

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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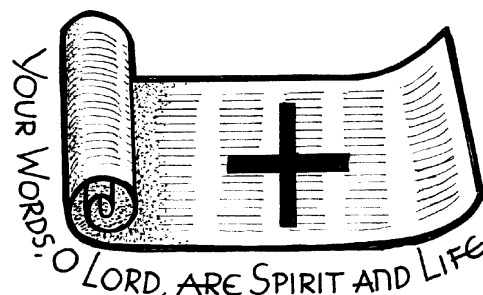
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Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Melita Carvalho RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Gary & Theresa Bevans Intention
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour
Monday	5 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	6 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	7 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	8 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	9 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Saturday	10 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	Mike Chatfield RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17. John 10:27-30

COLLECTIONS: Church: £556 DONA: £ Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for the Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

Next weekend there will be a **Missionary Appeal** by The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) See Note 7

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Maureen Bolton, Jonathan Waywell, Elaine C, 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: Alfreda Prokop, Alfreda Patten, Michael Crawley, Jenny Rusdell-Wilson, Barbara Howard, Brendan Casement, Mercedes Barranco, Lucy Cocking, David Toley, Rita Marshall. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO': Many thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way the excellent evening last Saturday. £772 was raised for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

5. THE 100 CLUB DRAW will take place in the Barn after the 10.30 Mass.

6. A NOTE FROM TERESA CHATFIELD: Thank you to the English Martyrs family for all their support and prayers following Mike's unexpected death. It was lovely to see so many of you at his funeral. Teresa C

7. THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (White Fathers) are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the Apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa... and above all else build up the leadership of the Churches. To donate here is our website www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations

8. ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE 2025 'JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE':

Bookings have just opened for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope" which will take place from the 9 - 23 August. Walking across the Surrey Hills and along the Sussex coast, this year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese, together with churches of many denominations, with pilgrims welcome to join the group for a day, a few days, or the whole 2 weeks. To find out more and book your place contact the Diocese and visit the Pilgrims Live website

9. 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

10. 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: Particularly since Pope Francis became critically ill at the beginning of Lent in mid-February, very many Catholics, I feel, have been reflecting on how grateful we should be for his leadership over the past twelve years. One of the most amazing things he will be remembered for – now that he has gone to his eternal reward – is how he has been in almost daily contact by telephone with the beleaguered people of Gaza over the past eighteen months. Even when he was confined to hospital struggling to breathe, he kept up his regular nightly video calls with the Catholic parish there and through them with the entire traumatized community. He only failed to check in on a few days when his health problems were particularly acute. His desire to continue these calls, even when he was in considerable pain, is an extraordinary demonstration of the qualities that have made his papacy so inspiring. Another example of his exceptional compassion has been his concern for migrants attempting the perilous sea crossing to Europe over the past several years. He struggled to address the scandals in the Church arising from clerical sexual abuse of children and the vulnerable and the shameful coverups of these crimes.

Pope Francis was also very keen to give hope to those in prison. Each Maundy Thursday he visited various institutions and washed the feet of some of those detained there. Even this Maundy Thursday he went to meet inmates in the Regina Coeli Prison, the oldest of Rome's prisons, infamous for its overcrowding and difficult living conditions. He apologized that he was not well enough to wash their feet!

The Holy Year began at Christmas when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in the Rome Prison Complex. This was in addition to the Holy Doors in each of the four main Basilicas in Rome – St Peter's, St John Lateran, Santa Maria Maggiore and St Paul Outside the Walls. The Holy Door in the Regina Coeli Prison was a symbolic gesture of hope for all the prisons and all the imprisoned of the World. The two Doors that Pope Francis himself opened were at St Peter's on Christmas Eve and two days later in the prison chapel.

As you know, Pope Francis has been laid to rest in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore (St Mary Major) in accordance with his wishes. This is outside the Vatican and in a poorer part of Rome, where many immigrants have made their home. He directed that he was to be buried near the image of Our Lady which dates back to medieval times when it was venerated as shielding Rome from the plague. He wanted his tomb to be 'simple, without particular ornamentation and bearing the inscription 'Franciscus''. His testament concluded: 'The suffering that marked the final part of my life, I offer to the Lord for peace in the world and brotherhood among peoples'. He was laid to rest there under the gaze of Mary and the Christ Child.

St Peter was buried on Vatican Hill where the Emperor Constantine built the first St Peter's Basilica. The present St Peter's dates from the time of the Reformation. But many Bishops of Rome were buried in the Basilica of St John Lateran. That is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Popes have lived at the St John Lateran Palace for most of their history. It is only comparatively recently that they moved to the Vatican so the Popes buried in St Peter's belong mainly to modern times. Some Popes are buried outside of Rome and even outside of Italy.

For many years now Cardinals who are over eighty years old are not eligible to vote for the new Pope. Pope Francis has tended to create Cardinals from remote parts of the world – places that never had a cardinal before. Places that traditionally had cardinals no longer have one. Whatever their age they are invited to Rome to discuss what qualities are needed in a Pope today. But the conclave is for those under eighty; conclave means 'with a key' and refers to the seclusion that the cardinal electors must observe during the period of voting.

There are three English cardinals among the 135 eligible to vote, Vincent Nichols, Timothy Radcliffe and Arthur Roche. A fourth English cardinal, Michael Fitzgerald, is excluded because of age. Cardinal Radcliffe is the former head of the Dominican Order and Cardinal Roche is perfect of the Vatican department for Divine Worship and is 75 years old. The other two will be eighty later this year. We pray that all who have voting rights will allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit at the crucial time for our world and for Christianity and for people of all faiths. The Conclave begins this Wednesday afternoon with the first votes on Thursday. To be Pope, it is required that two-thirds of the Cardinals vote for him.