

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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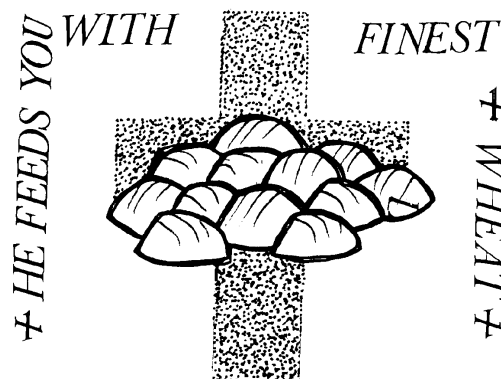
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### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Tom McIntyre RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Peggy Maguire RIP
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Lottie Mae
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Margaret Davis
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Intention of Rose McIntyre
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Ella Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Exodus 16:2-4, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £470 Dona: £ Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD.

**SPECIAL CAFOD GIFT AID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES**

**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: Patrick Harty, Joan Hawkins, Constance Lilleyman, Janet Flynn, Bernard Flynn, Sheila Mander, Deacon Pat Moloney, Brenda Allen, Douglas Kirkby, Doris Smith, Roger Stubbs, Kathleen Winsall, John Flood, Eileen Scott. *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. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**, led by Bishop Richard, is taking place now. Please remember to keep all those on the Pilgrimage in your prayers as they will you.

**5. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**6. MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS** will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk)

**7. MINISTERS ROTAS FOR AUGUST** are available in the Sacristy.

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

**9. 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, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

**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: A very well-known Nursery Rhyme is Old Mother Hubbard.** In its original form it has only two verses each consisting of three lines:

Old Mother Hubbard  
Went to the cupboard  
To fetch her poor dog a bone.  
But when she got there  
The cupboard was bare  
And so the poor dog had none.

This allegedly goes back to the sixteenth century and to the breach brought about by King Henry VIII with the Papacy. Criticising the rich and the powerful – especially the King- was highly dangerous and could lead, at best, to a day in the stocks, where ill-wishers would come along and pelt the one found guilty with stones or rotten vegetables. At worst the offender could be hanged, drawn and quartered or burned alive. Anonymously penned rhymes, pretending to be nonsense verse for children provided a safer means of expressing your opinion about contentious events and the people behind them as well as keeping alive vital information.

Some historians believe that Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard is the Catholic Church and the resources and powers it had at its disposal. The Old Mother is Cardinal Wolsey (1470-1530), one of the most important and powerful churchmen of the sixteenth century. He was Lord Chancellor in the court of Henry VIII. When Henry wanted to be divorced from Catherine of Aragon, he sent Old Mother Hubbard (Cardinal Wolsey) to the Pope (the cupboard) to obtain a bone (the divorce) for the dog (Henry). On finding that the cupboard was bare (Rome would not sanction the divorce) Wolsey fell out of favour with the King, who took his newly built palace at Hampton Court from him, all his property was forfeited to the crown and he was arrested and charged with high treason but died before his trial. The poor dog did not get his bone but he got other riches from Mother Hubbard and he broke the link between the Papacy and the Church in England. The earliest references to Old Mother Hubbard go back to 1591.

Other Nursery Rhymes are also thought to refer to the troubled times of the Reformation in England. One of these is Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary:

Mary, Mary, quite contrary  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And pretty maids all in a row.

This has been happily recited by children for hundreds of years. Its innocent sounding verse may have strange and dark origins. It is thought to refer to the turbulent reign of Mary I. When her Father, Henry VIII severed links with the Pope to divorce her mother Catherine, it led to a deep rift between the King and his daughter. Mary was banished from Court and sent to live under virtual house arrest at the Palace of Beaulieu in the Essex countryside. Mary was the only child of Henry and his first wife, the Spanish princess Catherine of Aragon. Henry had initially doted upon Mary and even broke Royal protocol by giving her the title of Princess of Wales. But all this changed when no male heir was born of the marriage. Henry was now intent on divorcing Catherine and getting a male heir with another wife, Anne Boleyn. As a result of the divorce Catherine lost her title of Queen and Mary was declared illegitimate and demoted from Princess to Lady and lost her position at Court.

Mary did eventually succeed to the throne. There was no male heir born to Anne Boleyn. Elizabeth was the only child of that marriage and Anne, her mother, was executed on trumped up charges. Henry's son born to his third wife, Jane Seymour, succeeded his Father as Edward VI. He was only ten years old when he came to the throne and reigned for only six years – the first Protestant King of England and Ireland. Edward's attempt to secure the throne for his Protestant cousin Lady Jane Grey, failed and so Mary came to the throne to become the last Catholic to do so.

Mary immediately set about reversing all the Religious legislation of her father Henry and her half-brother Edward. She released Catholics who had been imprisoned for their faith, among whom was Bishop Stephen Gardiner, whom she appointed as Lord Chancellor and was given the honour of crowning her as Queen in October 1553.

In the rhyme she is Mary quite contrary because of the virulence with which she sought to restore the Catholic faith, leading her to be known in history as 'Bloody Mary'. Gardiner, who was her great supporter and confidant is alluded to – it is thought – in line two of the rhyme: How does your garden grow? Under Gardiner various instruments were used to torture prisoners seen as enemies of the Catholic cause. This explains the reference to cockleshells and silver bells – forms of thumbscrew. Maidens, or maids denote devices used for beheading. The picture evoked by the rhyme is not as charming as it seems!

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