

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Intention of Mary & Family
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Ella Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		1.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR ELLA DOLL RIP
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Gerry Griffin RIP
Thursday	27 th	9.30 am	Maureen Clark RIP
		11.00 am	REQUIEM FOR ANGELA JOHNSON RIP
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Kyrice & Family
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Grace West RIP

Jesus said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"
Then the wind ceased,
and there was a dead calm.
He said to them, "Why are you afraid?
Have you still no faith?"



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4:35-41

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

COLLECTIONS: Church: £445 Dona: £ Day for Life: £365 Thank you for your generosity.
There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Peter's Pence (NO GIFT AID)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sue Withnell, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony Kearney, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Noel & 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: David Alexander, W J Clarke, Thomas Foley, Mieczyslaw Ostatek, Claud Tuttlebee, Rita Traynor, Paul Simmons, Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, Liza ,McKinney, Patricia Potter. *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. COME AND CELEBRATE SUMMER AT ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL, Derwent Drive on the school field this Sunday 23rd June from 10.00 am until 4.00pm. £10 unlimited inflatables/ride wristband available. BBQ, Beer, Games, Penalty Shootout, Popcorn, Music, Candy Floss, Tombola. A charity event for English Martyrs Primary with fun for all the family, kindly supported by Pear Properties. Free admission. Wristbands can be purchased on the day or just pay as you go.

5. MARTA GROUP MODERN SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham. By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire Church Parish Hall. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

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

7. LIPSTICK ALERT! Please avoid wearing lipstick when you receive the chalice – it causes chaos with the laundering of the purificators!

8. GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD – this Wednesday 26 June A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

9. 60 PUPILS FROM ST OSCAR ROMERO SCHOOL will be doing a 43 km sponsored walk along the South Downs Way during the night of Friday 21st June to raise money for Mary's Meals. If you would like to sponsor them, please go the St Oscar Romero website. Please place donations in the basket in the Main Porch as you leave.

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 WISH LIST is appealing for the many items that they need urgently: Tinned Meat - Ham & Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Cooking Sauces, Tinned Vegetarian, Meat Meals & Pies. Small Juices/Water, Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard. Carton Milk, Cooking Oil, Spreads - Sweet & Savoury. Easy Snacks - Pot Noodles, Mug Shots, Pasta-n-Sauce, Instant Noodles. Men's Boxer Pants & Socks. Washing Powder. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: We have great reason to be thankful to Mark, the first to put before us the Gospel in written form. A gospel is a new kind of writing; there is nothing quite like it outside the New Testament. Mark invented this new kind of literature and he was followed by Matthew, Luke and John. The gospels are a mixture of actions and words centred on the person, life and teaching of Jesus with special emphasis on his death and resurrection. All is shot through with the light of the resurrection. A gospel is written for believers. It is a Christian document addressed to Christians. Each of the gospels was written for a specific community and with the needs of that community firmly in mind. But the men who wrote them were inspired by the Holy Spirit. In spite of the fact that these writings are products of their times and of those who wrote them, they continue to speak to Christian communities of all time, everywhere, because they are also, truly the Word of God.

Mark's gospel tended to be under-rated in the past. In the Sunday Masses up to the end of the Second Vatican Council there was no reading from Mark's Gospel. The more biblical scholars have studied Mark the more they have come to realise what a brilliant writer he is. He is a gifted storyteller and writes very simply in a conversational way. That is why of all the gospels it lends itself to be read aloud to an audience from beginning to end. It is, by a long way, the shortest gospel and sentences are often strung together by the simple conjunction 'and'. Scholars see in the fact that he uses rather basic Greek evidence that Mark is writing not in his native tongue but in an acquired language. This, they would say, accounts for his stark Greek but we don't really know a great deal about who he was. He was not interested in telling us about himself but rather about Jesus.

In today's Sunday gospel reading the disciples of Jesus were so overcome by the fact that Jesus had stilled the storm that suddenly struck them on the Sea of Galilee that 'they were filled with awe and said to one another 'who can this be?'" For Mark the frightened crew of that boat might have represented the community, the little Church, for whom he wrote. Very likely he was writing in Rome, where the Church was being persecuted fiercely by the Emperor Nero. Peter and Paul and many others had been put to death. He had in mind people such as them, who needed to know Jesus. He wrote for Christians who doubted and were fearful. 'Teacher' they said, 'do you not care if we perish.' (4:38) He wrote for Christians who did not relish the thought of being disciples of a suffering Messiah. He wrote for Christians, very like ourselves, who need encouragement.

Mark begins his gospel with the proclamation: 'The beginning of the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.' Towards the end of his gospel we have the proclamation of the centurion who had seen how Jesus had died: 'In truth this man was the Son of God' (15:39) Mark describes how Jesus died in utter isolation, without any consoling feature at all. This was the moment when the centurion recognised Jesus as the Son of God. Mark is telling us that the cross is the only true sign of who Jesus really is. The centurion had looked on the dead Jesus and had seen the Son of God. The faith of the centurion is in stark contrast to the cowardice of the apostles who in Mark's gospel are nowhere to be seen near the cross. They had been called by Jesus and had responded to his call. He bore their failings and weaknesses with loving patience. They had failed him and Mark is inviting those for whom he wrote to see themselves in the Apostles. As the Apostles managed with God's help to pick themselves up, so Mark is encouraging his community to never lose heart in the forgiveness and love of Jesus.

Not all had failed Jesus at the cross. The silent, steadfast women had remained faithful to the end. 'There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him'. (15:40,41) These same women were the first to visit the tomb to honour the Lord. 'When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Salome brought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning of the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.' (16: 1,2) Perhaps there is a lesson of Mark here that we still have to learn. The community of Christ will come of age when the dignity of women and their place in the Church are truly acknowledged. Thank you Mark for what you have done for us!