

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | 30 th | 6.00 pm | The Parish |
| Sunday | 1 st | 8.15 am | Joan Williams RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Michael Butler RIP |
| Monday | 2 nd | 9.30 am | Kevin Shiel RIP |
| Tuesday | 3 rd | 9.30 am | Knights of St Columba |
| | | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 4 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Barry Smith |
| Thursday | 5 th | 9.30 am | Maria Petter RIP |
| Friday | 6 th | 9.30 am | Canon Peter Phillips RIP |
| Saturday | 7 th | 6.00 pm | Johannah O'Driscoll RIP |
| Sunday | 8 th | 8.15 am | Chris Hyttner RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | John Davidson RIP |



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28, St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7, St Paul to Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

COLLECTIONS: Church: £367 Digital Collection: £ Home Missions: £364

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Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

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: Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher, Joan Williams, Mary Simmons, Charlotte Kelleher, Christopher Vanston, Honora Acrell, Benjamin O'Gorman, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. SAINT OSCAR ROMERO SCHOOL OPEN EVENING takes place on Wednesday, 4th October at 6pm. The evening will consist of a number of short presentations and performances, before allowing you to tour the school and meet students and staff in each department. There is no need to book for this evening. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Godfrey, our Admissions Manager, by email kgodfrey@stromeros.co.uk or telephone 01903 241368.

4. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Rosters for October are now available in the Sacristy

5. DEACON INFORMATION EVENING: The Diocesan Council of Deacons are holding an Information Evening for those interested in the Diaconate at St Michael's Parish Hall on Friday 6th October at 7pm. Are you being called to serve God and his people in a deeper way? Is God calling you to the Diaconate? Why not come along and find out more. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Deacon Mark on 01903 877801 or mark.woods@abdiocese.org.uk

6. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it is needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Please donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelope in one of the porches or give online at cafod.org.uk

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

8. DONA MACHINE for your card donations. If the machine in the Front Porch is not working please use the one in the West Porch which appears to be more reliable. Many thanks for your support.

9. MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 529260 and collection will be arranged.

10. 'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD OF HARVEST AND CREATION' On Sunday 29th October from 3pm, we are having a musical celebration with hymns and readings. This will be followed by refreshments in the Barn. There will be a voluntary collection for Turning Tides, Worthing's charity that works with homeless people. Please put the date into your diary and be sure to be there!

11. ANTI-SLAVERY DAY - Slavery on Your Doorstep - Wednesday 18 October 6.30-8pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, Brighton BN2 1AP. Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.

12. KSC RACE NIGHT will take place on 21st October at St Oscar Romero School. We will be supporting the charity **Let The Children Live** who provide food, shelter, medical care, education, catechesis, clothing and recreation to street children from the shanty towns of Medellin in Columbia. <https://letthechildrenlive.org> Also, to support **projects in our local schools**.

13. 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.

14. 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: October has special significance this year. There will be a big gathering of the Church in Rome in connection with the Synod of the Church. The decisive event of the synod will take place in October 2024. Originally it was planned to take place this October but some time ago Pope Francis decided to move things along at a more deliberate rate. The whole Church is meant to be contemplating how we can more truly conform to what Christ expects of us at this critical time.

It is indeed a critical time for the whole human race and for the health of our planet. Pope Francis is issuing another message for the world on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. In 2015 – eight years ago – he published his ground-breaking encyclical on the Environment – On Care of Our Common Home. He urged all people to become 'painfully aware of the extent of the crisis facing humanity. 'I wish to address every person living on this planet. I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing and its human roots, concern and affect us all.'

We know now that the past 200 years of industrialisation has caused widespread destruction of our planet. We continue to act as if the pattern of economic growth that we have become accustomed to, could continue indefinitely. This is simply not possible on a planet with infinite resources. In 1989 the Orthodox Church proclaimed 1st September as a day of prayer for creation. Later the World Council of Churches extended the celebration until 4th October – the Feast of St Francis. Many Christians throughout the world embraced the idea and now celebrate the Season of Creation as an ecumenical occasion worldwide. We are invited to embrace this time through deeper reflection, through living more sustainably, through initiatives to promote the health of our planet and the diversity of life it sustains and through our private and public prayers.

The Season of Creation encourages us to be more aware of the beauty of God's creation so that we follow more sustainable paths. Pope Francis reminds us in 'Laudato Si' 'The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue. It is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'

The famous prayer of St Francis is the 'Canticle of the Sun', which refers to 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'. As Pope Francis says St Francis was a mystic who, 'faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. There is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of the night. We must reconnect with nature for we will only protect what we love. Let us reawaken ourselves to the fact that the entire material universe speak of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything is, as it were, a caress of God.'

In 2020, the Living Planet Report concluded that 68% of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970 to 2016. The enormity of this crisis threatens to overwhelm us. But hope is found in action. Better to light a candle than curse the darkness. As with all significant change we must begin at the grassroots – with you and me.