

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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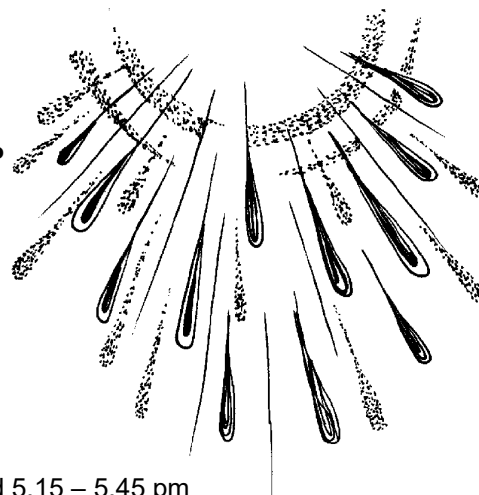
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Pentecost

Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Piety Carvalho RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	K. Abraham RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	9 th	9.30 am	Intention of Daniel McCluskey
		1.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR MAUREEN BOLTON RIP
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	11 th	9.30 am	Thanksgiving
Thursday	12 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	13 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Saturday	14 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Justice and Peace
		6.00 pm	Tom McIntyre RIP
Sunday	15 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 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Paul to the Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

COLLECTIONS: Church: £526 DONA: £ World Communications: £308

Thank you for your generosity

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for A Day For Life (NO Gift Aid) See note10

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, 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: JIM SIMPSON and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Wasyl Szymuda, Raymond Tremayne, Mary Marsh, Simonne Brookes, Josette de Roland Peel, Marina Hatton, William Steadman, Bernard Carroll, Cynthia Hinchcliffe, Nuala Clarke, Wendy Lee, Rose Jeffery, Terry Sparrow.
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 19th 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 this 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. 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

8. ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL are holding a 'Whodunnit Mystery Night' with ploughman's supper on Friday 11th July starting at 6.00 pm. Pre-booking is essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EPRA> or with the QR code on the poster available in both porches. £12.00 per person +booking fee.

9. THE ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION takes place at the Cathedral after 5.30 pm Mass on Thursday 19th June. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament goes to the Castle for Benediction and back to the Cathedral.

10. DAY FOR LIFE: On the 15th of June we will hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations that which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales, by for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. This is possible if it was not for your generous support to the fund, we therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the Day for Life 2025 poster in our church porches, or online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website, where you will find out more on the Fund."

11. 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

12. 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: In the case of most Popes elected in my lifetime: John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV, their election took most Vatican watchers by surprise and the variety of ways in which they have exercised their office has also surprised many people! Who would have expected the elderly John XXIII to have convened a General Council of the Church or indeed Pope Francis to have set in train the Synod of the Church, which Pope Leo assures us, is still ongoing. No doubt Pope Leo will continue to surprise and challenge us. As in so many areas of life it is wise to expect the unexpected.

During his pontificate Pope John Paul II canonised 482 saints and beatified over 1,300. But for over a thousand years Popes did not involve themselves in any of that. In the early centuries, all martyrs for the faith, of which there were many, were automatically considered saints. Other people, regarded as being of outstanding sanctity, were simply canonised by popular acclamation. It is only 800 years ago that Pope Innocent IV reserved to the Pope the right to declare anyone a saint – because canonisation entailed the solemn and Church-wide cult of the saint.

One of the most important tasks that falls to the Pope is the appointment of bishops but in the early Church, priests and people elected the bishops in their city. This even applied to the Bishop of Rome but this led to local leaders and rulers impressing their will to have their candidate elected so in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council decreed that bishops be elected by the Cathedral Chapter of the diocesan canons. However, as strong monarchs developed in the 15th century the Popes began to hand over to Kings in France, Spain and Portugal the right to appoint bishops, while reserving final approval to themselves which, in most cases, was virtually automatic. In the new political situations that developed, the Popes, bit by bit, expanded their right of appointing bishops. In the Code of Canon Law in 1917, for the first time in history, there is the absolute norm: 'The Roman Pontiff freely nominates the bishops'. At the same time, it states that the Pope could concede certain aspects of that right but the assumption was that all authority rested with the Papacy. The present Code of Canon Law (1983) is not so absolute. It says, 'The Supreme Pontiff freely appoints bishops or confirms those legitimately elected'. The provision of bishops in China is particularly contentious, as the Communist government seeks to do the appointing.

In the nineteenth century Popes became teachers of the faith in a more expanded way. Their principal way of doing this was the encyclical. This is a circular letter, addressed to the whole world. It was used by Popes from ancient times but its significance now has greatly increased. In the past, for the most part, encyclicals taught in a negative way by condemning wrong opinions. But now, while not hesitating to condemn errors, they elaborate on topics as would a teacher in a classroom. Pius VI, over the period of his 24-year pontificate issued two such letters. His successor in the course of 23 years issued one. Thirty-eight were issued by Pius IX and seventy-five were issued by his successor Leo XIII. His most famous encyclical called for just wages and humane working conditions and the right of people to join trade unions. This was a big factor in why our present Pope chose to be called Leo, to underscore the importance of social justice throughout the world.

Pope John Paul II issued only fourteen encyclicals over the course of twenty-six years – a relatively modest number, by modern standards – but the number of other documents was considerable, to say nothing of his homilies and other speeches in Rome and in his many overseas visits. Pope Francis used two of his encyclicals to great effect in drawing attention of the world to the dangers of climate change and the need to address it. It is now ten years since he issued the first of these – Laudate Si – as Pope Leo has reminded us. At his inauguration Mass he said: 'with fear and trembling I come to you as a brother who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love'. He wants us all to be united as one family. He quoted some words from Pope Leo XIII in his famous encyclical 'Rerum Novarum' 'Brothers and sisters this is the hour for love. If this criterion were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return.'