

# PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Dr John Foley RIP
		10.30 am	Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	June & Doug Elphic RIP
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Nora O'Toole
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Neil Thomas RIP
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Tommy O'Connor RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Brian McCann RIP



Praise him with trumpets.  
Praise him with drums and dancing.  
Praise him with harps and flutes.  
Praise the Lord, all living creatures.  
(Psalm 150.5-6)

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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £490 Digital Collection: £25 - Thank you for your generosity

**This weekend there will be an Appeal and Second Collection for The Verona Fathers**  
**Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for 'A Day for Life' (NOT Gift Aided)**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Brian Dunn, Ian Follett, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Baby Thomas Dario Castanho (ill in a London Hospital), Lola Samengo-Meehan, 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: John Foley, Liam McCann, Dorothy Firth-Scott, Frances Smith, Daniel Ions, Sylvia Smyth, Bridget Bullock, Rene Woods, Harry Jacobs, David Alexander, W J Clarke, Thomas Foley, Mieczyslaw Ostatek. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay.

**4. WE WELCOME FATHER MARTIN DEVENISH** to our parish this weekend. Father Martin is a Verona Father and will be making an appeal on behalf of the missionary work of the Verona Fathers (Comboni Missionaries).

**5. CELEBRATING The Feast of St Joachim & St Anne Mass & Afternoon Tea will take place on Saturday 22 July 2023 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral.** Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community. Please sign up here: [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(22-Jul-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**6. A DAY FOR CATECHIST'S** will be held on Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School. A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm. For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

**7. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS** are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

**8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 730 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information.

**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, Shampoo and conditioner. Pot noodles Tinned ham, Corned beef, Soft fruit Custard, Long life carton of juice, Snacks and crisps, Toilet rolls, Anti-bac spray and cleaning sprays, Cleaning surface wipes, Dish cloths, Black sacks, Bleach. Also Small tents, Roll mats, Rucksacks and backpacks, Sleeping bags (nylon and shower proof), Shower resistant jackets, Mens Gloves, Thermal tops and leggings, Small/med/large hoodies and joggers, Bath towels Mens boxers and Women's briefs, Women's and Mens t-shirts, Single bedding - duvets covers. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: This Month we mark the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Pope John XXIII.** He died in June 1963 after the shortest pontificate for two centuries. In September 1978, Pope John Paul I died after a mere 33 days to be followed by Pope John Paul II, who occupied the Chair of Peter for 27 years.

Pope John XXIII was elected Pope in October 1958, less than a month short of his seventy-seventh birthday. In the following January he announced his intention of convening a General Council of the Church. Pope John, from the beginning, gave the clear impression of a man in a hurry. He wanted to change the Church and he was determined that the papacy itself had to change. He wanted to put an end to Papal dictatorship and to promote a collegiate spirit in the Church where leadership was to be shared in a much greater way with the bishops of the Church throughout the world. So the Second Vatican Council came about – the 21<sup>st</sup> General Council of the Church. The First Vatican Council had been held about 80 years earlier'. Its most notable achievement was to emphasise the pre-eminence of the papacy but did not have the opportunity to set it into the context of its relationship to the role of the bishops. Unrest and warfare in Europe caused the Council to be prematurely ended. Two World Wars took place before the Second Vatican Council was assembled in an effort to make the Church better equipped to do the task entrusted to it by Christ.

Only two of the 21 General Councils were held at the Vatican because it is only in recent centuries that the Pope lived at the Vatican. Throughout its history Popes had mainly lived in another part of Rome – the Lateran – and so many Councils were held there. In the first centuries the Councils of the Church were not held in Rome at all but in various Eastern cities such as Nicaea and Constantinople and Ephesus. Things have always been changing in the Church as well as everywhere else. And we are in the process of an unprecedented movement for change. The Councils of the Church mainly involved the Pope and bishops and their advisors. But now the Synod of the Church has been taking place. It is surely the greatest consultative effort in human history. It is widely seen as one of the most significant fruits of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis, who became Pope at about the same age as did Pope John XXIII has also been a man in a hurry. He has clearly seen that the Church – now as always – is in great need of changing. Rather than depending on bishops, Pope Francis has embarked on an extraordinary attempt to listen to the voices of the world's 36 billion Catholics, nearly one fifth of all living people. A significant phase in this exercise will take place in Rome in October. The conclusion will take place in October 2024.

The Second Vatican Council reshaped the Catholic Church. It gave it a deeper self- understanding and encouraged it to be more outward looking and more focused on its missionary calling. There have been many Synod of Bishops since then designed to make us more alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in an ever changing world. 'Synod' literally means 'walking together'. This Synod of the Church is quite different. It aims, like the Second Vatican Council, to leave the life of the Church permanently changed. It focuses on discernment and listening and including the whole body of Catholics in ministry and decision making.

Participation has been patchy around different countries and dioceses. The process of consultation in the first phase of the Synod was affected by the pandemic. Nevertheless, it seems that roughly 8-10% of Mass going Catholics engaged in the process. In the United States 700,000 took part. around 200,000 in France and 150,000 in England and Wales. Several themes have consistently emerged from the reports. In parishes throughout the world, Catholics have been calling for a more inclusive Church for women to have more visible leadership roles. For a very different relationship between the people and the priests who work with them in the parish and for new ways to be found to connect with younger generations. They want to see the model of God's people 'walking together' put into action and creating space for the guidance of the Holy Spirit at all levels of the Church.

National bodies have been producing reports and this has now moved on to the 'Continental' phase of the Synod. The Synod is an attempt to recover the spirit of the early Church. It is a process that is both old and new. It is a stepping-stone to a new way of being the Church. To be alive is to change.