

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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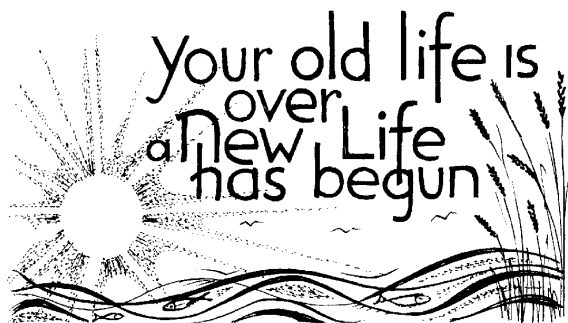
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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
Monday	7 th	9.30 am	Muriel Burns RIP
Tuesday	8 th	9.30 am	Anne Steere RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	10 th	9.30 am	Frances Boylan RIP
		7.00pm	Lent Service of Reconciliation
Friday	11 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	12 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Peace & Justice in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Eileen Spinks (ill)
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

COLLECTIONS: Church: £503 DONA: £173 Turning Tides: £452.50 Thank you for your generosity

This Weekend there will be a Second Collection for Flowers for this church. (Please see Note 8)

Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal –
Special Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both porches.

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: Edith Gibbs, Kathleen Keohane, Frank Shave, Mary Mawe, Kathleen Cregan, Laura, Ray McGuiness, James Morrell, Father Stephen Tynan, Helena Cebo, Muriel Burns, Michael O'Brien, Sabina Concannon, Mary Rains, Joan Gibbs, Maureen Holland.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 10th April – Lent Service of Reconciliation – 7.00 pm

Thursday 17th April - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8.00 pm

Friday 18th April - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3.00 pm

Saturday 19th April - The Solemn Vigil of Easter – 8.00 pm

Sunday 20th March - Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.15 and 10.30 am

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 this 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 this Thursday 10th April at 7.00pm

6. HAND-MADE EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

7. CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

8. 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'. Please be generous in helping to pay for the Easter flowers and all the flowers throughout the year.

9. FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £410.00 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

10. THE EASTER 'BIG CHURCH CLEAN' will happen on Maundy Thursday – 17th April – at 10.00 am. All are welcome to come and help to make the church look especially clean for Easter. Tea/Coffee and Hot Cross Buns to celebrate!

11. 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

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: Christian pilgrims have visited the Holy Land from the time of Emperor Constantine who gave Christians freedom to worship in 325 AD. A pilgrim whose account of her pilgrimage has come down to us was a woman named Egeria, who made her visit between the years 381 and 384. The text of her travels was lost for 700 years. Late in the 19th century, when the manuscript was found in Italy, the only part left was the middle of the book. No doubt the name of the pilgrim would have appeared at the beginning or end of the text but it was lost. Scholars now say that there is solid evidence for the name Egeria. She wrote her account in a number of letters to her 'sisters'. This might be her Christian friends or a title for fellow members of a Religious Society. We know very little about her but she seems to have come from Galicia in Spain.

She is an eager traveler who has plenty of time and, as she confesses, is of boundless curiosity. The things which most interest her are those which improve her understanding of the Christian faith. She is constantly thankful to her guides and her hosts and to God who has enabled her to make these journeys by which, she says, 'her hopes were fulfilled'. She writes in unusual Latin but she is familiar with the bible and the worship and prayers of the Church. She describes how Holy Week was celebrated in Jerusalem over 1600 years ago.

'The next day, Sunday, is the beginning of the Easter week or, as they call it here 'The Great Week'. On this Sunday the bishop reads the Gospel of the Lord's Resurrection at first cockcrow, as he does every Sunday through the year. Then till daybreak they do everything as they would do on an ordinary Sunday. They assemble as they do every Sunday in the Great Church at the Anastasis (the church of the Resurrection) and the Cross. When the service in the Great Church (known as the Martyrium because it is on Golgotha) has taken place in the usual way before the dismissal, the archdeacon makes his announcement: 'During this week let us meet at three in the afternoon at the Martyrium. At one o'clock today let us be ready on the Eleona.' At one o'clock all the people go up to the Eleona Church on the Mount of Olives and they have hymns and antiphons suitable to the place and the day. When three o'clock comes, they go up with hymns and sit down at the Imbomon, the place from which the Lord ascended into heaven, and there too they have hymns suitable to the place and the day, with readings and prayers between them. At five o'clock the passage is read from the Gospel about the people 'who met the Lord with palm branches, saying, 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.'"

At this the bishop and all the people rise from their places and start off on foot down from the summit of the Mount of Olives. Everyone is carrying branches, either palm or olive, and they accompany the bishop in the very way the people did when once they went down the hill with the Lord. They go on foot all the way down the Mount to the city, and all through the city to the Anastasis, (The church of the Resurrection) but they have to go very gently on account of the older women and men among them who might get tired. So it is already late when they reach the Anastasis; but even though it is late they hold Lucernare (a service of light) when they get there, then have a prayer at the Cross, and the people are dismissed.

On Monday, the next day, they do the same as in the rest of Lent from cockcrow till morning, at nine o'clock and at Midday. But at three o'clock everyone meets in the Great church, the Martyrium and there they spend some time singing with readings and prayers. This goes on until seven in the evening and at seven Lucernare (light service) is held there. The dismissal takes place in the night and then they go to the Anastasis. They have one hymn and a prayer and then the Catechumens are blessed and the faithful followed by the dismissal. Tuesday and Wednesday are the same as Monday and they go home very late indeed.