

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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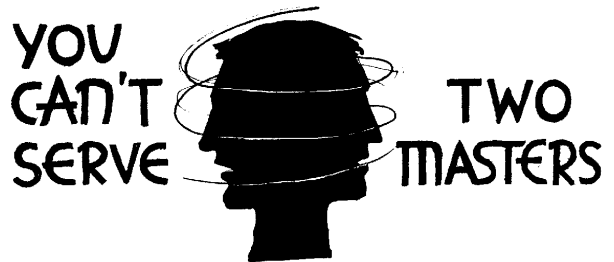
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Martin Evans RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Shoer RIP
Monday	22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30 am	Father Ray Blake RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	24 th	9.30 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
Thursday	25 th	9.30 am	Intention of Mary Murphy
Friday	26 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	Mila Baptista (New baby)
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

COLLECTIONS: Church: £467 DONA: £ Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Laura Pegg, Olivia (was Bengston-Gear) & family, Marie Davidson, Patrick McGrath, 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, 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: Alice Hoppe, Orazio Castro, Harry Wadsworth, Anne Rose, Michael Irving, Ray McGlone, Patricia Knox, Betty Hayes, Mary Empson, Anne Casement, Theresa Steer, Joy Wood, Patricia Brown, Kathleen Tyler, Pamela Simblett, Martine Jackson, Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean. *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. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER will take place on Saturday 27th September following the 6.00 pm Mass. The food will be delicious and there will be a raffle. Prizes would be welcome. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Adults £10.00, Children £5.00. For further information please contact Teresa 01903 529260.

5. THE PARISH CHOIR is currently seeking new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Margaret on 01903 504316 for more information.

6. 'HARVEST SERVICE OF CREATION' will take place on Friday 3rd October at 7pm in the church followed by refreshments in The Barn. All are most welcome to attend.

7. KSC RACE NIGHT FOR PRO LIFE CHARITIES will take place on 11th October at St Oscar Romero School at 7pm. Across the UK, the Knights of St Columba will be raising funds for Pro Life charities from 2024 to 2026. These charities advocate a life ethic that values all human beings, defending life from the moment of conception. Please contact David for tickets on 07790480356 or david.wyndd Davies@yahoo.co.uk;

8. CONFIRMATION 2025/26: If you are in Year 9 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting soon. Please collect an application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

9. 'JOURNEY OF FAITH' will be starting the week commencing 13th October exploring our Catholic Faith. The Course is aimed at those who are seeking to join the Catholic Church and any who are curious as to the why's and when of our faith. Contact Dermot on 07999488326 or email dermot36@gmail.com

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

11. A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST will take place on Saturday 1st November from 11am until 4pm at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. The day will be led by Bishop Richard and will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

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: URGENT! THE HARVEST WISHLIST, which helps fill the cupboards ready for the months ahead. Please see notices and leaflets in both porches. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated

Father Liam says: St John Chrysostom was born at Antioch in 347. He became Archbishop of Constantinople but died in exile at the age of 60. Of all the Fathers of the Church he had, perhaps, the most to say about the Eucharist and how it should influence our Christian lives. He says "Would you honour the body of Christ? Do not despise his nakedness. Do not honour him here in church, clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by unclothed and frozen outside. Remember that he who said, 'This is my body', and made good his words, also said, 'You saw me hungry and gave me no food' and 'in so far as you did it not to these, you did it not to me'. In the first sense, the body of Christ does not need clothing but worship from a pure heart. In the second sense it does need clothing and all the care we can give it." I am quoting him at length as he is so profound.

"We must learn to be discerning Christians and to honour Christ in the way in which he wants to be honoured. It is only right that the honour given to anyone should take the form most acceptable to the recipient, not to the giver. Peter thought he was honouring the Lord when he tried to stop him from washing his feet, but this was far from being genuine homage. So give God the homage he asks for, that is give your money generously to the poor. God has no need of golden vessels but of golden hearts".

"I am not saying that you should not give golden altar vessels and so on. But I am insisting that nothing can take the place of almsgiving. The Lord will not refuse to accept the first kind of gift, but he prefers the second and quite naturally because in the first case only the donor gets the benefit. The gift of a chalice may be ostentatious. Almsgiving is pure benevolence".

"What is the use of loading Christ's table with gold cups while he himself is starving? Feed the hungry and then, if you have any money left over, spend it on the altar table. Will you make a cup of gold and withhold a cup of water? What use is it to adorn the altar with cloth of gold hangings and deny Christ a coat for his back! What would that profit you? Tell me, if you saw someone starving and refused to give him any food but instead spent your money on adorning the altar with gold, would he thank you? Would he not rather be outraged? Or if you saw someone in rags and stiff with cold and then did not give him clothing but set up golden columns in his honour, would he not say he was being made a fool of and insulted?"

"Consider that Christ is the homeless person who comes in need of a night's lodging. You turn him away and then start laying rings on the floor, draping the wall, hanging lamp on silver chains on the columns. Meanwhile the homeless person is locked up in prison and never give him a glance. Well again, I am not condemning munificence in these matters. Make your home beautiful by all means but also look after the poor, or rather look after the poor first. No one was ever condemned for not adorning his home, but those who neglect the poor were threatened with hell fire for all eternity and a life of torment with devils. Adorn your house if you will but do not forget your brother or sister in distress. They are temples of infinitely greater value."

This is powerful teaching. The word 'Chrysostom' means 'golden mouthed' and it was applied to him about 100 years after his death, due to his great reputation for eloquence. In our parish we certainly try to put his teaching on the importance of seeing and respecting Christ in the Eucharist and in the poor into practice. But we also have a duty to look after our parish buildings – the church, the presbytery and the Barn. The diocese sees to it that every parish has its property inspected every five years and that it implements its findings. We have a very conscientious maintenance committee in this parish who keep a close watch on the plant. And our Finance committee seeks to ensure that we have the means to do what is required.