

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Johannah O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Chris Hyttner RIP
		10.30 am	John Davidson RIP
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mary Lindzt RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of the Duggan Family
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ann & Bernard Bandy RIP
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Roger Davis RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Joan Williams RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 25:6-10, St Paul to Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £416 Digital Collection: £ Thank you for your generosity  
This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.  
**PLEASE USE CAFOD ENVELOPES FOR GIFT AID – available in both porches.**

**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: Margaret McGuinness, Pauline Cave-Berry, Ray Cottam, Molly Bellenger, Phyllis Davey, Johanna Hawkins, Maurice Chiverton, Kathy Bainbridge, Reg Marshall. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

**4. KSC RACE NIGHT** will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**5. ANTI-SLAVERY DAY - Slavery on Your Doorstep:** Our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton will be marking Anti-Slavery day, on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> by holding an event to raise awareness about modern slavery. We invite you to 'Come and find out how modern slavery is very much here in our local area, and how we can respond.' Learn more about the Modern Slavery Ambassadors network and how you might be able to join in. There will be speakers from Sussex Police, Justice and Care, Hope at Home, and Sussex and Surrey Modern Slavery Ambassadors. All are welcome to come together to support and network from 6.30 - 8.00pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Kempton. *Light refreshments will be provided* For further information please email: Tessa Ricketts, Caritas social action advisor at [Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

**6. 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.

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

**8. '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 try to be there!

**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. Please collect your red box if it has been counted.

**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:** In one of our most familiar and favourite hymns we express our need for God's presence in our lives, in these words: Change and decay in all around I see. O Thou who changeth not, abide with me.' We really know that God always abides with us. The problem lies in our difficulty to really abide in him. There is certainly much change and decay around us – and within us too. But there is always new growth and new life. One of the notable changes in our world is the growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Even those who have created it do not understand how it works but it is certainly a dramatic innovation. I believe that it can even translate books! AI companies are hugely increasing their investment in this technology. More and more people are becoming aware of the dangers that it can be misused and get out of control. Change is certainly happening at an ever-increasing rate and so is the danger of decay, especially when it comes to climate change and the loss of biodiversity and the fragility of governance in our world. There has always been decay in the Church because it is composed of human beings. So from the beginning there have always been attempts at reform. The Synod of the Church is now at a significant stage. The global Synod began in October 2021 and will reach its conclusion in October 2024. Pope Francis has been trying to energise the world-wide Church to see the need for change and to seek guidance from God and from one another how that change should take place. Synods have been taking place every three years or so for the past fifty years. But the current Synod is certainly the most significant of them. A Synod literally means a journey and, on a journey, means that we learn from one another as we go along. A Synod of the Church above all means learning from Christ as we seek to walk with him. About 300 bishops representing the different parts of the world together with many lay men and women are meeting in Rome. More than 70 of the non-ordained are voting members. Because of the numbers and the format of the Synod it is taking place in a larger hall than previous Synods. There will be less lectures than usual and much face-to-face interaction in smaller groups, followed by plenary sessions. The Church is now much humbler than it was in the immediate aftermath of the Council. Pope Francis likes to use the image of a 'field hospital'. His vision is of a 'poor Church for the poor' at the service of our wounded world. We are called to be outwardly looking, but we must be transformed internally. We must be more penitent in face of the scandals in the Church and be more welcoming to disaffected groups within the Church and the wider world. The Church is trying to come to terms with the idea of a more visible role for women in decision making and ministry and the possible inclusion in the Diaconate for women. The Synod will consider how to be more inclusive of those who have been divorced and remarried. Many of these questions will be referred by the Synod for further study and reflection. A more conclusive discernment will not take place until the final session of the Synod in October 2024. Pope Francis was elected more than 10 years ago and most Catholics are delighted to have him as their Pope. But from the beginning there have been quite a few – including some Cardinals – who have made no secret of their opposition to his way of doing things. In particular there is much dissatisfaction about the whole idea of the Synod. Pope Francis is very tolerant of those who publicly seek to contradict him. But he has the courage to do and say what he believes he should in his service of God and the Church and of the world. We pray for him and for the success of the Synod. Much depends on it.