

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

2.07.2023

Father Liam O'Connor, 37 Compton Avenue,

Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. BN12 4UE

Presbytery 01903 242624 / Church repository 01903 506890

Email: emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk Website: www.english-martyrs.co.uk

Deacon Gary Bevans 01903 503514

Safeguarding Rep. Anne Niven 01903 242624

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No: 25287

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)
Monday	3 rd	9.30 am	Tommy Foley RIP
Tuesday	4 th	9.30 am	Alan Rossiter RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	5 th	9.30 am	Patrick Murphy RIP
Thursday	6 th	9.30 am	Jane Fitzgibbon (ill)
Friday	7 th	9.30 am	Theresa McHaffie RIP
Saturday	8 th	6.00 pm	Cornelius Donovan RIP
Sunday	9 th	8.15 am	Intention of Jane Anne Casey
		10.30 am	Lita Yong RIP



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10, Paul to the Roman 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

COLLECTIONS: Church: £398 Digital Collection: £60 'A Day for Life' £ 363 Thank you for your generosity

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

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided

ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

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: James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Michael Weight, Robert Gibbs, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith, Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris, Ernest Howse, William Reilly, Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan. *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. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

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

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

7. MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION TRAINING DAY will take place on Saturday 15 July at Worth. This one day course trains you as an MHFA Champion, giving you:

- An understanding of common mental health issues
- Knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness
- Ability to spot signs of mental ill health
- Skills to support positive wellbeing

It is hoped that these skills will empower you to lead on projects in your Parish to improve wellbeing in the community. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. Register your place here : [Mental Health Champion Training Day \(15-Jul-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

7. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting on Sunday 9th July, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 730 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information.

8. 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.

9. 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: I began my preparation for the priesthood in September 1960. The Second Vatican Council began two years later in October 1962 and came to a conclusion in December 1965. I was ordained in June 1966. The Council was in session for about three months each year from '62 – '65. when the bishops and their advisors were gathered in Rome. Much work was done on Council business for the rest of these years, when the bishops and their advisors were back in their Dioceses.

The fact that the Council was in session during much of the time that I was in the Seminary did not seem to impinge very much on our formation. Most of the lectures were the same as the various professors had been giving before the Council began. The documents from the Council took time to be produced and much longer to be digested, so the Seminary in my case was really a pre-Vatican II one.

In my 57 years as a priest, I have had the good fortune to experience the Vatican Council and its effects at grassroots level. During those years the Church was shepherded by Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul I, Pope John Paul II, Pope benedict XVI and for the last ten years, by Pope Francis. May he be spared to guide us for a long time to come. The Liturgical changes ushered in in the wake of the Council have done much more than transform the way we celebrate Mass. They have brought about a remarkable change of atmosphere between the clergy and the people they minister to. A whole new spirit of partnership has been gradually growing over the years. It may have taken longer than would have been ideal but now we are much more conscious of what we were about, what being 'Church' means. And we are hopeful that in time the Synod of the Church will bring further blessings.

We must take seriously the assertion of the Council that the faithful who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ are the People of God and, in their own way, share the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ and carry on the mission to the whole people in the Church and in the World. The great document of the Council is called Lumen Gentium, proclaiming Christ as the Light of the Nations. It also proclaims that all Christians in any state or walk of Life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of love. The forms and tasks of life are many but 'holiness is one and is the calling of all'.

St Paul reassures us that 'you are God's chosen race, his Saints. He loves you. You should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive one another. Put on love. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. Always be thankful. Teach each other and advise each other in all wisdom. (Col. 3:12-16). We need to face the future with optimism and hope. The crowded churches of our youth concealed the fact that many churchgoers attended Mass through custom or through fear of sin. In some cases there was the pressure of public opinion to conform. Nowadays there may well be pressure exacted in the opposite direction. We need to remind ourselves that we are not just any bunch of people but a priestly people (1 Peter 2:5). We stand in the presence of the Father in union with our great High Priest, making intercessions for ourselves and the whole community of the baptised and all humanity. We are told, also by Peter, that we are a Kingly people united to Christ our King. He calls us to take responsibility for the welfare of one another and of the precious, fragile earth which he has provided for us and for all around us, as well as for those who come after us. We are loved and valued by the Lord and entrusted with vital responsibilities.