

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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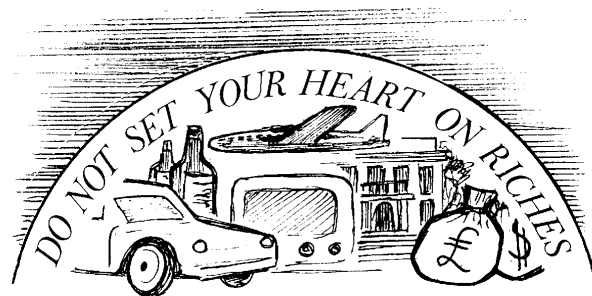
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	2 nd	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	Markham & Smith Families RIP
		10.30 am	Valerie Halley RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction
Monday	4 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	5 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	6 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	7 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	8 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		5.15 pm	Rosary for Justice & Peace in the Holy Land
Saturday	9 th	6.00 pm	The Clark Family
Sunday	10 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Jim Simpson RIP



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 5.15 – 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; St. Paul to Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21;

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48.

COLLECTIONS: Church: £316 DONA: £95 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: John Flood, Eileen Scott, Rosemary Brown, David Dandeker, Christopher Hatton, Celiska Haslegrave, Stanislaw Kamieniecki, Claire Steadman, Michael Trytko, Maria Grein, Mabel Lamb, Evelyn Garnham, Peggy Kennard.

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. WELCOME BACK to Father John Inglis, who will be saying the Masses this weekend.

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

6. CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GRANDPARENTS. Grandparents, and the elderly have, since the earliest days of the Old Testament, played a key role in the forming and shaping of the family, and in passing on the faith to future generations and also, building those special and unique family traditions; albeit more challenging as families become widespread across countries and nations in today's world. The Holy Father has chosen the theme of the Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held this year on Sunday 27 July: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"** (Sir 14:2). Capturing the lived life and faith experience and the learned wisdom of perspective. The aim is to remind us that through trust and faith in God, we can face the future with confidence. How can you show the grandparents of your parish, the blessing that they are for all?

7. HAVE YOUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED? If so and your loved one has recovered but is on the list in Item 1 please let Anne in the Office know so that the name can be removed – 01903 242624

8. THE REQUIEM MASS FOR TONY HEADON will take place on Thursday 14th August at 11.00 am

9. HOME-START ARUN, WORTHING & ADUR Thank us for our support at Christmastime. This year they are celebrating 25 years of walking alongside local families and the work continues to grow in both scale and importance. According to a recent report over 18,000 children across Arun, Worthing and Adur are living in relative poverty after housing costs – that is 27% of children living on our doorstep. With more parents than ever facing challenges like poverty, postnatal depression, bereavement or isolation, your support helps give children the safe and loving start they deserve. They have just published their 2024/25 Impact Report -copies in the main porch - and it is full of real-life stories and hope that your generosity has helped to make possible. www.home-startawa.org.uk

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, 9th 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: We have four accounts in the New Testament telling us of how Jesus instituted the Eucharist of the Last Supper. The earliest of these was written by St Paul, around the year 53 AD, to the Christian community in Corinth. Paul wrote his letter before any of the Gospels were written. The Eucharist was celebrated every Sunday for about 30 years before any of the writings we know as the New Testament were written. The only scriptures that existed – as far as the Jews and the early Christians were concerned - were what we now call the Old Testament. By the year 80 the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke and all the Letters of St Paul began to be written and circulated and used in the celebration of the Eucharist. It took some time before the Church decided which books were to be regarded as truly inspired and so part of the Scriptures.

The earliest written description of how the early Christians celebrated the eucharist was written by Justin in the year 150. He was a convert to the faith and a philosopher. Christianity was outlawed by the Roman emperors, so for the first three hundred years of its existence the Church was persecuted. In spite of countless Christians being put to death for their faith, the Church grew and flourished. It was because Christians refused to worship the emperor's god that they were regarded as totally untrustworthy. Of course, Jewish people also strenuously refused to worship the emperor but they were a long-established presence around the Mediterranean – long before the Romans came to power. So, the emperor limited his opposition to this new group of dissidents.

Justin the Martyr wrote a letter to the pagan Emperor Antonius Pius in 155 pointing out that Christians were no threat to the Empire. The fact that the Christians had to secretly gather gave rise to accusations that they were plotting insurrection. In this letter Justin is explaining what the Christians did when they gathered for their Sunday worship.

'On the day named after the Sun, all who live in the city or countryside assemble and the memories of the apostles or the writings of the prophet are read for as long as time allows. When the reader has finished, the one who presides addresses us, admonishing us and exhorting us to imitate the splendid things we have heard. Then we all stand and pray for ourselves and for all others wherever they may be so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions and faithful to the commandments so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the Kiss. The bread and a cup containing wine mixed with water are brought to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers prayers, glorifying the Father of all things through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And he utters a lengthy thanksgiving (Eucharistian) because the Father has judged us worthy of these gifts. When the prayer of thanksgiving is ended the people present give their assent with an 'Amen'. Then those whom we call deacons distribute the bread and the wine and water over which the thanksgiving has been spoken, to each of those present. They also carry them to those who were absent.

This food we call 'Eucharist' and no one may share it unless he believes that our teaching is true. For we do not receive these things as though they were ordinary food and drink. Just as Jesus Christ our Saviour was made flesh through the Word of God for our salvation, so too (we have been taught) through the Word of the prayer that comes from him, the food over which the thanksgiving has been spoken, become the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus. The wealthy, who are willing, make contributions, such as he pleases and the collection is deposited with the one who presides, who aids orphans and widows, those who are in want because of sickness or other cause. In short, he takes care of all in need'.

Nineteen hundred years later we continue to do the same as Jesus taught us.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.