

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Cornelius Donovan RIP
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Intention of Jane-Anne Casey
		10.30 am	Lita Yong RIP
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mabel & Norman Pyle RIP
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Humphrey Niven RIP
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Helen Roe RIP
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 55:10-11, St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £334 Digital Collection: £77 Peter's Pence: £259 Thank you for your generosity

This 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:** Philip Jenkins, Sarah Johnstone, Ian Follett, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, 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, 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:** **CHRIS JUDGE, ELIZABETH MCKINNEY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Brian Hearn, Sheila Payne, Carmelita Yong, Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves, Moira McCann, Marjorie Clarke, Sean Kearney. *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](http://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.

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

**7. ENGLISH MARTYRS SUMMER FAIR CAR SHOW** will be held at the school on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon until 3.00 pm. All are welcome.

**8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 730 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information.

### **9. CELEBRATING the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne – Saturday 22 July 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral**

Pope Francis has offered his thoughts on the Feast of St Joachim and Anne. He says "I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. cast aside! The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church." As a Diocese we will celebrate this day with Mass followed by refreshments afterwards in the cathedral centre. Please come with the older generation to celebrate the gift of their presence in your family and in your parish. More information can be found here [Messaggio GMNA 23-ENG.pdf \(laityfamilylife.va\)](#) The booking link is at [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(22-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**10. 'MY LIFE IN COLOUR'** is a solo exhibition of Patchwork and Quilting by Madelaine who is one of our parishioners. It will be held from 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July, from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm at Colonnade House, 47, Warwick Street, Worthing BN11 3DH

**11. 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.

**12. 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 Rucksacks and backpacks, 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:** In past years priests were moved around quite a lot by their bishops. There were, of course, many more priests then than now and parishioners were affected by these clerical moves in different ways. Some would have cause to rejoice because they may not have seen eye to eye with a particular parish priest or assistant and they would have viewed this transfer as a liberation. Others might have been saddened because they might have grown to view their priest as a friend and support. There would have been a third group, in every parish, who would not be particularly affected at all. People were accustomed to the inevitability of the changing of the guard and adjusting to the fallout.

In my early years as a priest, the parish priest rarely retired. There were so many priests available that the senior curate would effectively step into the parish priest's shoes when frailty overtook him. Retirement was not then in fashion for the clergy. I was an assistant priest for sixteen years before I became a parish priest at the age of forty. In Ireland at that time it was not at all uncommon for a priest to be sixty or over before becoming a parish priest. In that situation you could imagine that having waited so long for a parish he would be very reluctant to give it up – no matter how frail he might be.

In my sixteen years as an assistant priest or curate, I served in three parishes. I have been in this parish seventeen years already – by far the longest time I have been in any one parish and I hope the Lord will spare me the health – and you will afford me the tolerance – to carry on a while longer. In the very recent past, there was a category of parish priests recognised in Canon Law as irremovable. But Canon Law has been amended and elderly clergy are undefended! But the ecclesiastical landscape has been changed in far more drastic ways. The Annual Diocesan changes of clergy is now a very reduced affair. There are very few to be moved about.

Who would want to be a bishop in these days? There is a long agenda of difficult decisions to be made in every diocese and in every community. Bishop Richard – like all the bishops – is going around all the deaneries of the diocese, meeting representatives from all the parishes, listening to them and discussing with them the various possibilities. he is encouraging each parish to consider how best they can ensure that the life of the parish can not only survive but flourish in the next phase of its mission when more than one parish is served by one priest. Canon Law provides for this situation. After all, huge areas of the Church have never had the situation that we have had in much of Europe. They have had to organise themselves in different ways to live out their calling to be communities of faith.

Canon Law (Canon 517) says that pastoral care in a parish can be entrusted to a deacon or a designated lay person or a community of people. The leader, as the bishop's delegate, would hold decision-making authority in the parish, always accountable to the bishop, through a designated priest, appointed to direct the pastoral care. transitions on this scale bring new challenges and opportunities. The people of the parish would have new possibilities to fulfil their baptismal calling and assume greater responsibility for the vitality of their community. Canon Law 231 states that there would be a duty to acquire suitable formation for their role and that they have a right to a worthy remuneration. There is a great need for forward pastoral planning. Raising awareness of the issues is important so as to at least remind one another that we must prepare spiritually and practically for a different vision of parish life.