

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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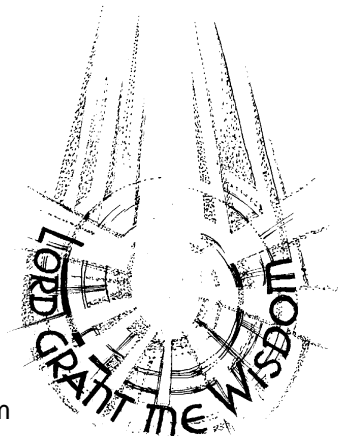
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### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Peter Bone RIP
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Heidi Humblestone RIP
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ann & Bernard Bandy RIP
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Trudy Scutt RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Gavin Shepherd RIP



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £495 Dona: £ CAFOD Harvest Festival: £722 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a missionary appeal by Father John Covery from the Xaverian

Missionary Society. Please use their special GIFT AID envelopes

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday.

Please use special Gift Aid MISSIO Envelopes available in both porches

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian 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 & Kathleen 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: CAMELIA SPALDING** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Johanna Hawkins, Maurice Chiverton, Kathy Bainbridge, Reg Marshall, Roger Davis, Violet Earl, Emily Hudson, Georgia Little, Ray Kelly, Mary Brogan, Pauline Moody, Eleanor Barnes, Doris Flood, Renee West. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH** is a course aimed at those who are interested in exploring our faith in a relaxed informal setting with the aim to join or rejoin our Catholic family. Please phone the Parish Office on 01903 242624 or email Dermot: [dermot36@gmail.com](mailto:dermot36@gmail.com)

**4. CARING FOR CATHOLICS IN HOSPITAL.** Understandably, those who have a spell in hospital find great comfort from their faith. Sometimes, they wish to receive Holy Communion. Could you help with this? We are hoping to find a number of people (the more, the merrier) across the seven parishes of the Worthing Deanery to assist in this very valuable and privileged task. If you are already a Eucharistic Minister, might this be something that you can offer? If you are not a Eucharistic Minister, but feel a call to hospital chaplaincy work, this could be for you. Please speak to one of the parish clergy to find out more, or to register initial interest. Training and support will be provided at every step of the way. Please be generous if you can. Thank you!

**5. A KSC RACE NIGHT** for Pro Life Charities will be held next Saturday, 19th October at St. Oscar Romero School from 7pm. First race 7:30pm. Tickets £10.00 incl fish and chip supper. Across the UK the Knights of St. Columba will be raising funds for Pro Life charities from 2024 to 2026. These charities advocate a life ethic that values all human beings, defending life from the moment of conception. For tickets please contact David on 07790 480356.

**6. MISSIO:** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 02078 219755 (Office Hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk)

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

**8. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

**9. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the noticeboard 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 APPEAL.** Tinned Meat - Ham & Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Cooking Sauces Tinned Vegetarian, Small Juices/Water, Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Carton juice - large & small Ketchup & Brown Sauce, Bacon, Sausages, Eggs, Cereal Bars & Breakfast/Protein Bars, Water Bottles Cooking Oil, Spreads - Sweet & Savoury Easy Snacks - Pot Noodles, Pasta-n-Sauce, Instant Noodles Men's Boxer Pants & Socks, Washing Powder, Shaving Gels, Razors, Laundry Detergent, Washing Up Liquid. If you are able to help, please leave the items in the box in the West Porch. They will be gratefully received by all those who need them. Many thanks for your help.

**Father Liam says: A very ancient practice of Catholic life** was the custom of dressing the wells at certain times of the year. Wells were essential features of every town and village from time immemorial. It is only in comparatively modern times that water is literally on tap in our houses. The well was where people gathered to collect water for their daily needs. The ceremony of blessing the wells was an acknowledgement of the importance of a plentiful supply of clean water.

The blessing took place on Rogation Days, days of special prayer. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Thursday were observed as days of solemn supplication, when the Litany of the Saints was sung as people walked in procession. The Latin word 'Rogatio' means 'litany'. In England the Synod of Cloveshore in 747 prescribes processions and fasting on the three days before the Ascension 'according to the ways of our fathers'.

The lovely custom of dressing the Wells at Rogation-time never ceased entirely. It is still carried out today but it is mainly a Derbyshire custom now. The making of the flower and leaf panels with which the wells are decked has become a hereditary craft of a very high order. Several years ago I spent a few days in Derbyshire and was thrilled to discover those works of art in so many towns and villages, such as Tissington, Buxton and Winksworth. I am sure each location was trying to outdo their neighbours and impress the visitors who came principally to see. But for the makers and local people the decorations are a preparation for the parish ceremonies during which the wells are blessed and thanksgiving is given to God for the gift of pure water. This is one of our most ancient customs, which sprang originally from pre-Christian times and lived on throughout the Middle Ages and survived the Reformation. The more extreme reformers disliked it but it was part of the annual cycle of events when the bounds of the parish were beaten and a blessing asked for their fields and wells and homes.

Pilgrimages were once seen as a very Catholic thing. One of the greatest places of pilgrimage in England was Walsingham. So many of the shrines were broken in the sixteenth century that it seemed that the last pilgrimage had been made and that never again would the roads of England be trodden by the feet of the devout on their way to some holy place. That was what the Reformers believed and hoped. But there has been a revival of pilgrimages by people of other faiths to several ancient shrines and holy wells. At Walsingham every year pilgrimages are made by Roman Catholics to the Slipper Chapel, where a reproduction of the famous shrine of Our Lady stands and the other to the Anglican chapel in the town itself. This chapel was built in 1931 to house another modern copy of the original image. Anglican pilgrims go to St. Albans every year and to Lindisfarne, Glastonbury and Canterbury and to holy wells, such as Bawburgh and Binsey.

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. The beginning of the Holy Year will be marked by the celebration of Mass in every Cathedral church in the world on 29<sup>th</sup> December and the theme of the Holy Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is not intended that there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee year but a pilgrimage to Walsingham is being arranged to take place from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Walsingham has indeed risen from the ashes. The scene today is transformed from what the beleaguered Catholics experienced under Elizabeth I as expressed by an anonymous poet in her reign:

'Bitter, bitter oh to behold the grass to grow  
Where the walls of Walsingham so stately did show.  
Such were the works of Walsingham while she did stand,  
Such are the wrecks as now do show of that holy land.  
Level, level with the ground the towers do lie,  
Which with their golden, glittering top pierced once to the sky'.