

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Frank Burns RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Anne O'Connor RIP
		10.30 am	Tim & Angela Ryan RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	John Mayock RIP
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Intention of Jesvin
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	4 th	9.30 am	Anne & Mike Steere RIP
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am	John Davidson RIP & Family
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	Don Wiley RIP
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Deceased Relatives of Gina Marshall
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Valentina Jukuma RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1Thessalonians: 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28,34-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

COLLECTIONS: Church: £431 Dona: £167 Arundel Cathedral Maintenance: £302 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Homestart, Arun, Worthing & Adur

Special Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches. (See Note 3)

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for LEPR (See Note 12)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Frances Boylan, Natasha, Laura Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, Andy Curd, 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, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, 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: LELIA MURRAY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, George Maw, Reginald Austin, Eileen Kavenagh, Anne McNamara, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. MESSAGE FROM HOMESTART: Please give the Gift of Christmas to a Vulnerable Child in your Community. Christmas should be a magical time for children, with presents, festive food, memories and good times all wrapped in love. But for thousands of children across our area, this festive period will be incredibly tough. 18,000 children across Arun, Worthing & Adur are living in relative poverty after housing costs - that is 27% of children living on our doorstep. Many of the children and families we support live in unsuitable housing, experience poor physical and mental health, financial hardship, struggle with grief and loneliness. For many - this time of year is a desperate challenge. Please help.

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. MINISTERS ROTAS are now available in the Sacristy.

6. ADVENT COURSE: "Journeying with the holy family through Advent" will start on Tuesday, 3rd of December at 10:10 immediately after Mass. During the sessions we will be prayerfully looking at key sections of scripture to draw us into the wonder of Christmas. Please contact Dermot and Jane Anne or Dermot 36@gmail.com or (07999) 488326

7. CONFIRMATION 2024/25: The Programme has started. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return, with a copy of your baptism certificate, to the Parish Office as soon as possible

8. 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

9. THE CHILDREN OF ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL raised £228 for Aid to the Church in Need by taking part in 'Red Wednesday' on 20th November. Thank you to parishioners who supported this event in any way.

10. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 7th December - 7.00 pm – Curry & Carols
Thursday 19th December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service
Friday 20th December - 7.00 pm - Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine
Tuesday 24th December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm
Wednesday 25th December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass

11. CURRY & CAROLS TICKETS on sale after all Masses. Adult £10.00, Child £5.00

12. LEPROSY is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. One-in-two people diagnosed with leprosy suffer moderate to severe depression and anxiety due to the prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy and today 500 people will be diagnosed with Leprosy and 28 of those will be children. *But it is curable!*

13. USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS: As the Christmas Cards start arriving please remember to rescue all those beautiful stamps, leaving about half an inch of envelope around the edges, and put them in the box in the Porch so that they can be used to raise money for the Missions

14. ST MICHAEL'S SVP GROUP are using St Charles' Church as a storage facility for items needed to assist local families, Ukrainian families and some is sent to Ukraine. If you have any items to donate, please contact: Sheila Padwick email: presidenta010406@svp.org.uk or Keith Padwick: 07551 331330

15. 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

16. TURNING TIDES 'HELP US TO WRAP UP WINTER WARMER WISHLIST 2024': Warm/Compact Sleeping Bags, Pop Up Tents, Waterproof & Rain Resistant Jackets, Thermals Flasks/Insulated Mugs, Joggers/Hoodies & T-Shirts, Gloves, Socks, Boxers (NEW), Head Torches, Shampoo, Body Wash, Body Wipes, Deodorant. 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: Today we begin the Season of Advent – the first season of the Church's year. In the Christian calendar, Advent covers roughly the four weeks before Christmas. It is a time of preparation for our celebration of the birth of Jesus – his first coming – but it is also a time of preparation for his Second coming at the end of time. So our Advent celebrations are more somber than we might expect.

At our Sunday Masses for the coming year the gospel readings are, for the most part, taken from the Gospel of Luke. For that reason, this Church year is often referred to as the Year of Luke. It is also known as Year C. We have just concluded Year B, when the Sunday gospels were mainly from Mark's Gospel. A year from now we start Year A when Matthew's Gospel is mostly read at Sunday Mass. Every year we have John's Gospel read especially at the Sunday Masses in the Seasons of Lent and Easter.

We don't sing the Gloria at our Advent Masses and we keep church decorations to a minimum. It is a season of preparation and the liturgical colour is violet. We are at variance with how things are done in the world outside at this time and unapologetically so.

As we dive into Luke's Gospel today, we are invited to consider our last end. In due course we will meet John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. We will meet Mary as she looks ahead to the birth of her baby and with Elizabeth we are called to welcome and celebrate this amazing news of the coming of Emmanuel – God with us.

Today marks the introduction of a new translation of the lectionary – the biblical readings used at Mass and other ceremonies. Since 1981 the Lectionary has been based on the Jerusalem Bible. The Bishops of England and Wales and Scotland have decided on this new translation called the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE)

The Irish Bishops have decided not to change just yet but have indicated that they will adopt the New Jerusalem translation as will the Catholic Church in Australia, Canada and New Zealand, among others.

The biggest change that will be evident will occur in our Parish bank account. The four large volumes that each church requires do not come cheap. Some parishes have two or even three churches so for them this weekend will be particularly memorable.