

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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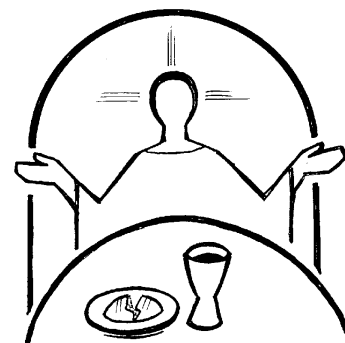
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### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Intention of Pat Duggan
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Louis Labon RIP
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Brian McCann RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Charlie Gillespie RIP
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
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



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £433 Digital Collection: £181 Thank you for your generosity

**Next Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Next weekend Father Martin Devenish, a Verona Father, will be making an Appeal for The Verona Fathers**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Brian Dunne, 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: William Steadman, Bernard Carroll, Cynthia Hinchcliffe, Nuala Clarke, Wendy Lee, Rose Jeffery, Jim Murphy, Pamela Dixon-Smith, Nicholas Murphy, Winifred Roland, Thomas Smith. *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. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be received by fifteen of our children next Sunday during the 10.30 am Mass. Please pray for: Sonny Carter, Emiley Catlin, Katie Clark, Ruth Clarke, Alissia De Luca, Patrick Denton, Frank Hamilton, Albie Harvey, Isabel Hockett, Isabelle Holmes, Sofia Lekvinadze Marrero, Penelope Li, Margo Li, Morgan Smith and Joseph Stickley.

**5. LETTER FROM JAMES WINTON:** I am writing to the Parish, saying thank you for all the support you have given me, before and during the concert last Sunday. Because of all of you, we have raised a total of £886.76. I need £500 to help fund my trip to Lourdes; the rest of the money, about £370, is going into the Parish Lourdes fund, to support others. I would like to thank Father Liam for allowing us to hold this concert in the Barn. I bet it would've never happened without your say. I would also like to thank William, Emily, Ruth and Cedric for contributing with their stellar performances. Seriously, you guys rock. I would like to thank Maria and Vee for bringing their children to the practice sessions, helping to set up and dealing with the donation buckets. And lastly, I would like to thank Julie and Duncan for their assistance with the piano. My solo performances wouldn't have worked without you. Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart. - James

**6. HANDMADE CARDS FOR FATHER'S DAY** (which is on 18<sup>th</sup> June) are now available in the Shop. All proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

**7. GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD** will take place next Wednesday 14 June 2023 from 11am - 3pm. Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link: [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(14-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**8. CATHEDRAL DEANERY FORMATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME** will take place next Saturday 17 June 2023 from 9am – 12.30pm at the St Philip Howard Catholic High School, Barnham. All welcomers, stewards, clergy and those interested in the Ministry of Welcome are invited to join a day of reflection and conversation about this important ministry. We will be considering the stewardship of our communities in the light of the Pastoral Plan and how our ministry is a sign of welcome to all. Led by Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser E: [formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk) Please sign up here [Cathedral Deanery formation for the Ministry of Welcome \(17-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 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, 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 think that it is good to remind ourselves** – and to be reminded - about how blessed we are to be able to gather as a Christian Community in this beautiful church of the English Martyrs. There are so many reasons for appreciating our Parish church but I want to concentrate on how its very shape reminds us that we are called to come together as a family. It is designed to gather us around the Table of the Lord. The building is itself reminding us that we gather as a community, not just as individuals or even as individual families, but as the family of the Lord. We come at his invitation to gather around his table to be nourished by him and to nourish one another.

The fact that the table is so clearly the focal point is telling us that this is indeed the Supper Room. Just as he invited his first disciples to sit at table with him, he continues to invite us. We sit all around the table of the Lord because we are his family. We listen as he speaks to us at the Table of the Word and we join with him in celebrating the Eucharist, offering glory and honour to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our great High Priest.

Churches that were built earlier than ours do not show so clearly the intimacy that Christ wishes to share with us when we gather together. But there are some people who are not so happy with how modern churches are built or with how the Eucharist is celebrated. I am not aware of any discontent in this parish but occasionally people air their views in Catholic papers. They wish to go back to the days when the celebrant officiated at Mass with his back to the people and the language was Latin. All this was the way things were done for four hundred years or more in the Western Church. The great change came with the Second Vatican Council. When I was newly ordained in 1966 the old order held sway. The fundamental reason for the change was the renewed awareness of the assembly gathered around the table of the Lord. That was how Jesus celebrated the Lord's Supper and how the early Church continued to celebrate it. Latin was not the spoken language of the people so it would not have occurred to anyone to use it – until it had become the vernacular. The Eucharist is so great a mystery that it cannot be expressed in words. In its fundamental form it is a sacred meal, it is the Lord's Supper. That is why its visible focus is a table – the Table of the Lord. We may interpret it as an altar. The table is our altar, distinct from the altar in the Jewish temple or the many altars found in ancient temples. But it is the Lord's table around which the Lord gathers us. There we celebrate his presence with us and, in union with him, offer perfect glory and honour to the Father. Christ has come into our world. He comes to our homes, to our table. We gather as a priestly people at His Table.

The use of the word table did, of course, produce reactions to Catholics of an older generation. Other Christians were associated with 'the holy table'. We had an altar and altars were for sacrifice. But the shape of our altars never took on the shape of neither the Old Testament, nor a pagan altar. Most altars in Catholic churches are rather like the one in our church. It has four columns in front reminding us of the four legs of the table.

How we seat ourselves in the House of the Lord is important. We should adopt a pose that is seen as welcoming, even when there are lots of empty places at Mass. Sometimes when people arrive a little late, a family often have difficulty in finding a seat. The seats at the back tend to be full and other seats have people sitting at the very end. Those coming in often have a bit of a scramble to find a place and it may cause them a bit of embarrassment. In your home you would always go out of your way to welcome people in. We surely should in church. On this great Feast Day, we ask God's blessings especially on those making their First Holy Communion and their families.