

# PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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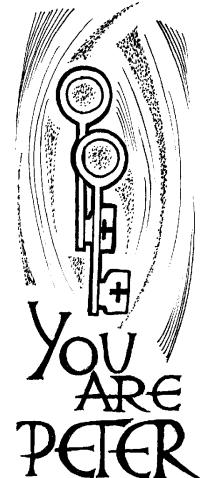
## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	James Ryan
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Yvonne Carter RIP
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jane Melhuish RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Catherine Reed RIP
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Clive Davis RIP
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am	Kevin Hughes RIP
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Anne & Mike Steer RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Intention of Jessy
		10.30 am	Humphrey Niven RIP

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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 22:19-23, St. Paul to Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 20:7-9, St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27



**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £412 Digital Collection: £47 Thank you for your generosity

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Lorraine Cawley, John Davidson, Philip Jenkins, Sarah Johnstone, Brian Dunne, 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: Harold Hudson, Elizabeth Hoskins, Leonard Coombes, Chris Gale, Bridget Connolly, Donald Musgrove, Michael Walsh, Joan Moutrie, Peter Sivyer, Nora Puttock, Canon Eric Flood, Isobel Shepherd, Helen Gates. *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 ANNUAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS** led by Bishop Richard, will take place on 23rd September at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral. Join a Mass for those who have served, are serving, or would like to serve - all are very welcome (Mass will be followed by light refreshments - bring a packed lunch). There is no need to register though attendees are asked to email Fr Aaron to confirm numbers.

**5. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER** will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September following the 6.00 pm Mass. The food will be delicious and there will be a raffle. Prizes would be welcome. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend Adults £8.00, Children £4.00. For further information please contact Teresa 01903 529260.

**6. A DAY FOR CATECHISTS'** will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) Register your place here : [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](http://Catechists' Day (23-Sep-2023) - ChurchSuite Events).

**7. CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will return next weekend

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

**9. MINISTERS ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER** are available in the Sacristy

**10. 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.

**11. TURNING TIDES WISH LIST** is appealing for the many items that they need in their Harvest4Homeless Wish List. Copies of the complete List are available in both porches. Some of the items on the list are: Coffee, Long-life Milk, Sugar, Carton juice – large/small, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Cereals (not Oats), Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Custard, Rice Pudding, Cooking Sauces, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving Gels, Razors, Shower Gel, Deodorant or Toilet Rolls. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** Christianity is a religion of recalling past events in such a way as to make them present to us, here and now. Our past is so important because it has formed us. It has made us who we are – a people that have been called into an intimate relationship with God. But we also look to the future and we live in such a way as to build that future. At every Mass we gather to celebrate our faith by recalling what Christ has done for us and giving thanks for what he will do for us throughout eternity. The Eucharist is the mystery of faith. It is the great means Christ has given us to celebrate his love for us and becoming our Saviour.

*'Save us Saviour of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free'.*

This is why we gather at Mass. We come to offer thanks and praise to God who is our Father, who has loved us with an everlasting love. We thank him for our being and for sending us his Son, Jesus, to show us the Father and lead us to him. In the Eucharist we offer the Father perfect praise and thanks because we gather with Jesus and at his invitation at the Table he has set for us. Because we are his brothers and sisters he enables us 'Through him and with him and in him in the Unity of the Holy Spirit' to offer God our Almighty Father 'all honour and glory for ever and ever'.

Jesus used that most human of situations – the sharing of a meal – as the place where he wanted us to thank the Father and place ourselves in a new relationship with him and with one another. The Last Supper was set in the context of the Paschal Meal – the most sacred event in the religious life of the Jewish people. He gave that meal a much higher meaning. He had come to bring Jewish Scripture and Liturgy to fulfilment and he has widened the tent by inviting all the human family to be one with him at the table he has set. Throughout history, most of the time of most of the people who have ever lived has been spent obtaining and preparing and eating food. It is only now that most of the population of the world live in towns and cities, away from the land. But the number of establishments devoted to the sale of food and the provision of meals and drinks is ever increasing.

Over time the Eucharist has become less and less like a meal. In all the accounts of the Last Supper great emphasis was placed on the actions of Jesus on the night he was betrayed. He took a loaf of bread. It has to be a loaf – something that could be broken. 'And when he had given thanks, he broke it (I Cor II: 23-24) All at table were to take a broken portion and eat it. This was significant, because Paul sees the loaf as pointing to the unity of all the followers of the Lord'. Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all share in the one loaf'. Jesus' other distinctive action at the Last Supper was that he invited those at table to drink the wine over which he had said the blessing, from a single cup. This action is unparalleled in any ancient religious ritual – either Jewish or Gentile. It did not comply with basic human practice. We all share meals and we all drink at them but it is taken for granted that we all drink from an individual cup. No matter how many people are having a drink, there is a separate cup or glass for each.

It is amazing how many different ways there have been to avoid drinking from the same cup. Some communities have used spoons or straws or dipping the consecrated bread in the chalice. Some use thimble-sized containers and, of course, for several centuries in the Catholic Church, communion was offered only under the form of bread while the priest who presided was the only one to drink from the chalice.

In the English translation the only time the word cup is used is in one of the acclamations after the consecration: *'When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come in glory'.*

The gospel translations don't use the word chalice. Jesus was happy to use an ordinary cup so we shouldn't be afraid of calling it by its proper name. Jesus asked James and John, the sons of Zebedee: 'Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?' (Mt 20:22) Drinking the cup is connected with accepting the demands of discipleship. Jesus offered the cup to his followers for a purpose!

We receive Holy Communion not because we are good but because we know we could and should be better - not because we have arrived but because we are on a journey together. The Eucharist is the food for our journey. We are pilgrims searching for the right answers. We are frail and human but Christ, our companion, is our Lord and God.