

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Emma Metcalfe RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Stephen Martin RIP
Monday	25 th	9.30 am	Bridget Barton RIP
Tuesday	26 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP & Family
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	27 th	9.30 am	Michael Shiel RIP
Thursday	28 th	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
Friday	29 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 29th November at
9.00 am

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

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

COLLECTIONS: Church: £413 Dona: £79 Retired Priest's Fund: £559 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance (Gift Aid)**

Next Sunday there will be a **Second Collection for Homestart, Arun, Worthing & Adur**

Special Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches. (See Note 6)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: 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, 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: 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. 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. CONFIRMATION 2024/25: If you are in Years 9, 10 or above and are considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme has begun with a meeting for Confirmation candidates and their parents on Saturday 23rd November at 12.00 noon. 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

6. 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.

7. CREAM TEA held last Sunday raised a magnificent total of £500. With grateful thanks to all who supported the event by attending, making scones & cakes donating raffle prizes and participating in the auction. Proceeds to be divided between SPUC and Good Counsel Network.

8. 'CURRY & CAROLS', full of Christmas festivities and a sing-along, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 7th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend - Adults £10.00 Children £5.00 Raffle prizes please!

9. 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

10. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 7th December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols Night
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. AN UPDATE FROM JANE-ANNE ABOUT HER GRANDSON SAM: Sam is still and now, very much in need of all your precious and faithful prayers. He has had 6 months of "normal" life with monthly blood tests and 3 monthly scans to check on what his tumour, "Mr naughty" is doing. Sadly, this week we were told that his primary tumour has grown and the cells are very aggressive. As he has already exhausted all mainstream treatments he is now going in for 2 trials. These will start once he has had a brain scan and bone marrow samples taken and they have reinserted his central line. (about which he really is NOT happy!) It is all happening very quickly. We do not know what each day will bring but at present he is well and enjoying school and life and we are building memories together. Your prayers are sustaining and encouraging and palpable to us. I have found myself filled with a deep sense of peace and knowledge that God is with us. It is really, truly humbling to be part of such a faithful and loving community. Thank you with all our hearts. I shall be giving thanks for you and holding each of you very firmly in my prayers.

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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: There are two books that tell us about the mystery of life. The first book is the book of nature – the book of the natural world. What a treasure trove the world of nature is – the sun, the moon, the stars, the skies, the earth and everything in it that lives – trees, flowers, grasses, plants of every kind, animals, birds, fish, flies, insects, the air we breathe, the water we drink, mountains, hills, valleys, rivers, seas – the list goes on. How did all these things come into being? Who has filled all the chapters of this wonderful book of nature with so many mysteries?

People have been pondering this amazing and massive universe ever since they have become part of it. The Big Bang theory is now accepted by practically all scientists as the key that has the answer to the mystery of life. There is almost universal agreement about it. Basically, the Big Bang theory tells the amazing story of how the universe began, with every speck of its energy jammed into a tiny point. This extremely dense point exploded with unimaginable force, creating matter and propelling it outward to make the millions of galaxies of our vast universe. That is the accepted science and it makes sense to accept it because there is virtual universal agreement about it among the scientists.

But where did that vital point, whose explosion sparked off the whole scenario – where did that point come from? Science does not have an answer to this question. Scientists looking at the natural world and examining the evolution of all living things and the evolution of the whole universe itself have come to a stage beyond which they are failing to give any answers. They are failing to explain that 'Extremely Dense Point', which existed approximately 13.7 billion years ago. How did that point come about? Who or what made it? The response of the majority of scientists to that question is – 'We don't know'.

At this stage we turn to the second book, which tells us about the mystery of life. The first book, the book of the natural world – is complemented by the Bible – the Word of God. God is revealed in his works and in the Word of Life. In the beginning was the Word. In the First Letter of St Paul to the Colossians, we read: 'Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over-all creation. For in him all things were created: things in the heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created, through him and for him. He is before all things, and, in him all things hold together. (1:15-18) The Christ of all Creation existed before all that exists. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation. Jesus the person who walked this earth two thousand years ago is the Christ of all creation. That is why we celebrate' Christ the King'. 'Not one thing came into being except through him' (John 1:3)