

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 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 |
| Monday | 7 th | 9.30 am | Stephen Puttick RIP |
| Tuesday | 8 th | 9.30 am | Mike Chatfield RIP |
| | | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 9 th | 9.30 am | Rev Bill Norman |
| | | 1.00 pm | REQUIEM FOR JIM SIMPSON RIP |
| Thursday | 10 th | 9.30 am | Special Intention for Anna |
| Friday | 11 th | 9.30 am | Victor Begley RIP |
| Saturday | 12 th | 5.15 pm | Rosary for Justice and Peace |
| | | 6.00 pm | Paul Headon RIP |
| Sunday | 13 th | 8.15 am | The Parish |
| | | 10.30 am | Valerie Halley RIP |



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

COLLECTIONS: Church: £492 DONA: £81 Peter's Pence: £307 Thank you for your generosity

Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** which can be Gift Aided **ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shona, 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: Ernest Howse, William Reilly, Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan, Brian Hearn, Sheila Payne, Carmelita Yong, Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves, Moira McCann. *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. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you

5. OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP will next be meeting on Thursday 17th July at 7.00 pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel for praise, prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

6. 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 this weekend £8 each or £25 for a family ticket. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

7. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

8. ROSARY FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.15pm. The next one is next Saturday, 12th July. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

9. 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

10. 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: Sunday has always been the most special day of the week for Christians. Like Easter, Sunday celebrates the great event of the Resurrection. The Church often refers to the Mass as the Paschal Mystery. The Eucharist is the celebration of the whole Paschal Mystery of the suffering, death and glorification of the Lord. Sunday is the weekly commemoration and celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. The Sunday eucharist was celebrated from the earliest time with a joy that made it a truly weekly Easter Day.

Judaism always regarded each day to begin at sunset and end at sunset. So, when we speak of the Sunday eucharist this always is taken to include the Saturday evening mass, as Sunday was seen to begin at sunset on Saturday. The fact that the name Sunday has pagan associations is now forgotten. We acknowledge that Christ is our Sun. All that the material sun is in the natural order – a source of light, warmth and life – the Risen Lord is to us in our life of faith. The setting of the sun and its rising reminds us of the passion and the Resurrection of Our Lord.

In the churches of the Byzantine Rite, both Russian and Greek, Sunday is still celebrated with much of the splendour of Easter. Among Russians and other Slavic people, Sunday continues to be known by the beautiful and expressive name 'Resurrection Day' as it has been ever since the fourth century. Their whole liturgy is marked by the joy of the Resurrection.

The Resurrection is central to the Christian life. But in the Western Church we have tended to focus on the crucifixion. In the Eastern Church, for example, Christ is depicted on the cross as the Victorious King and eternal high priest – as the Risen Lord rather than the one who has died. If we could experience Sunday as Resurrection Day it would make for a more joyful Lord's Day. In the Mass the Risen Lord comes among his own to speak to us the words of hope and share with us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation and draw us into his Paschal Sacrifice.

St John, having described the appearance of Jesus to his disciples on the first Easter Sunday, goes on to speak of his appearance a week later. 'Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them' (20:20) This was the first day of the week and it was also octave day of the Resurrection. Sunday was also called 'the Eighth Day'. The Church has retained this traditional and highly significant name when it declares that the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery 'every eighth day'. This form of expression might seem puzzling. We are more likely to think of Sunday as the seventh day of the week. But the name 'the eighth day' suggested that Sunday stood outside the weekly cycle. It belonged to eternity. Through the Resurrection of Our Lord and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we already have the pledge of eternal life to which we are called.

For the Jews the number seven signifies perfection. The number eight was sometimes a way of expressing something that was beyond perfection. 'The eighth day' was a way of describing the inexpressible sacredness of the Christian Sunday, and of the bliss of eternal life to which it leads us. St Augustine, in his great work 'The City of God', writes of 'the eighth and eternal day which dawned when Christ's Resurrection heralded an eternal rest both of the spirit and the body. On that day we shall rest and see, see and love, love and praise – for this is to be the end without end of all our living, that Kingdom without end, the real goal of our present life.' The eighth day meant it was beyond perfection.

This symbolism was expressed even in architecture. The baptistries of ancient times were often octagonal in shape. These buildings, originally detached from the church or cathedral, were the imposing setting for the Sacrament of Baptism. The eight-sided structure was a way of expressing that baptism was a sharing in the Resurrection of Christ and a pledge of eternal life. In many churches the baptismal font is octagonal as a way of expressing the significance of baptism.

The various names by which Sunday has been called in the course of history – the First day of the week, the Lord's Day, Resurrection Day, the Eighth Day, enable us to appreciate the riches of this day, sacred above all others. Sunday is the privileged time and the assembly is the privileged place for the meeting between the Risen Lord and his people. That was what took place on the first Easter Sunday. It is what continues to happen every Sunday. Through the Eucharist we make contact with Christ and are strengthened by him. We grow closer to one another and support and encourage one another. We need Christ and we need one another.