

# PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## Second Sunday of Lent

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| Saturday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 pm         | John Roe RIP                 |
| Sunday    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.15 am         | Humphrey Niven RIP           |
|           |                  | 10.30 am        | The Parish                   |
| Monday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am         | Intention of Marguerite Kirk |
| Tuesday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am         | Kevin Shiel RIP              |
|           |                  | <b>7.00 pm</b>  | <b>Choir Practice</b>        |
| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am         | Bernadette Murphy RIP        |
| Thursday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am         | Charlie Gillespie RIP        |
| Friday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am         | Roger Melhuish RIP           |
|           |                  | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>Stations of the Cross</b> |
| Saturday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm         | Jessica Forte RIP            |
| Sunday    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 8.15 am         | The Parish                   |
|           |                  | 10.30 am        | Mary Robinson RIP            |



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Exodus 17:3-7; Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £380 Digital Collection: £67 Thank you for your generosity.

*This weekend there will be a Special Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day*

**Special CAFOD Gift Aid Envelopes in both porches**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Lola Samengo-Meehan, Sue Withnell, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan, John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, 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:** **EMILIO SANTANGELO, KATHLEEN BRENNAN, JENNIFER STEVENSON** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Michael O'Rourke, Brian Jackson, David Davies, Marion Ray, Margaret Sullivan, Kathleen Shortt, John Gomez, Rosina Curtis, Julian Mokrski, Maurice Brunet, Mary Ellis, Rene McGrath, Anne Soper, Charlie Gillespie. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**3. REDISCOVER THE POWER OF PRAYER.** Exploring the power of prayer and its impact on the world around us. We will explore the key moments in the life of Christ through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Our aim is that the mysteries will carry us to the Lord and change our lives from the inside out. How we pray has the power to enrich our Christian life, and impact on how we are living. Meet in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 10.15 am every Tuesday. Please contact Dermot or Jane Anne 07999488326 or email [dermot36@gmail.com](mailto:dermot36@gmail.com)

**4. ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY'** in aid of our Parish Project, will take place **on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm** in the Barn. Irish Step Dancers, three course traditional Irish Supper – Bacon & Cabbage - Homemade desserts, Irish Coffee, Bar, a Sing-a-long and Raffle,. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, good food music and dance. Donations of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend: Adults £8.00, Children £4.00

**5. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our brothers and sisters around the world. This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14 year old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Please give to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from one of the porches and give whatever you can or give on-line at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**6 THE LENTEN ALMS BOX** is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

**7. LENT TALKS WITH FR TERRY MARTIN** At the risk of boring you with my ramblings, I propose three talks (with time for questions and comments) during Lent, in St Mary's church, Worthing. No need to come; they will be rubbish!

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm: Prayer

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.00pm: Universal call to holiness:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm: Becoming what we do

**8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 730 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information [nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk).

**9. HAND MADE MOTHERS DAY AND EASTER CARDS** are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

**10. TRAIDCRAFT WILL BE ON SALE** after all Masses **next** weekend

**10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 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. Coffee, Long-life Milk, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Small bottled/carton drinks/water, Cereal Bars, Biscuits, Snack Pots, Tinned meat/fish. Also Toilet Rolls, Washing-up Liquid, Washing Powder, Dish-washer Tablets Deodorant. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: I have been reading 'A Canadian Bishop's Memoirs' by Alex Carter**, who was Bishop of Ontario from 1957 until he retired in 1985. When he was studying in Rome in 1939, the clergy and students of the Canadian College went to visit Pope Pius XI. In his youth the Pope had been an Alpine climber but now he was frail and extremely ill. He said to them: 'You are the young priests who have come to Rome. You are going back to Canada and will continue to build the Church there. I assume that my life expectancy is very short. I want you to take this message with you. The Church, the mystical body of Christ, has become a monstrosity. The head is very large and the body is shrunken. The only way it can be rebuilt is to mobilise all the members of the Church. You must call upon the lay people to become, along with you, the witnesses of Christ.'

Bishop Carter wrote that this was like a last will and testament of the Pope. It was his last public audience and he died in early February 1939. He was succeeded by Pius XII. A determined effort had been made by Mussolini and Hitler and the Fascist and Nazi parties to prevent the election of Cardinal Pacelli, who was widely perceived as the most likely Cardinal to become Pope. A number of newspapers in Italy and Germany took part in a campaign to convince the Cardinals that Pacelli would not be acceptable but the Cardinals refused to be influenced. Several years after his death Pius XII came in for a lot of criticism for not sufficiently condemning Hitler and his policies directed at the extermination of the Jews. In many ways he was not recognised for the contribution he had made to save Jews from the Holocaust.

On a lighter note, Bishop Carter tells of a trip he made from Rome to Dublin in 1938, when he watched the Gaelic football final between Kerry and Galway. He remarked on how all the spectators joined enthusiastically in singing 'Faith of our Fathers' before the game and noted that the ball was thrown in to begin the match by the formidable Bishop Brown of Galway. Years later, Carter who was then a Bishop met Bishop Brown in Rome at the Synod of Bishops in 1971. This was the first Synod of Bishops which Pope Paul VI set up shortly after the Second Vatican Council. A representative number of Bishops from all over the world have been meeting every three years or so since. Bishop Carter recalls how he found Bishop Brown rather unfriendly towards him at the Synod. Brown thought Carter to be too modern in his thinking but when Carter spoke of the football match and the singing of 'Faith of our Fathers', Brown changed his attitude and even asked Carter for his opinion on the documents they had been discussing.

There have been many Synods in the intervening fifty years. Pope Pius VI saw the Synod as a way to remedy the situation in the Church that the dying Pope Pius XI lamented in 1939. The Pope and the Curia were exerting far too much influence on the Universal Church. Having these regular Synods was seen by Paul VI as a means of reaching out to dioceses throughout the world and to listen to their concerns. He wished to enable them to make appropriate decisions more locally, without having to refer constantly to Rome. Papal primacy had been greatly emphasised ever since the First Vatican Council in 1870 when the doctrine of Papal Infallibility was defined. Because that Council had to end abruptly due to political turmoil in Europe little attention was devoted to how the teaching office of bishops throughout the world was to be exercised. The position of the papacy and the Roman Curia was greatly strengthened; more and more bishops were appointed directly by the Pope.

The Second Vatican Council was an attempt among many other things to reset the balance between the Bishop of Rome and the other bishops of the Church. Whereas the First Vatican Council tended to emphasise the monarchical aspect of governance in the Church, the Second Vatican Council sought to emphasise the collegiate aspect. The office of Peter should not be divorced from the office of the other bishops. Just as Peter and the Apostles were called to work together so should the Bishop of Rome work with the other bishops. This was expressed in the one word – 'collegiality'.

Setting it down in documents is one thing. Putting it into practice is another. When the Council was over and the Bishops back in their dioceses, implementing the Council was the difficult part. The many Synods that have been held during the past fifty years have not, in fact, lived up to the hopes of Pius XI who set them in motion. The Curia has continued to be resistant to change. Pope Francis has been trying to change this situation and the forthcoming Synod represents his greatest effort to set the Church on a courageous journey of transformation. The word Synod means a journey we make together, a common journey. Pope Francis does not call this a Synod of Bishops. It is a Synod of the Church. It is an invitation and encouragement and an inspiration to all of us to walk together, to grow and mature together. For this we need above all to pray together.