

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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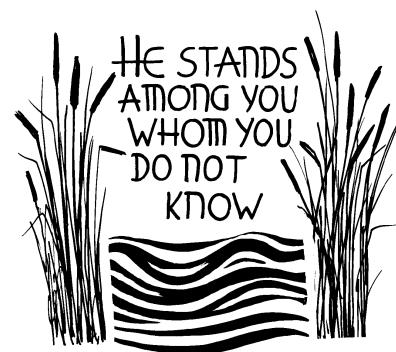
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Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	Bernard Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	12 th	9.30 am	Frank Burns RIP
Tuesday	13 th	9.30 am	Intention of the Taylor Family
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	14 th	9.30 am	Mark Whitbourn RIP & Family
Thursday	15 th	9.30 am	Bernie Cottam RIP
		7.360 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Friday	16 th	9.30 am	Michael Corrigan RIP
Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	Roma & John Morey RIP
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	Cora Gillies RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

COLLECTIONS: Church: £414 + Digital Collection: £85 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joan Wand, 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: **MICHAEL CORRIGAN** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Desmond Monaghan, Mary Doran, Louis Hofmann, Raymond Dew, Frederick Franklin, Doris Dowling, Lilian Mutton, Mary Mackay, Ethel Baker, Margaret Mattingley, Noel Melling, Norah Murphy. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. 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 5th January at 7.30 pm in the church and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 10th January from 4.30 – 5.30 pm

4. PARISH CAROL SERVICE: On Tuesday 20th December at 7.00pm, we shall be holding our Parish Carol Service. It will be a festive opportunity for everyone to celebrate the coming of Christmas by taking part in our service of traditional carols and readings in the church, followed by refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies in the Barn. All are most welcome to attend so please come and join us!

5. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 15th December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday 20th December - 7.00 pm – Christmas Carols, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Friday 23rd December - 10.00 am – The Church 'Christmas BIG Clean'
Saturday 24th December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children
- 9.00 pm – Vigil Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
Sunday 25th December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass

6. HOME START: Home Start Arun, Worthing and Adur want to make sure every child has a present to open, to provide a Christmas food hamper to each family, and to continue their support through to the end of 2023...thus ensuring some festive joy. As happened last year we will not be able to put gifts for the children under the Christmas Tree in church but they do still need our support – financially. To do this please go on line to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/21807> to Find a Charity. Enter HomeStart Arun, Worthing and Adur and follow the instructions. In the 'Add instructions for this Donation' box please mention English Martyrs Church and send them a Christmas message. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church for those who prefer to donate in cash or by cheque

7. THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held here this Thursday, 15th December at 7.30pm. There will be a choice of confessors as there will be at the other Reconciliation Services in the Deanery. These are listed in both porches

8. USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS: As the Christmas Cards start arriving please remember to rescue all those beautiful stamps, leaving about half an inch of envelope around the edges (no more than this please as it makes them expensive to forward to the Missionary Society) and put them in the box in the Porch

9. KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Many thanks to Worthing Knights of St Columba who have provided Christmas posters, available in both porches, and ask that they are displayed as an act of Christian witness.

10. THE CHURCH 'CHRISTMAS BIG CLEAN' will take place on Friday 23rd December at 10.00am. Not only are you welcome but even needed! As is usual Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies will be served.

11. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES are your personal gift to Father Liam (Gift Aid applies). If you are not Gift Aiding, special envelopes are available in the Porch. If you will be away for Christmas you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards.

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 Winter Wish List. Coffee, Long-life Milk, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Tins/Boxes of Chocolates, Festive Cake/Yule Logs, Non-Alcoholic Christmas pudding, Long-life Carton of juice, Snacks – Crisps/Nuts, Savoury Stuffing, Crackers, Large Bottles Fizzy Drinks, Lists are available in both porches. with further suggestions. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help. The collection box is under the bench in the West Porch..

FATHER LIAM SAYS: I recently wrote a note in the Newsletter about Father Albert Purdie who served as a Chaplain in the First World War and was awarded an OBE for bravery. Much later he retired to Goring where he died in 1976 at the age of 88. there are copies of the booklet about him, giving a number of poems he wrote at the Front. A parishioner here has fond memories of him from her First Holy Communion days when he was helping Canon McCarthy. Below are two of his poems from Christmas 1915 and Christmas 1916.

Christmas 1915

Babe of the stable cold and bare,
Babe of the winter night,
Babe of the snow and freezing air -
(And Joseph had no brazier there,
And only a candle light) -
Poor wee little might!

Lo, on the hills a flash of wings
And the sudden stir of a song:
'To men of goodwill this infant brings
Store of peace and good tidings!'
(And what if the war be long,
Were the angels wrong?)

Out o' the East a star aflare
Clomb up in the silent sky,
And wonderingly it tarried where
in tumbled straw the baby fair
Mary had put to lie
With the oxen nigh.

Kings from afar with gifts of gold,
Of myrrh, and of incense sweet,
Came with the star to the stable cold
And saw the Child by Writ foretold,
And with honour meet
Knelt down at His feet.

Christmas 1916 (Picardy)

O little Jesus look at me
Observing Thy nativity!
See, on this Christmas Eve I lie
On straw in a broken barn; on high
Star-shells bright
With a trail of light
Gleam in the Eastern sky!
And when I shepherd my thoughts at night,
Angels come to my darkened sight
And sing, when the noises of war are still:
'Peace on earth to men of good will -

Peace to the hearts from evil free,
That love both friend and enemy!
You know I cherish no lust to kill,
But only my life to give
That others might live.
Alas, the Kings of the earth proffer
To Thee and Thy people only myrrh:
But look, dear Child, I give to You
The gold of a heart untarnished and true,
And the fragrant spice
Of my sacrifice!