

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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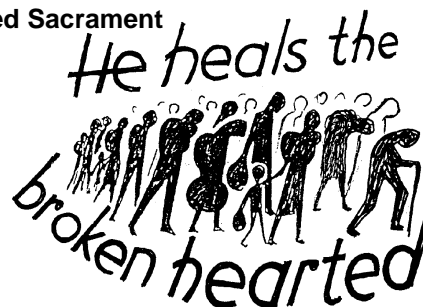
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## The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 6.00 pm        | Marney Witney RIP  |
| Sunday    | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.15 am        | The Parish   |
|           |                  | 10.30 am       | Intention of the Davitt Family                           |
|           |                  | <b>3.00 pm</b> | <b>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> |
| Monday    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am        | Maria Petter RIP   |
| Tuesday   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am        | Intention of Arthur                                      |
|           |                  | <b>7.00 pm</b> | <b>Choir Practice</b>                                    |
| Wednesday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am        | Peter Watson RIP   |
| Thursday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am        | Bill O'Keeffe (Jn) RIP                                   |
| Friday    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am        | William O'Toole RIP                                      |
| Saturday  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm        | Romano Barontini RIP                                     |
| Sunday    | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.15 am        | The Parish   |
|           |                  | 10.30 am       | Anne & Mike Steere RIP                                   |



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Job7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1, Mark 1:40-45

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £482 Digital Collection: £69 Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a **Second Collection** next weekend for the **Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**. Special Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches. (Please see Note 10)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Sarah Johnstone, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan, 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, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Pauline Leyder, Edith Forrester, Colette Coombes, Hilda Holcroft, John Smith, Anastasia Langan, Ursula Trüpe, Walter Thompson, Alice Thomas, Antony Iago. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING CANDLELIT DINNER** will take place on Saturday 17th February to raise funds for the Parish Project, the hospice in Kalingalinga. This very popular event will include a three-course meal, Bar. music and raffle. Tickets are £10.00 each and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

**4. CALLING ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** A Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at St Michael's, High Salvington, from 11.00am until 4.00 pm. Bishop Richard will lead the day of reflection and formation and will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or see the notice in each porch and scan the 'qr' code. The day is free of charge and you need to bring a packed lunch.

**5. FRIEND'S OF THE HOLY LAND** would like to thank all parishioners who raised £360.00 through their crib offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers. Shortly before Christmas you very generously donated a further £854 to FHL.

**6. THE PARISH PROJECT** - A message from Sister Margaret: Thank you for the cheque for £2008.60 which arrived today. The Parishioners of English Martyrs are always so faithful to raising funds for Our Lady's Hospice in Kalingalinga. I was supposed to be visiting Zambia in February and was hoping to go to the Hospice. It may now be deferred as there is Cholera – we are still monitoring the situation.'

**7. TURNING TIDES:** 'Thank you for your very generous donation of £1,002.00 to Turning Tides raised by members at English Martyrs Catholic Church. You have made a real difference to the lives of people experiencing homelessness in our community. At Turning Tides, we know anyone's life can spiral into homelessness. Your support will help us bring together compassionate individuals and organisations to transform the lives of people in our local community and to change perceptions of homelessness.'

**8. CAFOD:** 'Thank you to all the parishioners at English Martyrs for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £2,029.78. Thank you so much for being there for our global family'

**9. MARY'S MEALS:** Heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of English Martyrs for their very generous donation of £1,950.53 received in time for 'Double The Love'. By providing a daily meal at school, Mary's Meals creates a fundamental change in the lives of children who don't have enough to eat and provides hope for today and tomorrow. And this hope feels even more important when those children are growing up in war zones and places of conflict, as many in our programme countries are. To see laughing children sit down together to eat in a safe place of learning in South Sudan, Ethiopia or Haiti is to see hope for the beginning of peace.

**10. LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 26<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.** Online applications for the 2024 Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can now be found on our website [lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk) Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out soon. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email us with the name and postal address. For those who wish to donate on-line to the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal Collection, this can be done using the A&B Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage website. Go to the website address <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> If you have any questions, please contact the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, by email on [lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk) or call 01293 651147

**11. TURNING TIDES:** Everyday items are always needed: Coffee, Sugar, Long-life Milk, Carton juice - large and small, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals. Many thanks to all who are able to help.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** Perhaps the earliest book of travels to the Holy Land that has come down to us was written by a woman called Egeria. Very little is known of who she was or where exactly she came from. Her writings, however, are hugely important because she gives us glimpses of how Christians celebrated their feasts in the Holy places in the fourth century. She writes of a Palestine so different than it unfortunately is today. The account she wrote was lost for seven hundred years. When the manuscript came to light in Italy in the late nineteenth century the only part left was the middle of the book.

The name of the author does not appear on what remains of the text, as that would most likely have been found at the beginning or the end. But from other sources, historians have been able to identify her as Egeria and they deduce that she came from Spain, probably Galicia. She says in the text that survives that she had come 'right from the other end of the world'. The writing gives a vivid idea of her personality and enthusiasm and her boundless curiosity. Sometime around the year she arrived in Constantinople, she was on her way for a three-year journey to the lands of the Bible. She travelled at the rate of twenty-one miles a day and the pilgrimage of over twelve hundred miles to Jerusalem would take her eight weeks. She seems to have been a woman of independent means, sufficiently wealthy to travel great distances – and not running out of funds. She was most unusual for her time as a woman travelling without a partner. She would have been accompanied by a tour group – she addresses her diary to her 'sisters' who could be a social group or family members. The book does not have a title and the section that survives starts with her travels in the Holy Land.

She writes of her experiences in and around Jerusalem in which she gives descriptions of the Rite of Initiation of adults into the Church as well as the liturgical practices in Jerusalem during Holy Week – or 'Great Week' as it was called. She mentions six churches in Jerusalem – all associated with events in the life of Christ. As she celebrates the events of Christ's passion, death and Resurrection, she heard the scripture readings, hymns and antiphons that related to the events being celebrated. Virtually all those sites were in walking distance from one another. She describes the whole Jerusalem Christian community walking to Bethany to re-live the raising of Lazarus, then going to the Mount of Olives to cut down palm branches and proceed with hymns to Jerusalem – in the footsteps of Jesus, on Palm Sunday.

The most prominent church, of course, was built next to Calvary and the site of the empty tomb. The Eastern Church named it the Anastasis (The Resurrection) while the Western Church preferred to call it the Martyrium (the Holy Sepulchre). She describes the Mass for Holy Thursday: 'Then after the dismissal at the Martyrium, they arrive behind the Cross, where only one hymn is said and prayer is made and the bishop offers the oblation there and all communicate. Nor is the oblation ever offered behind the Cross on any other day throughout the year except on this one day. And after the dismissal then they go to Anastasis where prayer is made, the Catechumens and the faithful are blessed according to custom and the dismissal is made'. The catechumens are the adults preparing for baptism.

On Holy Thursday night, the community go to Gethsemane to spend an hour in prayer, remembering Christ's agony. On Good Friday morning, they venerate the relics of the true cross and they gather around the hill of Calvary. It was still open to the skies in those days but surrounded by a wall of stone columns. There the Passion of Christ is proclaimed. On Holy Saturday night the exultant community rejoice over the newly baptised converts and celebrate the Eucharist. On Easter afternoon they visit the church of Sion on the site of the Upper Room, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and appeared to the Apostles on Easter Day.' Her vivid descriptions prompted countless Christians to make a similar pilgrimage. There has never been a travel book more influential than Egeria's.