

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Eileen Ryan RIP
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Janice Keyes RIP
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Bernard Bandy RIP
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Emma Doll
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Bill (Snr) & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Tom, Kevin & Michael Corrigan RIP
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Raymond Larkin RIP
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Dunne Family
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Neil Halley RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7, St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 55:6-9, St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27, Matthew 20:1-16

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

There will be a Thank you and Appeal this weekend for Missio Red Boxes.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Home Missions

**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: Kevin Shiel, James Doyle, Neil Halley, Roy Parker, Stanley Wakeling, Baby George Birks, Kenneth Munro, John Tuohy, Alice Hoppe, Shepherd Wadsworth, Anne Rose, Michael Irving, Ray McGlone. *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. MISSIO RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL:** This weekend we welcome Father Noah Monday Mbabazi MHM to give an Red Box Appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. There will not be a second collection as the Appeal is for membership of the Red Box Scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: [www.missio9.org.uk](http://www.missio9.org.uk)

**5. THE ANNUAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS** led by Bishop Richard, will take place next Saturday 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.

**6. ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL** has organised a beach clean this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Meet on the beach green opposite Withdean Avenue at 2pm. They would love members of the parish to join them. Equipment supplied, just bring suitable clothing and snacks and drinks and enthusiasm. Please see the link for more details or contact the school on 502868. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/677080304417?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**7. THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA** will be attending all Masses next weekend to encourage new members to join them in their many endeavours.

**8. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS** will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

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

**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 HARVEST 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, Toilet Rolls, Washing up liquid. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: A little child was born 2,000 years ago** in a stable. Of the few who knew about it, most would have believed that this was just another poor child born into a poor family. The fact that this child was the Son of God was revealed to just a few – mainly a little group of shepherds.

When Jesus was preaching during his public ministry many people thought his teaching was wonderful and they listened to every word he said. Others thought that his teaching was dangerous and they plotted to get rid of him. When Peter, James and John accompanied him to the Mount of Transfiguration he was revealed to them as the Son of God. When Jesus was hanging on the Cross, he seemed to many to be just another convicted criminal. But the centurion who were standing there recognised him as someone entirely other than that. He declared: 'In truth, this man was the Son of God'.

We believe that God became one of us. Because of that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is to be found and respected in every human being. At a funeral service we incense the coffin out of reverence for the body which was the temple of God during the person's life. We believe that we encounter God, not only in holy places but in every human being. Regardless of their origin, religion or how we feel about them.

Jesus spent much of his public life among those who were poor, befriending the unwanted. 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'. (Luke 15:1) This was seen as proof that he could not possibly be a true messenger of God. But being truly God, he recognised every human being as a child of God.

Some time ago we had a collection for the victims of the Syrian-Turkish earthquake. You donated the magnificent sum of £1,600 to their plight. During the Great Famine in Ireland the Ottoman Turks practically alone in all of Europe rallied to the aid of the starving people. They sent £200,000 in money and ten Turkish ships loaded with food broke a navy blockade to land at Drogheda. Their wish was to send more but were prevented by the government of the day who were embarrassed by the magnitude of the Turkish response in comparison to the measures they were taking. The Drogheda coat of arms to this day, bears the Crescent Moon and Star in honour of this noble stance. Recently Ireland sent 2 million euros and 100 tons of airlifted aid to help in their plight.

In God's family there are meant to be no strangers. February 2022 marked the renewed Russian incursion into Ukraine, when again you responded magnificently to the CAFOD appeals for assistance to the victims of the invasion. WE have been flying the Ukrainian flag from our Church flagpole for over a year. It faded and we flew another. Mysteriously, it was taken down just as we were about to replace it with the Union Flag on the occasion of the King's coronation. Its disappearance coincided with the local elections and the Barn was a Polling Station. Perhaps somebody felt that the wrong flag was flying! But we have now secured a new Ukrainian flag.

Every person is the presence of God to others. This is as true of refugees as of anybody else. AS Pope Francis said in his encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti': 'No one will ever openly deny that they (migrants) are human beings, yet in practice, by our own decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human. For Christians, this way of thinking and acting, is unacceptable, since it sets certain political preferences above deep convictions of our faith: the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion and the supreme law of fraternal love.'

We should often reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Where are we in the story. We could be any or all of the characters that are depicted there. Are we like the priest and the Levite who passed by on the other side of the road when they saw the victim lying there? It is sometimes easy to find convenient and even religious excuses for not doing what is really required of us. Are we among those who feel that we are left helpless on the roadside by an indifferent and meaningless world? Can we picture ourselves as being like the despised Samaritan who offered the stranger a service of compassion.

No one should feel excluded from our church for no one is excluded from Christ's love and care. This means making ourselves vulnerable to others but it is the way to be faithful to what Christ expects of us.