

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	26 th	6.00 pm	Frederick McGinn RIP
Sunday	27 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Teresa Boyle
Monday	28 th	9.30 am	Peter Bone RIP
Tuesday	29 th	9.30 am	Father Robert Ellis RIP
Wednesday	30 th	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the McClusky Family
Thursday	31 st	9.30 am	John Moore RIP
ALL	1 st	9.30 am	Breda O'Connor RIP
SAINTS		11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR SHEILA DE FRANCE RIP
		7.30 pm	Holy Souls
ALL	2 nd	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP & Family
SOULS		6.00 pm	Dominic Lambert, Lourdu, Mary Mark & Magdaline
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	Burholt & Whibley Families RIP
		10.30 am	Liz Harvey RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

COLLECTIONS: Church: £418 Dona: £ World Mission Sunday: £463 Thank you for your generosity.
Friday is All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Saturday is All Souls Day

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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Constance Clark, Kathleen Hope, Giuseppina Pryke, Jean Murphy, Tony Sassi, Roy Bellm, Brian Hayes, Donald Rodrigues, Josephine Hills, Father Robert Ellis, Patrick Heffernan, Doris Hayes, Mary Furman.

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. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application form from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 2nd January at 7.30 pm in the church and the first lesson for the children will be Tuesday 7th January from 4.30-5.30 pm

5. 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 **this weekend**.

6. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS: The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

7. MINISTERS ROTAS are available in the Sacristy

8. OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP currently meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7.30 pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel. There is praise and worship, scripture, intercessory prayer and much more. Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 7th November**. All are welcome so please come and join us. Any queries to Andy & Sandy (241236).

9. A DELICIOUS CREAM TEA will take place on Sunday 17 November at 3pm in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Our Lady of Good Counsel Network, a pro-life Charity that offers support to women in crisis pregnancies. Tickets on sale next weekend £9 each. Raffle prizes gratefully received

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

11. 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

12. 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: Looking back over 150 years to the Catholic scene in Worthing, written in 1870 Kershaw's 'Guide and Handbook to Worthing' refers to the beginnings of the revival of Catholic worship in the town. It says: 'Until a few years ago Catholic families were unable to make a long visit to Worthing on account of the inconvenience of having to attend Mass either at Arundel or Brighton. In 1859 however, the owner of Offington House (Thomas Gaisford) received the service of a priest and Mass was regularly said in the private oratory to which visitors were admitted. Since that time, Catholics visiting Worthing have so much increased that a church was considered necessary'.

Conditions for Catholics to practice their faith after centuries of persecution began to improve somewhat with the first Relief Act in 1778. A big turning point came with the Act of Emancipation in 1829. This legislation ensured full rights of citizenship for Catholics in Britain and Ireland. It resulted chiefly from the efforts of the Irish Catholic leader, Daniel O'Connell, who consequently was known in Ireland as the Liberator. This remarkable change was influenced by the rapid increase in the number of Catholics in Britain due mainly to refugees from the French Revolution and later Irish immigrants.

In 1811 the estimated Catholic population of England was 250,000. During the years 1791 to 1816 about 900 Catholic chapels had been legally opened to the public for the celebration of Mass. These chapels were normally built by aristocratic and landed Catholic families. Thomas Gaisford provided this service for his co-religionist in Worthing in 1859. Similar developments in Sussex began in Chichester (1852), Crawley (1859), West Brighton (1860), Littlehampton (1863), Eastbourne and Horsham (1867). Lewes (1868) and Slindon (1865) with the patronage of rich Catholic families such as the Norfolk's, Biddulph's and Munsters. Since these chapels and oratories were in the large houses of the gentry, they were not conveniently situated for most of the worshippers so, when possible, Catholic churches began to slowly appear once again on the landscape.

The Catholic church in Worthing – St Mary of the Angels – was built in 1864, but the public use of the chapel in Offington continued for some years after the church was built. Kirshaw's 'Guide' for 1876 states that Mass was said 'twice a week'. Later the Worthing Directory on 1886 notes: 'Mass twice a week at Offington House served from Worthing', presumably Mass there was for the family and Catholic servants at the Hall. Thomas Gaisford, who fostered the Worthing Catholic mission at Offington bought the plot on which the Catholic church of St Mary's was built and his continuing generosity and support enabled the parish to flourish in its early years.

The Gaisford family had come from Bulkington in Wiltshire and Thomas' father was the Dean of Christchurch, Oxford, a noted Greek scholar and theologian. Thomas himself became a Catholic and was a Major in the 79th Highlanders and served for a time as Deputy Lieutenant of Sussex. During his years at Worthing, he became widely respected for his generous nature and devotion to the common good. The Rector of Tarring wrote of Thomas Gaisford, who died in 1898, noting 'the debt of gratitude which has been felt by three successive Rectors of West Tarring towards the deceased, for the constant kindness which he has always shown by helping in those departments of parish work which he could consistently give his support'.

Gaisford purchased Offington Hall in 1858 for £18,000 and at once enlarged it by adding the West Wing, providing a library and Chapel. Offington Hall was demolished in 1963. In the 'Visitation Returns' for 1863 it is noted that 'in style the Chapel is early French with sitting rooms for 25 and dedicated to St Thomas of Canterbury'. The marble altar was consecrated by Bishop Grant in November 1859. 'Visitation Returns' refer to updated reports on the various parishes following on periodic visits by the Bishop.

Catholic Dioceses were re-established in Britain in 1850 with the restoration of Diocesan Bishops.