

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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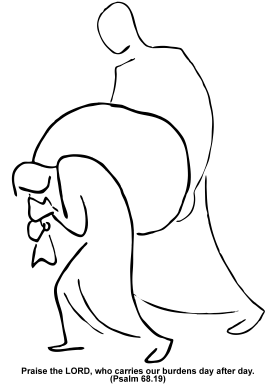
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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Tommy O'Connor RIP
Sunday	25 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Brian McCann RIP
Monday	26 th	9.30 am	James RIP
Tuesday	27 th	9.30 am	Jane Harte RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	28 th	9.30 am	Maureen Clarks RIP
St Peter &	29 th	9.30 am	Theresa McHaffie RIP
St Paul		11.00 am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR TERRY SPARROW RIP
		7.30 pm	Anne O'Connor RIP
Friday	30 th	9.30 am	Gladys & Ernest Ashdown RIP
Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Paul Headon RIP
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Richard & Zoe Whitmore (Golden Wedding Anniversary)



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

COLLECTIONS: Church: £375 Digital Collection: £40 The Verona Fathers: £ 1,003
Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for 'A Day for Life' (NOT Gift Aided)

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence

Thursday is the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sarah Johnstone, 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: Claud Tuttlebee, Rita Traynor, Paul Simmons, Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, Patricia Potter, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman.
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. 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

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

6. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday 25th June, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information.

7. 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.

8. 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: The Second Vatican Council came to an end on 8th December 1965. On that final day before it disbanded it addressed an important message to scientists and philosophers throughout the world assuring them of the Church's love for science. The bishops of the Church wished to emphasise that God is the source of all truth and all knowledge. There can be no contradiction between Science and Religion. They both speak to us about the immensity and infinity of God. It is the same God who speaks to us through his wonderful works of creation and through the words of Scripture. Nearly 60 years later, it is good to be reminded of the beautiful message of Pope Paul VI: 'Never perhaps, thank God, has there been so great a possibility as today of a deep understanding between real Science and real faith, mutual servants of one another in the one truth. Do not stand in the way of this important meeting. Have confidence in faith, this great friend of intelligence. Enlighten yourselves with its light in order to take hold of truth, the whole truth. This is the wish, the encouragement and the hope, which before disbanding is expressed to you by the Fathers of the entire world assembled at Rome in Council.'

Sixteen hundred years earlier, the 4th century African theologian and bishop, St Augustine, emphasised the same message. He argued that the reason why order is found in the universe rather than chaos, is that the source of the universe is the eternal mind and power of God. 'By his own wisdom and Word, the all-Holy Father (whose excellence far exceeds that of any creature) like a skilled steersman guides to safety all creation, regulating and keeping it in being, as he judges right. It is right that creation should exist as he has made it and as we see it happening, because this is his will, which no one would deny. For if the movement of the universe were irrational and the world rolled on in random fashion, one would be justified in disbelieving what we say. But if the world is founded on reason, wisdom and science and is filled with orderly beauty, then it must owe its origin to none other than the Word of God.'

St Paul, writing before any of the gospels were written explains how 'ever since God created the world, his everlasting power and divinity – however invisible - have been there for the mind to see in the things he has made.' (Rom 1:20) All this is the very opposite of what our secular culture constantly claims to be the case. We are bombarded by 'the fact' that there is an unbridgeable gap between scientific thinking and religious faith. Richard Dawkins, the evolutionary biologist, has long been at the vanguard of the 'new atheism'. Typical of his utterances is that 'faith is belief in something without evidence' and 'faith is the great cop-out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and to evaluate evidence!'

Faith is belief in spite of, perhaps, because of the lack of evidence. Faith is not allowed to justify itself by argument. Sadly, it is this distorted opinion of religious faith that has become prevalent in our country through the constant barrage of media attention that the 'new atheists' are afforded. Nearly 150 years ago the First Vatican Council spoke about how the Church understands faith: 'The assent of faith is by no means a blind impulse of the mind. Not only can there be no conflict between faith and reason, they also support each other, since right reason demonstrates the foundation of faith.' Far from being a prop to defend believing from thinking for ourselves, we see faith as the highest form of thinking by connecting with God who is the very source of thought and reason and being. Many of the greatest promoters of the field of Science in the Medieval Church were fully believing Christians, including many Catholic priests and friars. St Albert the Great, a 13th century Dominican, promoted the sciences within the Universities of Europe. Countless scientists in the following centuries combined their fervent Catholic faith with the pursuit of empirical science. Notable among them was Nicholas Copernicus, a Polish priest and astronomer whose observations convinced him that the earth orbited the sun. The founder of genetics was Gregor Mendel, a 19th century Augustinian friar and in 1931 the Belgian priest Georges Lemaitre, admired by Einstein, proposed the idea of the expanding universe originating in what we call today 'The Big Bang'.

What has caused great grief to the Church in the whole area of faith and science has been the much-publicised case of the Italian Astronomer Galileo Galilei and his conflict in the 17th century with Church authorities. The Galileo Affair is the only significant case of the Church disciplining a Catholic for what later proved to be a true scientific proposition. But even this serious error of judgement was tied up with all sorts of political and philosophical complications in the context of that time. If only the Church authorities then had been guided by the wisdom of St Augustine of Hippo 1200 years earlier, who said that 'it was not the intention of the Spirit of God, who spoke through the Scriptures, to teach man anything that would not be of use to them for their salvation.' St Augustine understood that scriptures were never intended to be used as science manuals.