

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Jim Simpson RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Albert Davitt RIP
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	No Mass
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Thomas Murray RIP
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP)



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Genesis 18:1-10; St Paul to Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 18:20-32; St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £503    DONA: £107    Stella Maris: £687    Thank you for your generosity

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Alice Headon, 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:** TONY HEADON and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Josephine Murphy, George Mahoney, Margaret Seary, Cecelia Alberty, Albert Davitt, Margaret Bolton, David Eardley, John Whitehead, Mary McCarney, Maureen Jones, Nancy Leach, James Gilligan, Jacqueline Towse, Thomas Murray, Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan 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:** Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £687.12. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

**5. THE CREAM TEA,** last Sunday, raised a magnificent total of £475 which will be split between SPUC and Good Counsel Network. With grateful thanks to you all for your continued support of unborn babies.

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

**7. PETITIONS TO LOURDES:** Helen Hunnicett is going on the Diocesan Lourde Pilgrimage at the end of July and if anyone has a petition they would like her to put at the grotto please hand it in to the Sacristy and she will collect it from there.

**8. BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH** – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

**9. OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP** will next be meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel for praise, prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

**10. 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, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

**11. 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

**12. 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: When we met here on Sunday** – or Saturday evening – a lot of what we do is centered on a book or on a table. Sunday is not just another day – it is the Lord's Day. The book is also very special. It is the Word of the Lord and the table is the Table of the Lord. And we come together to celebrate the Supper of the Lord. The Lord is central to our lives and he is the reason we gather. The Lord is our Risen Saviour and we gather around him at his invitation. We are his people and the sheep of his flock.

Because he is our Shepherd, we assemble at his bidding to do the task he asks of us. There is a special name for this task. It is called the Liturgy. This is a Greek term meaning 'The Work of the People'. The liturgy is done by an assembly – by the people gathered together to do this special task together. We do not come to be an audience or to be spectators. We come because of who we are – brothers and sisters of Christ – and because of who he is – our Risen Saviour, our Lord and God and our great High Priest. We are called to join with him in offering honour and glory to the Father. It is the great action of Christ but it is our action too – our Liturgy – because through our baptism we share in the priesthood of our one High Priest and we gather together and support and encourage one another. We are family.

We are all privileged to come here on Sunday, not to 'go to' Mass or 'attend' Mass but together to celebrate the Mass. Each baptized person is needed here because what we do takes all of us to do. During our time together each Sunday the Church – the assembly – is doing in this room what the Church needs to do in order to be the Church. The deeds are done not simply by one individual and another individual but by the Church here assembled. When we come together, we do not come to pray alone for an hour or so. We come to place ourselves beside brothers and sisters and to give of our best to the work the Church has to do here. It is the Church that listens to God's loving word, it is the Church that prays together for the needs of the world. It is the Church that gives God thanks and praise over bread and wine which Jesus, our Great High Priest blesses and transforms into the Bread of Life and the cup of Salvation for us just as he did for his first followers at the Last Supper. None of us does this alone for it is the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist – it is the work of the assembled Christian Community.

We come here as very human, very distracted, very preoccupied with our own worries, our own agendas. So, it is difficult perhaps to believe that you, as an individual person, are God's beloved as is every brother and sister of ours of every race and religion and condition in all the world. But we are here to set all that aloneness aside, because this is the Church, the gathering of God's family. Every Sunday as we come through these doors we take water and sign ourselves with the Cross. In this way we acknowledge that we are conscious of our identity. The blessed water reminds us of our baptism into the Church – into the family of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and into the family of God's children. We are meant to be conscious of one another when we come in. Some people may, of necessity, come much later. There should always be room for latecomers near the door. It is a sign of welcome. A sign that we are conscious of others. It is a gracious thing to do and it is gracious to acknowledge other people as we come in and as they come in. You might consider quietly telling them your name. How many people that you regularly see at church can you put a name on? It would be a shame if someone came and left on Sunday without making others feel welcome and without feeling welcome ourselves. We are after all the family of God and Sunday Mass is our family celebration, if we make it so.