

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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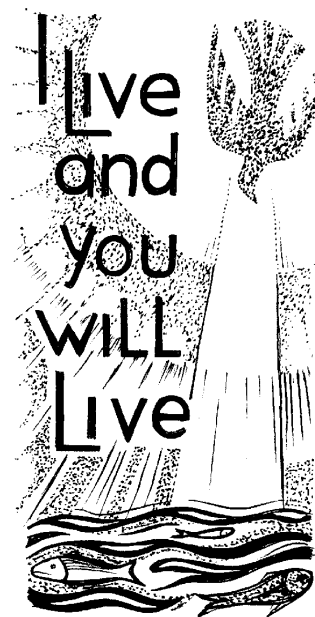
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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Viviane Proyer RIP
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Humphrey Niven RIP
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Toni Judd RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Kieran Hickey RIP
		<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM FOR ALFONSO DIBIASE RIP</b>
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM FOR KATHLEEN BRENNAN RIP</b>
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Service of Reconciliation</b>
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Samuel Bezants and family
		<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Sinead McCarthy (Recovery)
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Ursula Trübe RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27;66

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £420 Digital Collection: £52 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Flowers for our Church – This can be Gift Aided using the Second Collection envelopes and marked : Flowers 26.03.2023 Please see Note 4

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jed Armstrong, 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, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Therese Mekui, Daisy Kinch, Maureen Sullivan, Raymond Earl, Stephen Paris, Edith De la Bertauche, Lillian Corry, Alice Hudson, Mary McGoohan, Dennis Hale, Leslie Green, Bernard Berendt, Jessie Crouch, Joan Emerton, Dick Rains, Lilian Lee, Harry Lambrou. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### **3. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Service of Reconciliation – 7.00 pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8.00 pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3.00 pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April - The Solemn Vigil of Easter – 8.00 pm  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.15 and 10.30 am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May King Charles III Parish Coronation Celebration – 2.00 – 5.00 pm

**4. FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCH:** Our church is a somewhat subdued place during Lent and Advent and I am sure we all miss the beauty of the fresh flower arrangements that are there throughout the rest of the year. However, they cost money - £1,456 in 2022 - and that after a number of arrangements were replaced by flowering plants. The collection for the church has dropped by £200 per week since pre-pandemic days and so you are asked to be generous when this week we have a Second Collection for church flowers. If you could Gift Aid it that would be most helpful. Thank you.

**5. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** will take place here this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. If you will be unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery

**6. ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY'** last Saturday evening raised £900 for the Parish Project. Many thanks to all those who helped and donated. The Hospice in Kalingalinga will be most grateful for this donation.

**7 SAFEGUARDING TRAINING ACCESS TO TES/EDUCARE ONLINE PROGRAMMES.** Volunteers who are in roles with children or vulnerable adults are required to complete safeguarding training every three years. There are eleven CPD accredited online safeguarding programmes available within the Catholic Church. These are free to the user and simply require registration via the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. Each programme is modular and divided into a bite-sized format. Modules within the programme can be saved once completed with the remainder returned to at the convenience of the learner. For access to the Tes/Educare training please Email: [safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk) with your name, preferred email address, role, and parish. The diocesan Safeguarding Office will register your interest with Tes/Educare who will send a welcome email enabling instant access to the training programmes. Please let Anne know when you start a course.

**8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 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. 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.

**10. 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: We come together on Sundays to do what Christ invited us to do.** On the night before he died he celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. It was clearly a very special meal that he wished to be perpetuated for all time. Gathering his friends around him at table in this special way was not to be reserved for his first followers but an event that his followers of all time and in every place were meant to celebrate. He told those with him at the Last Supper that they were to continue to do what he had done with them and for all.

The first name which his followers gave to this definitive action of Jesus was 'the breaking of bread'. In all four accounts that the New Testament gives us of that special meal we are told that Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to his disciples. We are told in the Acts of the Apostles how after the Resurrection, Christ's followers gathered in each other's houses for the breaking of bread. Before it was known as the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper it was called the breaking of bread. It was called the Eucharist, which is a Greek word for praise and thanksgiving because Jesus spoke the prayer of praise and thanksgiving over the bread and over the cup of wine, which he shared with his disciples. This was the first Eucharistic Prayer and the first Eucharist.

St Paul was the first follower of Christ to write anything that is part of the New Testament. His letters were written before any of the gospels, so Paul is the first to write about what happened at that Last Supper though, of course, he was not present, nor was he a believer in Christ until some years after Christ's Resurrection. In his first letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of the profound bonding with Jesus and with one another that takes place when we celebrate the Eucharist. 'The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' (10: 16,17) What is meant by 'one bread' is 'one loaf' and that is how it is sometimes translated. The use of little particles such as we have was a much later and poorer development. The one loaf was a powerful symbol of Christ's unity with us and our unity with one another.

The Second Vatican Council, which issued its great document on the Liturgy sixty years ago encouraged the Church to return to that original practice and to use bread at the Eucharist that looked and tasted like bread. The liturgy was the first topic that the Council worked on. The 2,000 or so bishops present voted almost unanimously for this document but when they went back to their dioceses they scarcely did a thing to encourage us to bring a loaf to the table of the Lord! How many people today, even know that such an idea was ever discussed at the great Council of the Church?

Did the apostles who took part in the Last Supper understand the meaning of the words and actions of Jesus as he blessed the bread and wine, saying that they were truly his body and blood? Perhaps their understanding was very partial. The meaning would be clearer to them after the Resurrection. But their understanding would continue to grow until they achieved the light of glory in heaven. He had spoken to them of this great mystery in the course of his public ministry. St John in Chapter 6 of his gospel gives us some of this great eucharistic teaching, which they would have lovingly reflected on throughout their ministry. This is what we too are called to do.

At Mass, when bread and wine are brought to the altar, we are invited to stand and to lift up our hearts as together with Christ 'we give thanks to the Lord our God'. Giving God perfect thanks and praise is what the Eucharist enables us to do, because it is Christ's great act of worship of the Father that we are privileged to participate in. And we participate in the Eucharist in the same way that St Justin the Martyr wrote about nearly 1,900 years ago: 'When the prayers (of intercession) are concluded, bread and a cup of wine mixed with water are brought to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the Universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (Eucharistic) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgiving all present give voice to an acclamation, by saying 'Amen'. When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those who we call deacons give to those present the eucharistic bread and wine and take them to those who are absent.' We look forward to having the opportunity once again to receive from the chalice as Jesus invited us to do.