

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Intention of Rose McIntyre
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	Ella Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour
Monday	5 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	6 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	8 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	9 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Jacintha Evans
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of T. Moloney



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 5.15 - 5:45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

COLLECTIONS: Church: £437 Dona: £115 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD.

SPECIAL CAFOD GIFT AID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shirley Bradbury, 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: Rosemary Brown, David Dandeker, Christopher Hatton, Celiska Haslegrave, Stanislaw Kamieniecki, Claire Steadman, Michael Trytko, Maria Grein, Mabel Lamb, Evelyn Garnham, Peggy Kennard, Maria Lightfoot. *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. 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

5. 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. 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

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

7. 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 NEXT Saturday, 10th August. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

8. HAVE YOUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED? If so and your loved one has recovered but is on the list in Item 1 please let Anne in the Office know so that the name can be removed – 01903 242624

9. 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.

10. TURNING TIDES HARVEST FOOD APPEAL has been split in three: 'A Breakfast Boost'; a Lunchtime Bite and a Super Supper. Copies of each are available in both porches. Please take one if you are able to help. Your help is always appreciated, especially at this time of the year when they are trying to fill the store cupboards.

Father Liam says: Far too many women are being sent to prison. Prison for women has a disproportionate negative effect on families and causes longstanding and irreparable damage. 95% of the children of jailed women are taken into care. One third of all women convictions are for not paying their T V License. It seems a senseless state of affairs that has a lamentable impact on children and puts families in danger of losing their accommodation and their physical and mental health.

It seems that one of the best-known Nursery Rhymes was meant to draw people's attention to the trials and travails of female prisoners in past generations. 'Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush' owes its origins to the days when Wakefield prison was a House of Correction. Female prisoners used to walk their children around the Mulberry tree planted in the courtyard. They devised the rhyme to help pass the time and keep the children occupied. Mulberry trees have been associated with prisons since the early 19th century. Many prison governors planted the trees as a way of profiting from the British silk industry. Mulberry leaves were the favourite food of silkworms. R. S. Duncan, a former governor of Wakefield has written a history of the prisons that have existed on the same site for over five hundred years. A Mulberry tree flourishes today within the prison grounds – according to the tourist office. This is how the Rhyme goes:

'Here we go round the Mulberry bush,
The Mulberry bush, the Mulberry bush;
Here we go round the Mulberry bush,
On a cold and frosty morning.'

The Rhyme is set, not in the summer, but a cold and frosty morning. The activities listed in the song are not just simple chores but the catalogue of wearisome tasks performed by a female prisoner in a House of Correction.

'This is the way we wash our clothes,
Wash our clothes.
This is the way we wash our clothes
On a cold and frosty morning.'

The Rhyme goes on to describe how they 'iron our clothes'; 'scrub the floor'; 'mend our clothes'; 'sweep the house'; 'bake our bread' and 'go to church'. It would be compulsory to go to church and the implication is that going to church was as wearisome as all the other tasks that made up their day.

The Rhyme 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock' is believed to have been inspired by the last man ever to have ruled England as a Republic. After the execution of Charles I in 1649, England became a Commonwealth for eleven years (1649-1660). During this time a Protectorate was established with Oliver Cromwell holding the title of 'Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland. Just prior to his death on 3rd September 1658 the arch-Republican Head of State surprised and shocked many by nominating his successor – none other than his eldest surviving son, Richard. Richard Cromwell was born in 1626 and served as a Captain in the New Model Army during the Civil War, with apparently little distinction. Unlike his father, Richard had no real military or political experience, so he did not enjoy the confidence of either the army or parliament. To make matters worse the regime was in debt to the tune of £2 million. That was, of course, many billions in today's money – so unpopular decisions had to be taken. The army demanded the dissolution of Parliament. Richard refused – but had to give in to the troops demands. He was now to be ridiculed and mocked by enemies and supporters alike. Among his nicknames were 'Queen Dick' and 'Tumbledown Dick' and 'Hickory Dick'. He was effectively forced out of office and the monarchy was restored when Charles II came to the throne.

The first verse of the Rhyme goes:

'Hickory, dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down.
Hickory, dickory dock'.

His one year derisory rule was mocked by the lines 'The clock struck one/ The mouse ran down. The second verse (rarely used) appears to be about Richard's rapid rise from nowhere and back down again, ousted by Charles II (the man in brown).

Dickory, dickory, dare
The pig flew up in the air.
The man in brown,
Soon brought him down,
Dickory, dickory, dare.

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