

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Carmelina Varvalho RIP
Sunday	25 th	8.15 am	Mike Chatfield RIP
		10.30 am	Helena Cebo RIP
Monday	26 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	27 th	9.30 am	Rose Brown & Imelda Torresflores RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	28 th	9.30 am	The Parish
ASCENSION	29 th	9.30 am	John Paul Garvin RIP
OF THE LORD		11.00 am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PATRICIA LIMBREY RIP
		2.30 pm	Memorial Mass & Tea in the Barn
		7.30 pm	Brian Smith (Well being)
Friday	30 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	31 st	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Ken Gankerseer RIP & Family
		10.30 am	Denis Poole RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14: 23-29

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

COLLECTIONS: Church: £553 DONA: £124 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for the **Missionary Endeavour** of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for **World Communications** (NO Gift Aid)

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: 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, 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: Ernest Wyant, Frank Featherstone, Eileen Kennedy, Rose Little, Gerald Simblett, Hay Fraser, Cherry Stone, Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Margaret Birch. *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. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Thursday 29th May (Ascension Day) at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

5. PARISH CHOIR: We are currently seeking to welcome new members to the choir. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Margaret on 01903 504316 for further information.

6. TODAY fifteen of our young parishioners and from the parishes of the Deanery, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Arundel Cathedral. We ask God's blessing on them and their families at this special stage in their journey of faith. We thank their catechists for their devoted work over the past months.

7. VALERIE HALLEY RIP: The Requiem Mass for Valerie will be on Thursday 26th June at 1.00 pm. It is requested that people attending wear bright colours as she was such a vivacious person.

8. FAITH IN ACTION moderation is taking place at St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on Saturday 14 June from 10-3pm, with lunch provided. Would you be interested in supporting and championing young people?

The Faith in Action Award is a national project designed to say a huge thank you to our young people for all the incredible acts of service they have undertaken throughout the academic year both in school and in their local parishes and communities. Currently running in 18 of our Diocesan Schools. the award offers an opportunity for them to reflect on their service in light of Catholic Social Teaching through guided reflection sessions, journaling and creating a final piece of work that encapsulates their journey of service. The Diocese are looking for individuals to be moderators of the Faith in Action work. Full training will be provided, as well as lunch! E: Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest or find out more.

9. GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE to Worth Abbey will take place on 11 June 10am at 3.30pm. You are warmly invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place, scan the QR code or go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415 306222



10. 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

11. 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: Pope Leo is the second Pope in a row to have come from the Americas. He was born Robert Francis Prevost in September 1955 in Chicago – the youngest of three brothers. His election came as a great surprise as it was thought unlikely that a Pope from the United States – a superpower, would be chosen. Robert became an Augustinian priest in 1982 and went as a missionary to Peru, where he spent much of the next forty-three years of his life, before his election as Bishop of Rome on 8th May.

He is a Peruvian citizen as well as a citizen of the United States of America and his family tree has branches in Italy, France, Haiti as well as the United States. He is thought to have inherited his splendid singing voice from his mother. He sang rather than recited the Easter hymn, Regina Caeli, at the traditional Sunday prayers in St Peter's Square. He is fluent in Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese. It was certainly strange to hear a native English-speaking Pope – the first since the twelfth century when Nicholas Breakspear was elected Pope in 1154. He took the name Adrian or Hadrian. He was born in 1100 near St Albans and became a monk and abbot in the monastery of St Rufus near Avignon in the South of France. His pontificate was short and turbulent – the very opposite of what we hope and pray for in the case of Pope Leo.

As a young priest Robert spent nearly a decade teaching in the Seminary while also serving in a parish. He was elected as the leader of the Augustinian order for two six-year terms. In 2015 he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, 'I have come from Chicago to Chiclayo' he said, 'the only difference is a couple of letters'. He would go on horseback to visit remote parishes. He devoted himself to doing whatever he could to help people suffering from COVID and another of his priorities was helping migrants from Venezuela. More than 1.4 million Venezuelans had fled to Peru and he got people from different movements and organisations to co-operate in improving the desperate situation.

He was called to Rome by Pope Francis to head a department in the Curia. He was reluctant to leave; Peru is a largely Catholic country and Bishop Rober Prevost made a great impact on people's lives. He founded pastoral ministries for health, for prisoners and for the environment. He engaged sixty Venezuelan migrants in reforestation part of Chiclayo. When a cyclone struck in 2023, he waded through water in his wellington boots distributing bags of food for Caritas. He had a desire to serve and he treated rich and poor as equals.

In March 2018 the Peruvian bishops elected him as Vice-President of the Conference. Even though he was not himself Peruvian the bishops really thought very highly of him. The Peruvian bishops were rather divided when Pope Francis decided to appoint a foreign bishop to help to restore unity among a fractious and unhappy Bishop's Conference. And this was their vote of confidence in Bishop Prevost. He proved himself to be a unifier.

When Pope Francis was Archbishop of Buenos Aires he got to know the future Pope Leo and felt he needed his talents in the Curia as head of the Department of Bishops – advising on who should be made bishops. In that capacity he took part in the two sessions of the Synod in 2023 and 2024. His experience as a student and teacher, as a missionary and a bishop, as a leader of a religious order all combined to make him one of the most respected and listened to of the participants of the Synod. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Synod so he certainly will see to it that it will remain a vital part of his pontificate.

A number of priests of our Diocese got to know Father Bob, as he was then called, when they too worked in Peru quite a few years ago, in the same Diocese. They were not surprised at his election.