

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | 19 th | 6.00 pm | Trudy Scutt RIP |
| Sunday | 20 th | 8.15 am | The Parish |
| | | 10.30 am | Gavin Shepherd RIP |
| Monday | 21 st | 9.30 am | Intention of Keith Johnson |
| Tuesday | 22 nd | 9.30 am | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday | 23 rd | 9.30 am | John L Sullivan RIP |
| Thursday | 24 th | 9.30 am | Maria Petter RIP and Family |
| Friday | 25 th | 9.30 am | Ania Wiley RIP |
| Saturday | 26 th | 6.00 pm | Frederick McGinn RIP |
| Sunday | 27 th | 8.15 am | The Parish |
| | | 10.30 am | Intention of Teresa Boyle |



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

COLLECTIONS: Church: £367.94 Dona: £ Xaverian Missionary Society: £724.03 Thank you for your generosity.

**This 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: ALFIE MILLER, SHEILA DE FRANCE and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Mary Rose, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Phil Jenkins, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy, Patricia Ferin, Reginald Mosely. *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

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. THE PARISH PRIEST OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS, Fr Terry Martin, has recently produced a book called 'Animals in Heaven?' I have started reading it and I find it delightful and thought provoking. I think that it fits into the category of spiritual reading.

6. CLOCKS change next weekend.

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

8. MISSIO: Today 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

9. CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE 100 CLUB: The first Draw of the 100 Club New Year will take place on 1st December. If you wish to continue for the coming year, please put £12 (for every number you wish to keep) in a sealed envelope with your name in Capitals on the front. There will be someone collecting the envelopes at all Masses on 26/27 October.

10. 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

11. 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: The oldest, continually occupied presbytery in England is in West Grinstead but there is no resident priest there now. The Catholic faith has been practised there, unbroken, since before the Reformation. The presbytery was built in 1640. Before that the priest lived in a small cottage on the estate of the Caryll family. The Carylls were flourishing landlords who remained exemplary Catholics throughout the years of persecution. Catholic land-owning families like the Carylls were forced to sell off much of their possessions as swinging fines were imposed on them. Lands were confiscated when the family helped the Catholic King James II. Beside the house there had been a secret chapel in a heavily wooded area. When the present home was built a chapel was secreted. It is still preserved and is on public view but would have been hidden behind the hay loft in the days of persecution. The church was built in 1876. A French émigré priest, Father Jean-Marie Denis came to West Grinstead in 1863 when he was not yet 30 years old. With the help of his sister, Marie-Joseph, who died in 1879, he threw himself into the restoration of this historical site of English Catholicism. He treasured the priest's house with its relics and its important past. Many martyrs and priests, like Blessed Francis Bell, (executed Tyburn in 1643) had said Mass here and helped keep the faith alive. There was the depth of loyalty of the Caryll family and their workers in the wake of the Gunpowder Plot and the lies of Titus Oates. In 1741 Bishop Challoner had visited here and found 150 practicing Catholics – more than the population of the little village. But by the mid-18th Century there was a serious lack of funding and its survival was threatened. Edward Caryll provided yet more funds. In 1788 the last of the Carylls died in poverty in Dunkirk, looked after by the English Benedictine Sisters. With new funding a priest was able to be maintained at West Grinstead by the ministry of the Franciscans. This arrangement lasted until 1815 when Mass was openly celebrated in the priest's home on the first floor as opposed to the loft. There followed a decline in numbers coming to Mass. From time to time there would be priests who only spoke French, forced across the Channel by the persecution of the Revolution.

When Father Denis arrived in 1863, he received encouragement and financial help from his Bishop in France. He set up a school for the local poor in a converted stable. Shortly afterwards Dominican Sisters set up an orphanage and ran the school. Father Denis raised money locally and also on the Continent and so work began on building the church. In 1876 – though not yet completed – it was dedicated to Our Lady of Consolation. The statue of Our Lady was formally crowned in 1893 at the behest of Rome and was the first shrine in England to receive this honour since the Reformation.

In 1887 a young priest was appointed to help Father Denis. This was Father Bourne who would later become Cardinal Bourne. In 1924 he stated that 'West Grinstead enjoys a unique place in Southern England as an example of such unceasing testimony to the faith'. Father Bourne established the first Southwark Diocesan Seminary in 1889. Father Denis died in 1900.

Why did he dedicate the church to Our Lady of Consolation? Mary has long been venerated as a comforter. In 1527 the Confraternity of La Consolata was set up in Turin in gratitude for deliverance from plague and a revered image of Our Lady of Consolation drew many pilgrims to the city. This shrine to Mary grew in popularity and fame throughout Europe and Father Denis was inspired to have the image painted and installed in the Lady Chapel at West Grinstead.

A diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place next Summer to mark the Holy Year. Perhaps a little group could consider organising a parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead to honour Mary and the brave Catholics who strove to keep the faith in dangerous times.