

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Tommy O'Connor RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Walter & Katherine Drohan RIP
		10.30 am	George Fowler RIP
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Chris Judge RIP
		1 2.00 noon	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTOPHER JUDGE RIP
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	Intention of Bernadette Stickley
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Intention of Sarah Johnstone
Thursday	27 th	9.30 am	Kathleen O'Connor RIP
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Princess Diana RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	Brian McCann RIP
		10.30 am	Albert Davitt RIP



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 - 10.45 am and 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13: 44-52

COLLECTIONS: Church: £524 Digital Collection: £52 Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Philip Jenkins, Sarah Johnstone, Brian Dunne, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Nancy Leach, James Gilligan, Jacqueline Towse, Thomas Murray, Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan McCann, Elsie Peeney, Timothy Payne, Patrick Harty, Joan Hawkins, Constance Lilleyman. *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. WELCOME to Father John Nuttall who will be joining us this week while Father Liam takes a holiday

5. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Bishop Richard, is taking place between 27th July and 3rd August. Please remember to keep all those on the Pilgrimage in your prayers as they will you. Thank you, once again for helping two of our young people to go as Red Shirts to assist the sick pilgrims.

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

6. A DAY WITH MARY will take place on Saturday 12th August in Arundel Cathedral starting at 9.30 am with the entry Procession of Our Lady. Please see notice in Front Porch for further details.

7. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS will be held on Saturday 30th September at 11.30am at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne. Marriage is a vocation to celebrate. Whether you have been married for a year or for 70, if this year is a special one for you, join Bishop Richard and many others from across the Diocese to celebrate. The booking link is attached here [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\)](#) . [ChurchSuite Events](#).

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. A DAY FOR CATECHISTS' will be held on Saturday 23rd 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 Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#).

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: Some people think that a little rhyme had a significant influence in bringing about a fourteenth century rebellion in England that had an effect on subsequent European history. The simple rhyme was the question that an English priest, John Ball, put to the many people who came to listen to him.

'When Adam dalf and Eve span
who was thane a gentleman?'

He posed the question perfectly in the English language of his day. 'Dalf' came from the word 'delve' or dig and 'span' was the past tense of the verb 'spin.'

John Ball was asking his listeners to consider the situation at the beginning of the human story. When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, while they were toiling away at their various tasks, was there anyone standing by, looking on at leisure, hoping to benefit from their labours? Of course not! Ball is proposing that in the original order of things, in the fallen world, there were only those who toiled at all the necessary tasks that had to be done. There was then no leisured classes, no privileged lords and ladies who would seek to idly profit from the digging and spinning of these people and all the rest of the work that was their lot in life. John Ball was telling the people that the only conclusion to be drawn was that the nobility – those who lived off the honest sweat of others – were not only unnecessary but they were thwarting the will of the Almighty and undoing God's plan.

Ball was greatly mocked and insulted by the writers and influential people of his day who were employed by the nobles and bishops. But however despicable and unwelcome he appeared to his detractors, he was regarded as a champion and a bearer of the truth by the ordinary people – the so called villeins or serfs – who lived in bondage to their local lord, who had the power to demand unpaid service from them. Only a few sentences from Ball's writings survive but they confirm his powerful eloquence. 'From the beginning all men were created equal by nature and servitude had been introduced by the unjust and evil oppression of men, against the will of God. If it had pleased God to create serfs, surely in the beginning of the world he would have appointed who should be a serf and who a lord.'

In many places peasants toiled incessantly and starved in lean times. They died young and saw many of their children die. The lords and ladies and higher clergy had managed to make for themselves a new world of pleasure. A great assembly of angry peasants assembled at Blackheath near Greenwich. They entered the City of London. There was a large group from Kent, led by Wat Tyler and a contingent from Essex led by the priest Jack Straw. They commandeered the Tower of London in 1381 and beheaded the Archbishop of Canterbury, Simon of Sudbury, who was associated with an unjust Poll Tax levelled against the peasants. They beheaded several of the Canterbury clerics and executed Richard of Wellingford, an uncle of King Richard – who was then a boy of fourteen.

When the rebels insisted on meeting with Richard, he agreed and met them at Mile End where he promised to address their grievances. This was a ruse of course and on the very next day Wat Tyler was knifed to death by the Lord Mayor of London, in Richard's presence.

The rebels had been charmed by the boy King and when they had disbanded Jack Straw was beheaded and John Ball was hanged and, while still alive, was cut down, disembowelled, decapitated and quartered. Parts of the body were sent for display to five strongholds of the rebellion as a reminder of the fate that awaited rebels. When a respectful and subdued deputation of peasants later begged the King to fulfil his promises. Richard dismissed them with the words 'Villeins ye are still and villeins ye shall remain'.