

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Albert Davitt RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	Oskar Wright (unwell)
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30 am	Allison McGoff RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	24 th	9.30 am	Ella Doll RIP
Thursday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	26 th	9.30 am	William (Nobby) Nievens RIP
Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	Tom McIntyre RIP
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

COLLECTIONS: Church: £455 Dona: £40 The Apostleship of the Sea: £495 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bryan Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, 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: Cecelia Albery, Albert Davitt, Margaret Bolton, David Eardley, John Whitehead, Mary McCarney, Maureen Jones, Nancy Leach, James Gilligan, Jacqueline Towse, Thomas Murray, Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan McCann, Elsie Peeney, Timothy Payne.
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. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

5. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Bishop Richard, is taking place between 26th July and 1st August. Please remember to keep all those on the Pilgrimage in your prayers as they will you. Thank you, once again for helping five of our young people to go as Red Shirts to assist the sick pilgrims.

6. PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LOURDES. Jane-Anne is accompanying the Red Shirts to Lourdes and would be very happy to take any prayer requests with her. These are posted at the Grotto. Please place the written prayers into a sealed envelope and give to Anne in the Parish Office or to me directly at one of the masses. If you would like a candle lit in the prayer bank then please do call me on 07765 403883. Jane-Anne Casey

7. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Our parish raised £495. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in time of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

8. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is Saturday, 10th August. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

9. CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES WINTON who has been offered a place in the Glyndebourne Youth Opera Chorus, as part of the Opera 'Uprising' which will take place next year.

10. MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS will take place on Saturday 12th October at the Cathedral of Our Lady and St Philip Howard at 11.30 until 2.00 pm. Are you celebrating an anniversary with a particular significance for you this year? Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. The venue is wheelchair friendly with a number of disabled parking spaces. Please note that photographs will be taken at this event. Pictures may feature in the weekly E-Bulletin, the diocesan Flickr feed or as a part of a news story on our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Head of Communications at E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

11. CATECHISTS DAY is for all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking will take place on Saturday 21st September at Worth School and Abbey from 11.00 am until 4.00 pm. Refreshments available from 10.30am. During the day, we will be spending time reflecting on our personal faith and our role in passing on that faith to others. We will hear inspirational talks and have time to reflect and share with others in the beautiful setting of Worth. More information to follow and will be emailed to sign-ups. Any queries please email E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

12. 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.

13. 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: By way of light relief, I will be commenting on some Nursery Rhymes in the coming weeks. Many Nursery Rhymes originate with tragic events but they refer to them in humorous ways. They speak about particular events near to the times when the Rhymes were composed. They were a means of passing controversial and often shocking news around the countryside by word of mouth anonymously. Much research has been carried out to try to decipher what exactly the Rhymes were speaking about and how people viewed the often stormy events they were living through.

Some of these Rhymes are so ancient that different interpretations have been placed upon them. Some see different meanings in them than others. Among the first things many of us were taught as infants were these little sayings without ever being aware that they had a hidden meaning. Our parents themselves had often very little knowledge of what they were all about. Thinking of them now gives us an insight into how news of historical events was transmitted around the land, long before very many people could read or write and when no one had dreamed of the means of instant communication open to us.

One of the most shocking events in the history of England must have been the public execution of King Charles I. People throughout time had a very exalted view of the sacredness of the monarch. They believed in the Divine Right of Kings. Following his capture and imprisonment by the Parliamentarians towards the end of the Civil War, Charles presented a huge problem to his captors. If his life was spared, he would pose a constant threat to their new state but if he was put to death he would instantly become a hero. Eventually he was brought to trial and on 30th January 1649 he was publicly beheaded outside the Palace of Whitehall, very close to Charing Cross.

There had been little public support for the trial, despite the harsh wording of the charge against him: 'Out of a wicked desire to expect and uphold himself with an unlimited and tyrannical power to rule according to his own will and to overthrow the rights and the liberties of the people of England'. Charles refused to answer the charge, believing that his own authority to rule had been given to him by God when he had been crowned and anointed. The court argued that no man was above the law. The Rhyme 'As I was going to Charing Cross' refers to his execution:

'As I was going to Charing Cross
I saw a black man upon a black horse.
They told me it was King Charles the First,
Oh dear, my heart was ready to burst.'

When the King was found guilty, Richard Brandon, Hangman of London, summed up the general mood by refusing to carry out the task. Eventually a man was paid an astronomical amount of money for the time of £100, but he insisted on remaining anonymous.

The killing of a King was hugely contentious and the execution of a man divinely chosen to rule made the perfect ghoulish subject for a Nursery Rhyme. Although the execution was witnessed by thousands, including the famous diarist Samuel Pepys, few accounts of it survive to this day. It was common practice for the head of the person executed for treason to be held up and shown to the crowds with the words 'Behold the head of a traitor'. When Charles' head was exhibited these words were not said. Unlike the carnival atmosphere at many executions, the mood of the crowd was sombre. Hearts really were ready to burst.

(I am indebted to Albert Jack's book 'Pop Goes the Weasel')