see Note 4

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Humphrey Niven, 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: Maureen Pitt, Peter Boyle. Angela Outridge, Kathleen Sidwell, Vera Musto, Richard Carrod, Pat Tasker, Donald MacDonald, Sarah Clarke, Sheila Shave, Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, *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. LEPRA** is an international charity, established in 1924, working to beat leprosy. They work directly with people in India and Bangladesh, supporting people affected by leprosy and referring them for treatment. Leprosy affects the skin and attacks nerves in the hands, feet and eyes. If detected early enough it is curable with a combination of antibiotics known as multidrug therapy. If left untreated it can cause severe disabilities and even blindness. Reconstructive surgery followed by physiotherapy can reverse damage, helping people to use their hands, feet and eyes again. Please visit [lepra.org.uk](http://lepra.org.uk) to find out more about this cruel disease.

**5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023:** Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the church and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

**6. 'CURRY & CAROLS'**, full of Christmas festivities and a sing-along, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend - Adults £8.00 Children £4.00 Raffle prizes please!

**7. TRAINING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS** will take place in the church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am led by Judi. If you would like to become an Altar Server please attend the training - you will be made very welcome.

**8. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**, to mark the start of Advent, will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00 noon until 6.00pm and continue from 7.00 pm until 8.15 am on Sunday.

**9. AN ADVENT GROUP** will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10.15 am in the Good Shepherd Chapel to follow a new Advent Course, which includes a short video followed by discussion. The dates are 29<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. For those unable to come at that time the course will be repeated later the same day at 7.00 pm by Zoom. If you wish to join the Zoom course, please contact Dermot for a link – 07999 488326

**10. 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

**11. 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

**12 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.

**13. 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: The final phase of the Synod of the Church** was due to take place in October 2023, almost a year from now. But a few weeks ago -in mid-October – Pope Francis made a surprise announcement that the final phase will now be spread over two gatherings with the second one held a year later – October 2024; both to take place in Rome. The decision to extend the global synod by a further year is significant. It underlines that this is a process rather than a one-off event. Pope Francis wants synodality to become a constitutive part of the Church. Spreading the final phase over two sessions shows that he believes more time is needed for the Synodal way to become embedded in the life of the Church. It is also an implicit recognition that there is resistance to the process. There is a mentality in some quarters that the Synod will soon be 'over' and he wants to tackle that suggestion. Presumably, also, the Pope is conscious of the fact that important changes cannot be rushed and he sees the Synod as heralding changes in the Church. He would not otherwise have devoted so much time and energy to the enterprise. The Church is finding new ways of being church. This is something that the Church has always had to do. To live is to change. Because we have grown so accustomed to things as they are in the Church we sometimes tend to think they have always been that way. But new circumstances demand new approaches.

For instance, we might imagine that the pope always appointed the bishops of the Church. Less than 190 years ago out of 646 bishops in the world, only 24 of them were directly appointed by the Pope. In the fifth century, Pope Celestine I said: 'No bishop is to be imposed on unwilling subjects, but the consent and wishes of the clergy and people are to be considered.' Pope Leo at about the same time said: 'On no account is anyone to be bishop who has not been chosen by the clergy, desired by the people and consecrated by the bishops of the province.' Sometimes bishops were chosen by public acclamation. St Ambrose of Milan wasn't even a baptized Christian – he was under instruction – when he was acclaimed bishop by the people. It was when secular rulers began choosing bishops that things changed.

We tend to assume that Cardinals have always chosen the Pope. Cardinals only began to exist in the eleventh century. Popes' began to live in the Vatican only in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. before that they lived in another part of Rome in the Lateran. There was no Curia until the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The first encyclical was written in 1730 and for most of the Church's history there was no compulsory clerical celibacy. The Jesuit Order to which Pope Francis belongs goes back four hundred years which is only one fifth of the lifespan of the Church. The Church has changed enormously with time and must continue to change. But Pope Francis is very cautious and is determined to handle change carefully. Change is meant to help the Church flourish not to bring about unnecessary division. No one is more conscious that Pope Francis that changes in discipline and developments in teaching cannot be rushed,

Having consulted with the Synod leadership and having seen the kernel of what the local churches and communities around the world have been saying in their parish gatherings, the Pope decided that there had to be a further period of reflection and consultation. Calls for expanded roles for women and the problems of clericalism and the inclusion of LGBT Catholics feature prominently among the issues that are likely to be contested. Pope Francis says that the fruits of the Synodal process underway are precious but they still need to come to fuller maturity. The October 2023 meeting will not have the last word. It will be an important step on the longer journey.

Something similar happened during the Synod of the Family in 2014 and 2015. The added time allowed the bishops to find resolution to the contested issue of Communion for divorced and remarried Catholics. Over time the authority of the Synod of the Church has been strengthened. This Synod of the Church is not called 'The Synod of Bishops' as previous Synods have been. The process includes all the people of God and not just the hierarchy, although it will primarily be the

bishops who meet in assembly in the Vatican at its conclusion. A Synod however is not a General Council of the Church. It is an attempt to fully implement the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, not to become 'Vatican III'.