

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Rose Dique RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	May Horrocks RIP
Monday	30 th	9.30 am	Mary Kelly (III)
Tuesday	1 st	9.30 am	Intention of Cara Hudnott
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	3 rd	9.30 am	Mike Chatfield RIP
		7.00 pm	Parish Prayer Group
Friday	4 th	9.30 am	Eamon & Ann McCluskey RIP
Saturday	5 th	6.00 pm	Romano & Delia Barontini RIP
Sunday	6 th	8.15 am	Jim Simpson RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14; St. Paul to Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

COLLECTIONS: Church: £567 DONA: Thank you for your generosity
This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence (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, 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: Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, Liza McKinney, Patricia Potter, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman, Christopher Judge, James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Michael Weight, Robert Gibbs, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith, Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris. *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 next be meeting on Thursday 3rd July at 7.00 pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel for praise, prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

6. 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.

7. ANNUAL CREAM TEA will take place in the Barn on Sunday 13th July at 3pm in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Our Lady of Good Counsel Network, a pro-life Charity that offers support to women in crisis pregnancies. Tickets will be on sale next weekend £8 each or £25 for a family ticket. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

8. MINISTERS ROTAS FOR JULY are available in the Sacristy.

9. THIS IS A CALL to the person who kindly Gift Aids and is using envelope 418. Please call the Parish Office – 01903 242624 – as they need you to complete an updated form for us. Many thanks.

10. PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & CONSECRATION will take place next Saturday 5th July from 12 noon – 4.15pm at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass, followed by a personal consecration to Our Lady, the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Benediction. To find out more please contact: Linda C-Dominguez; T: 01273 463463 M: 07944 377252 or Jozef Bubez T: 01444 232974.

11. YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE commences on 21st June 2025. Our Diocesan Youth Adviser Lizzie has launched a new training course for anyone who works with young people. 'Youthscape Essentials' is an innovative course for volunteers and paid youth leaders that increases your skills and understanding about working alongside young people today. She will be delivering the next course as a hybrid with two in person days at the Diocesan Centre in Crawley (10am- 4pm 21 June & 19 July) with an additional four sessions online (Tuesday evenings 7pm-9pm 24 June, 1, 8 & 15 July). The sessions include up to date insights about young people to help you to understand and minister to them more effectively, skill builders to help increase your confidence when working with young people, and character development opportunities where we reflect on scripture to conform ourselves more closely to Christ. Bookings can be made through this link [Youthscape Essentials - Crawley \(19-Jul-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or through the events page of the Diocesan website. Any questions, please email Lizzie E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

12. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the noticeboard 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: SUMMER WISHLIST – Hot weather can be life threatening with nowhere to escape heat, rough sleepers are at high risk of suffering heat-related illnesses. Much needed donations include: **Tins:** ham & corned beef, fish, veggie meals, fruit, custard, rice pudding, baked beans, spaghetti hoops. **Drinks:** Coffee, Carton milk, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, water. **Spreads:** sweet & savoury. **Quick Meals:** Pot Noodles, Mug Shots, Pasta-n-Sauce, instant noodles, microwave rice. **Easy Snacks:** crisps, cereal & snack bars. **Toiletries:** suncream, lip balm. Reusable/insulated water bottles. Single pop-up style tents, new sun hats. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

Father Liam says: The care for the earth has always been a part of the work of missionaries. The letters of the seventeenth century missionaries, describing the new parts of creation that they encountered have come down to us. They are as full of excitement at the wonders they discovered as accounts of space travel today. One such missionary 'Reporter' was the Polish Jesuit Michal Piotr Boym. Born in 1612, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1631. Travelling to China in 1643, he found himself staying for a long time in various places on the east coast of Africa. Traveler's sailing from Lisbon to Goa had to wait in present-day Mozambique before continuing eastward. Finding himself unexpectedly on the Continent, the curious Jesuit wrote about what he saw about him, quite different from Europe. Much of his surprise was at the flora and fauna of the regions where he stopped, which he wrote about in a report sent to Rome. He not only gave a written account of what he saw but he added drawings, which have happily survived. In a series of five watercolours, he painted some plants that intrigued him. He also did two beautiful drawings of the hippopotamus. Boym did not stay long in Africa. Soon enough he resumed his journey, arriving via India, in China, where he continued to pay attention to the new forms of life he encountered. Many of his observations later became the work known to scholars under the title 'Flora Sinensis', that made its author famous. Another reason for his fame was the diplomatic mission to Europe on which he was sent by the Ming Court. He brought to Rome letters from the Chinese empress, written on silk. One was for the Pope and one to the general of the Jesuits. These are preserved in the Vatican archives and in the archives of the Society of Jesus.

Boym was certainly not the only author of such reports of nature's wonders. In the next century the Spaniard Jose Sanchez Labrador, a Jesuit missionary in South America between 1734 and 1767 wrote his great work on Paraguay during his exile in Italy. Among his manuscripts preserved in Rome are many drawings of the plants and animals he had seen during his time on the missions. Next to the generally known tobacco and cacao, there are many drawings of various species of birds, fish, reptiles and insects, which would have been a revelation to many. Boym and Sanchez Labrador are just two among many Jesuits who described and charted the flora and fauna of their missionary territories. The fame that the works of these Jesuits enjoyed in Europe can be explained by their scientific importance. The spread of knowledge about certain plants such as quinine, mate or curare had lasting effects for medicine.

But, why are these documents in the Jesuit archives. Why did these missionaries devote such time and study to them? Did they not have more pressing things to do? The Jesuits were founded by St Ignatius of Loyola and several times instructed his colleagues who were working in places outside Europe to send information about the places they laboured in. Other leaders of the Society of Jesus continued to do the same. They wanted Jesuits and other readers to be informed of the wonders of God's creation. It also served as good publicity for the missions and it was an effective means of promoting vocations to the overseas mission of the Church.

Pope Francis was the first Jesuit Pope and like so many Jesuits treasured the wonders of creation. He constantly reminded us of our sacred duty to protect the wonderful world around us – the world God has provided not only for us but for all who come after us. Good stewards do not pillage!