

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	14 th	6.00 pm	Roger Davis RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.15 am	Joan Williams RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	16 th	9.30 am	Sr Veronica RIP
Tuesday	17 th	9.30 am	Ray Hosier RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	18 th	9.30 am	Vincent Kelly RIP
Thursday	19 th	9.30 am	Joe Cattini RIP
Friday	20 th	9.30 am	Intention of Sarah Johnstone
Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Intention of Jerry Gilligan
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	John Davidson RIP

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; St Paul to Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 10:17-20



COLLECTIONS: Church: £391 Digital Collection – since 10.09.23: £457 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £734

Thank you for your generosity

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday (Missio)

PLEASE USE MISSIO GIFT AID ENVELOPES 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, 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: PEGGY GALLAGHER and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Roger Davis, Violet Earl, Emily Hudson, Georgia Little, Ray Kelly, Pauline Moody, Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West, Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Mary Rose. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. MISSIO: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 02078 219755 (Office Hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: mission.org.uk

4. KSC RACE NIGHT will take place next Saturday 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.**

5. AN ADVENT JOURNEY: Focus on some of the key moments of the life of Christ as we Journey through to Christmas. Starting on Tuesday 2nd November at 10am for 7 weeks. We will focus on the glorious mysteries of the rosary with a short film shot in the Holy Land followed by a time for prayer and conversation. For more information contact Dermot 07999488326 or Jane Anne 07765403883

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. 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.

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

9. '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!

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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: The Synod of the Church, taking place in Rome, is the 16th Synod that has taken place in the sixty years since the Second Vatican Council. Much more work has gone into preparing for it than for any previous Synods and it will not be concluded until after the 2024 assembly next October. That assembly will be attended by the same participants, when the final Synod documents will be produced. Pope Francis is expected to respond to that document in the months afterwards.

The Synod process is taking place against the backdrop of the catastrophic scandal of clerical sexual abuse and other stresses that have been calling out for attention. Pope Francis is seeking to bring a revived sense of mission to the Church and the hope is that new life will emerge as a result. Inside the Synod Hall, participants are divided into 35 working groups, each consisting of 10 or 12 members. Each group have a facilitator to help discernment. Fourteen groups are English speaking, eight are Italian, seven are Spanish, five French and one Portuguese. Each group holds 'conversations' starting with each person talking for no longer than four minutes, before the participants respond to what they have heard. There are also sessions bringing the entire assembly together at which small groups report back on their discussions. Each small group will also formulate a report of their own reflections, recording where there is agreement and where disagreement and tension remain. They won't be asked to agree on each point but whether their report adequately reflects the work they have carried out.

The working document which emerged from all the discussions that took place in parishes and dioceses throughout the world over the last three years or so forms the basis of the discussions. It is not a series of propositions but of questions covering the renewal of governance and decision making. It seeks to ensure greater transparency and accountability and how to involve lay people more meaningfully in the life of the Church. The role of women in the Church was consistently highlighted in the local worldwide discussions as needing urgent attention and so will be a significant topic of the Synod. The question of female deacons has already been the subject of two recent Vatican Commissions and so is on the agenda, as will whether new ministries need to be established.

Obviously, these and other issues will not be resolved in three weeks of Vatican discussions but this stage of the Synod will show where there is substantial agreement and reveal where much work remains to be done. It is thought that local churches will be asked to review, in due course, what the Synod has agreed at this stage and will be asked to provide their reflections ahead of the 2024 summit.

Pope Francis has recently created 21 new Cardinals, 18 of them eligible to vote for his successor when the time comes. Cardinals over 80 have no such vote. Those Cardinals in high profile positions in the Synod will be watched closely by their colleagues to assess their leadership qualities.

Participants have been asked to refrain from giving interviews to the media during the Assembly. The Synod was preceded by a couple of days of prayer and reflection. Representatives of other Christian churches are also present at the Synod, including the Anglican Bishop of Chichester and the Chair of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Christian Unity. The three-day retreat for all 500 Synod participants took place just before the Assembly got under way. It was held a few miles north of Rome and was led by Father Timothy Radcliffe, the English former Master of the Dominicans, and a Benedictine abbess from Northern Italy, Maria Angelina. The participants also greatly treasure and require our prayers for a successful assembly now and over the coming year.