

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent

Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Janice O'Brien RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Frances Boylan RIP
Monday	31 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	1 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		12.00 noon	REQUIEM JAMES FULLER RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30 am	Intention of M.M.
Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	4 th	9.30 am	Intention of Mireille Byrne
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Pauline Ryan RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Janice O'Brien RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

COLLECTIONS: Church: £532 DONA: £92 Thank you for your generosity
Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for Flowers for this church. (Please see Note 6)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elaine C, Pope Francis, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mary McGoohan, Dennis Hale, Leslie Green, Bernard Berendt, Jessie Crouch, Joan Emerton, Dick Rains, Lilian Lee, Harry Lambrou, Michael Last, Anthony Lawton, Bernard Smyth, Catherine Edwards, Gladys Feaver, Marie Garselis, Paul Dillon.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th June.

4. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO' will take place on Saturday 26th April at 7.00 pm in the Barn for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. There will be a 'Delicious Supper' and Raffle. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets will be on sale next weekend price £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children or from Teresa 01903 529260

5. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place here on Thursday 10th April at 7.00pm. If you will be unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery

6. CHURCH FLOWERS: We all enjoy coming into church and finding beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers on the altar, for which we thank our 'flower ladies'. It will be especially lovely when we reach the end of Lent and will be greeted by the Easter flowers as we were at the end of Advent by the Christmas flowers. Please be generous in helping to pay for these and all the flowers throughout the year.

7. WHEN DID YOU LAST VISIT THE REPOSITORY? We now have a selection of Mother's Day and Easter cards in the shop together with the beautiful handmaid cards, the money from which, goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

8. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

9. JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our Diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was once one of the four principal shrines in Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click on: abdioces.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuu

10 HARRISON HOCKET who is one of our MC's at 6.00 pm on Saturdays and a pupil at St. Oscar Romero has slept in a box overnight to raise money for Turning Tides. Harrison will be collecting sponsorship after all Masses this weekend and hopes that you will support his efforts..

11. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, [often known as Eucharistic Ministers]. New ministers are required within the parish for this very important ministry, and you are invited to speak to Father Liam about taking on this role. No previous experience is necessary as all training will be given

12. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board 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

13. TURNING TIDES: SPRING INTO ACTION WISHLIST – Coffee, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, Brown sauce, Cereals (not porridge oats), Breakfast bars Cooking oil, Combined shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Cleaning wipes and all-purpose sprays, Washing powder, Small bottled water, Snack pots, pot noodles, Pasta-n-sauce Spreads: peanut butter, Marmite, chocolate, Tinned ham, corned beef, tinned fish, Custard Rice pudding. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated

Father Liam says: What is happening to the Synod? Has it come to an end? The Synod is certainly going forward. It started at Parish level over five years ago. There have been two major Synodal gatherings in Rome, in October 2023 and October 2024. This has been called the 'Synod on Synodality'. There have been many synods of bishops ever since the Second Vatican Council on various subjects but none of them has been accorded the importance of this one – which is still in progress. This has been the first synod in which Catholics from across the board has taken part. It was not just selected bishops who have been participating and voting but men and women 'from the pews' – 'ordinary' members of the Church, if we can so term them. Synodality is about celebrating the fact that we are all on a journey together, each with a responsibility to look after each other as we travel. We are all meant to reflect together on the significance of our journey and how best we can achieve the purpose God has for us as his family and as individuals. We have now reached the crucial part of the Synod – the implementation phase. This will culminate in an unprecedented gathering of the Church in Rome in 2028.

The Synod Secretary General, Cardinal Mario Grech recently sent a letter to all bishops of the Church spelling out the process involved in arriving at that definitive point. This he did on the authority of Pope Francis while in hospital on 11th March. The process itself was decided on by the Council of the Synod last October. This is not about how long Pope Francis will remain as Pope but about the Synod being enabled to bear fruit. Whatever his own future, Pope Francis is adamant that the Synod's Final Document cannot stay on paper. It is a vision for a transformation that now has to be put into place. He makes clear that, whatever the uncertainty generated by his illness, the implementation of the Synod cannot be postponed or ignored. The implication is that – whether Pope Francis or his successor be in the Chair of Peter – the Synod must be completed – just as Pope Paul VI took over the Second Vatican Council that Pope John XXXIII initiated.

Synodality isn't the whim of a particular papacy but it is a quality of the Church itself. Cardinal Grech told the bishops: 'The Holy Father hopes that this phase receives particular attention so that synodality is increasingly understood and lived as an essential dimension of the ordinary life of local churches and the entire Church.' What the journey from here to October 2028 makes clear is that dioceses and Bishops' Conferences will have to grasp the fact that synodality will not go away. 'It is essential to move forward together as the whole Church' he says, reminding the bishops that synodality must be received 'in ways adapted to local cultures and circumstances'. A form is attached to his letter to each bishop on which he must submit the names of the members of the synodal team. This is to offer dioceses that have invested less in the synodal path an opportunity to recover the steps they have not yet taken.

The process to 2028 will involve three main phases. The initial eighteen months (June 2025 to December 2026) will concentrate on the diocese, with guidance to be sent out in May. The idea here is to begin synodality in parishes, deaneries and dioceses to deepen what is already happening. During the following 18 months there will be 'evaluation assemblies' to assess what has been happening. Then the process will move on to national level and finally to the Continental level. The final six months up to October 28 will be the universal phase. One thing is certain. Pope Francis continues to pave the way for the future of the Church in a decisive way that will long outlast his papacy.