

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving – Oliver Plunket
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Mike Chatfield RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	4 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am	Catherine Madden RIP
		11.00 am	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DIANA AYLING RIP
		7.00 pm	Parish prayer group
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	Ann Bandy RIP
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Piety Carvalho RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	K. Abraham RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish



*If someone has done you wrong,
do not repay him with a wrong. (Romans 12:17)*

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

COLLECTIONS: Church: £610 DONA: £ Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese: £469

Thank you for your generosity

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

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: Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide, Geoffrey Clarey, Sarah Hancox, Simon Sims, Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert, Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski, Marion McCabe, Ella Doll, Julia Rippin, Rita Healy
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. 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.

5. OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on Thursday 5th June at 7.00 pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel for praise, prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be received by fifteen of our children next Sunday during the 10.30 am Mass. Please pray for: Theodore Bassett, Vincent Burrows, Melchior Ceglinski, Jack Dedman, James Greenaway, Preston Henshaw, Benjamin Howell, Naomi Iwuamadi, Katniss Juan, Henry Leeson, Sophia Longley, Tyler Longley, Niamh Parkinson, Douglas Powell, Sebastian Powell.

7. CONGRATULATIONS to our young people who were confirmed last Sunday at the Cathedral: Zadok Amoah, Freddie Barnes, Keavy Burrows, Sabina Ambros-Carrilero, Eleni Dimopoulou, Amelia Dimopoulou, Herbie Hill, Annie Howell, Katie Howell, Diego Marrero, Ella Peapell, Maisie Marie Salloum, Nickeisa Sarpong, Hannah Watkiss.

8. HANDMADE CARDS FOR FATHER'S DAY (which is on 15th June) are now available in the Shop. All proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

9. WELCOMERS, READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Rosters for June are now available in the Sacristy

10. 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.

11. 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.

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: The Papacy has certainly acquired considerable attention in recent times. In the last 40 years in particular it has had an extraordinarily high profile. Pope John Paul!! Aroused tremendous interest throughout the world and his part in the downfall of the Soviet Union has been immense. The worldwide television coverage of his many overseas journeys and those of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have ensured that the spotlight will continue to fall on Pope Leo.

This is all in tremendous contrast to the publicity given to the papacy in the past. Up to the time of the Reformation, five hundred years ago, relatively few Christians knew the name of the Pope. There was no mass media and sermons were rare, especially in the countryside, where most people lived. Pilgrimages to Rome were for the purpose of visiting the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. There were no Papal appearances and the Pope did not live at the Vatican. The vast majority of bishops were appointed without any reference to the Pope and Papal encyclical letters began to appear only 200 years ago. But wouldn't Christians know about the Popes from their catechisms and religious instruction? Instruction in the faith consisted of learning the Creed, the basic prayers and the Ten Commandments along with perhaps the seven capital sins, the Beatitudes and works of mercy. The first printed catechisms do not mention the papacy. In answer to the question: 'What is the Church? The catechism stated simply: 'the congregation of Christian faithful governed and illumined by God our Lord'. The papacy is barely mentioned by St Thomas Aquinas in all his theological writings.

To be a Catholic today, as most people would say, is 'to believe in the Pope'. All Catholics know that Leo is the name of our new Pope and that he 'runs the Church'. That means that, among other things, he appoints our bishops who in turn appoints our priests. People are already beginning to wonder when Pope Leo will write his first encyclical and what it will be about. Unlike the situation 800 years ago in the time of St Thomas, Catholic theologians know that it is almost as important to quote writings of recent Popes as it is to quote scripture. And, of course, scripture places great emphasis on the place of Peter in the Church. But how the roles of the successor of Peter have played out throughout the centuries has changed considerably and will continue to change. From the earliest centuries the bishops of Rome held a position of special respect and importance but it was exercised in a far less prominent fashion than in recent times.

For the first thousand years the Popes defined no doctrines. They did not convoke general councils of the Church, nor preside at them. They did not call bishops to Rome to report on what was happening in their dioceses. The speed of communication and of travel would have made it impossible to 'run the Church' in a very central way. In any case the bishops of Rome had very pressing tasks to attend to on their doorsteps. The emperor had left Rome to establish his new Capital in Byzantium, which was renamed Constantinople after himself. Rome was at the mercy of invading forces. Bishops in Western parts of the Empire, especially the Bishop of Rome, felt responsible for the people, Christian and pagan, within their cities. They had to ensure that they were protected from attack and from disease. They had their hands full – especially so in the case of the Bishop of Rome. Nevertheless, in 596 Pope Gregory the Great sent to England an unprecedented mission of forty monks from his own monastery, headed by St Augustine of Canterbury. It was a highly successful enterprise. A later Pope Stephen II crossed the Alps to seek aid from Pepin, the King of the Franks. Rome was in great danger from the Lombards who were threatening Rome. Pepin with his army defeated the Lombards and made a huge grant of territory to Stephen and his successors to help him fend off their enemies. This donation of Pepin, as it was called, was the foundation of the Papal States, which the Popes ruled for a thousand years – until 1870. The Papal States were a very mixed blessing as the Pope tended to become more a civil ruler than a dedicated Bishop of Rome.