

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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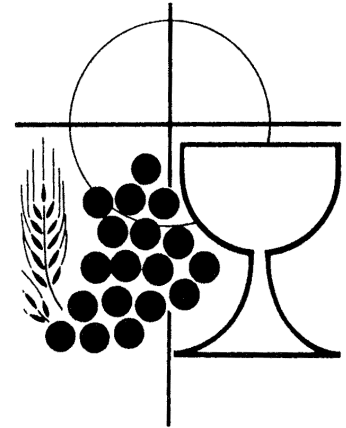
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Piety Carvalho RIP
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	Lily McCluskey RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	23 rd	9.30 am	The Victims of the Air India Crash RIP
Tuesday	24 th	9.30 am	James Martha RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	25 th	9.30 am	Michael O'Dwyer RIP
Thursday	26 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		1.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR VALERIE HALLEY RIP
Friday	27 th	9.30 am	Maureen Clark RIP
Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Rose Dique RIP
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	May Horrocks RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

COLLECTIONS: Church: £667 DONA: £120 A Day For Life: £464 Thank you for your generosity
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence (NO Gift Aid)
Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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 Dieltz, 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: Jim Murphy, Pamela Dixon-Smith, Nicholas Murphy, Winifred Roland, Thomas Smith, John Foley, Liam McCann, Dorothy Firth-Scott, Frances Smith, Daniel Ions, Sylvia Smyth, Bridget Bullock, Rene Woods. *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. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. At all three Masses next weekend there will be a ceremony of Renewal of Commitment on the part of the Eucharistic Ministers. Those who will be away are asked to make their renewal at some other time.

8. JAMES WINTON is performing a concert on Saturday 28th June at 4.00 pm, at Emmanuel Church in St Michael's Road, Worthing in aid of Chestnut Tree House. James will be performing a range of songs and Arias; some of which we will have heard. James would love to see some people from the parish. £5 cash entry

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. 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.

11. PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & CONSECRATION will take place on 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.

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:** sunscreen, 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: Christ came to gather us around him. He is our centre of unity. The gospels continually speak of the people gathering together to hear Jesus speak to them and celebrate his presence among them. They knew they were in the presence of someone very special - even though they did not always realise fully how special he was. The gospels emphasise a number of highly significant occasions when Jesus gathered his disciples around him. One was the Last Supper when he instituted the Eucharist. Another was Easter Sunday morning when the Risen Lord appeared to his disciples and the following Sunday when he again came to them in his glorified body and Thomas was with them. St Luke introduces his account of the Ascension by telling us that it happened 'when they had come together' and when he speaks of the events of Pentecost, he tells us that the disciples were 'all together in one place'.

Every Sunday since is pre-eminently the day when Christ's disciples continue to assemble in one place. The word 'church' literally means 'those assembled together'. Even in New Testament times Sunday was already the day singled out as the day for the Eucharistic assembly; Saturday -the seventh day – was the special day for the Jewish people to assemble. It was their Sabbath, the day which Jesus and his disciples marked by their Synagogue worship. But, because of the Resurrection, the early church very soon decided that the first day of the week was to be the Lord's Day, for on this day Christ's faithful should come together in one place to hear the Word of God, to take part in the Eucharist and to give praise and thanks to the Father for what he had accomplished for us in Christ. In each celebration there takes place a meeting between Christ and his Church. Christ becomes present, not visibly but sacramentally. He comes among us in Word and Sacrament and we recognize him in 'the breaking of bread'.

The Church bears witness to the Resurrection by gathering together. We are, by definition, the 'assembly of God'. The early Christians were convinced of the need to assemble. They were exhorted to be faithful to this. In the Letter to the Hebrews – addressed primarily to Christians who had come to the faith from Judaism – there is this appeal 'Do not stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage each other to go'. (Heb10:25) When we gather it is not just coming together for a religious purpose. It is our coming together in and around Christ. It is he who calls us together and gathers us around himself. He continues to say to us what he said to his first disciples: 'Do this in commemoration of me'. Christ promised: 'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'. (Mt.18:20)

In the Mass Christ is present in a number of different ways. He is present, first of all, in the body of the faithful. Then he is present in the scriptures, the Word of God 'For it is he who speaks when the scriptures are read in the church' – in the Christian community. He is present in the sacrifice of the Eucharist when he offers perfect praise and thanks to the Father; and he is present in the Sacrament when he, the Risen Lord, nourishes us with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation – his living presence with us.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke has a very simple and interesting sentence linking Sunday and the Eucharist, though he doesn't use these words: 'On the first day of the week we meet to break bread (20:1) The first day of the week was the day on which Christ rose from the dead and the breaking of bread was the first name for the Eucharist. In all accounts of the institution of the Eucharist we are told that when Jesus took the bread, he broke it. The bread, of course, was a loaf and the early Church continued to use a loaf. They would be very surprised if they could see what kind of bread we use at the table of the Lord. When Jesus broke the loaf, it was a very familiar action. At every meal the loaf was broken. Parents broke the loaf to share with the family. The breaking of the loaf in the Eucharist should remind us that we are Christ's family nourished by him.