

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## St Philip Howard, Patron of the Diocese

Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Leo Adams RIP
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Liz Nolan RIP
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Liam Brocken
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Katerina, Maria, Alexandr, Kai & Allan
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Alex Earayil RIP
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Wellbeing of Marian Lynch
		10.30 am	Frederick McGinn RIP



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 3:1-9; 2Cor 4:7-15; Matthew 10:17-22

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £483 DONA: £140 Prisoners Sunday: £348 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for World Missions (Missio)

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special World Missions envelopes available in both porches

**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: TERESA CODY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Renee West, Eileen Cox, Patricia Colbran, Eileen Cronin, Jack Little, Mary Rose, Ricardo Angelo, Winifred Casey, Terry Grana, Eva Madden, Maureen Wynn-Davies, Helena Vulic, Laurence McCarthy, Keith Adams, Phil Jenkins, Walter Leach, Zaza Field, Canon Bernard Thom, Patricia Hennessy. *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. 'JOURNEY OF FAITH'** will be starting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 07999 488326 or email [dermot36@gmail.com](mailto:dermot36@gmail.com)

**5. 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.

**6. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

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

**8. SUSSEX CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST:** The official launch of the Sussex Catholic Education Trust will be conducted by Bishop Richard Moth in Arundel on 17 October. This new charity (charity number 1211602) has been set up to benefit state Catholic schools in Sussex by providing funding to support projects which will help the schools and their pupils thrive, nurturing the high-quality education that our schools already provide. Education, especially for one-form entry primary schools, is currently chronically underfunded and as our Trust's funding grows, it will be used to provide resources, facilities and/or services which will create opportunities that inspire young minds and build strong, compassionate communities. Sadly, due to falling rolls, two of our primary schools in Sussex have recently closed. Our schools are seen as an integral part of the Bishop's pastoral plan and play a significant role in turning the vision of the Church's mission on Earth into reality so our aim is to do all we can to support our Catholic schools to continue to flourish. If you are interested in supporting this new charity, you can use the donate page on the charity's website W: [www.sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk) to provide funding. If you wish to offer your expertise and services in other ways to our Trust, please contact the Trust Secretary at E: [secretary@sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your generosity.

**9. 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 Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**10. 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

**11. 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: Today we celebrate the Feast of St Philip Howard**, who is one of the English Martyrs. He, together with Mary the Mother of Jesus, is patron of our diocese. The Forty Martyrs of England and Wales were canonised on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1970 and our church was completed very shortly afterwards. The first Mass in our church was at Christmas 1970.

Fifty-five years ago Pope Paul VI canonised forty of more than four hundred men and women who gave their lives rather than deny their faith during the turbulent years of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Pope Paul himself is now canonised. In his homily he emphasised that the Forty Martyrs had been 'loyal to the Crown' to the end but that 'faced with a choice of remaining faithful to the revealed truths of their faith, or of denying them and saving their lives, they chose martyrdom without hesitation'.

Philip Howard was born in June 1557, the son of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, who Elizabeth I had executed in 1572 for his alleged involvement in a plot against her. Despite being baptized as a Catholic, Philip was raised as a Protestant. He graduated from St John's College, Cambridge in 1574. As a 14-year-old he married Anne Dacre, Countess of Arundel. In February 1580 Philip became Earl of Arundel but he was not restored to his father's Dukedom. Frequently in the Royal Court, he began to gain favour with Elizabeth.

He was present when Edmund Campion, subsequently canonised, strenuously defended the Catholic faith and Philip was greatly influenced by this. The Howards had many enemies and Philip was rapidly falling from the Queen's favour. His wife Anne became a Catholic and Philip returned to his faith. Many young priests, mainly Jesuits, who had been educated in Europe were gaining many converts to Catholicism. Anne was banished from the Court and placed under arrest in Surrey where she gave birth to their daughter Elizabeth. The suspicion intensified and Philip was imprisoned in the Tower of London for a short time. Meantime, laws against Catholics became to be stringently enforced so Philip and his wife Anne, with their daughter Elizabeth decided to leave the country.. Before he left, he wrote an eloquent letter to Queen Elizabeth explaining his actions. It was not to be delivered to her until after he had gone. He explained that he was leaving the country for the safety of his soul and the service of God, but he was still loyal to the Queen and had affection for her. But he was betrayed by one of his servants. He was arrested at sea off Littlehampton and brought back to London and imprisoned in the Tower. Severely beaten he was accused of treason for working with Mary, Queen of Scots. Many of his relatives, friends and servants were also imprisoned. Under guise of new evidence that had allegedly come to light, he was imprisoned at the Queen's pleasure and fined the massive sum of ten thousand pounds. In 1589 he was sentenced to death. He valiantly defended himself: 'For the discharge of my conscience before God I, here protest before His Divine Majesty and all the Holy Court of Heaven, that I have committed no treason and that the Catholic and Roman faith, which I hold is the only cause (so far as I can in any way imagine) why either I have been thus long imprisoned and for which I am now ready to be executed'. However, Philip was not executed. He was left to die a very long and lingering death for a further ten years. In this time he led a devout life of regular prayer and he penned several religious works which were printed after his death. He fasted on bread and water for three days every week as penance for the way he had treated his wife before his conversion. His final wish was to see his wife and children. Their only son, Thomas, had been born just after Philip's imprisonment. This was denied him – unless he would conform and then he would be set free. Refusing to compromise he died at the age of 38 on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1595. He was buried in the Tower and was finally interred in the shrine in Arundel Cathedral in 1971. He was a true hero and Anne, his wife, was a true heroine.