

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	16 th	8.15 am	John Upton RIP
		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP
Monday	17 th	9.30 am	Intention of Tom Phelan
Tuesday	18 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	19 th	9.30 am	Peter Boyle RIP
Thursday	20 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	21 st	9.30 am	Patrick, Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
		10.30 am	Humphrey Niven



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

COLLECTIONS: Church: £532 DONA: £105 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a **Second Collection for Retired Priests of the Diocese. (Gift Aid)**

Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. (Gift Aid)**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Laura Pegg, Olivia (was Bengston-Gear) & family, Marie Davidson, 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: Edith Pearce, Ruth Winter, Edith Carrod, Frances Fraser, Florence Peters, Stanislaw Carlton, Henry Ivison, Valencia Bowes, Maureen Pitt, Peter Boyle, Angela Outridge, Kathleen Sidwell, Mary Musto, Richard Carrod, Pat Tasker, Donald MacDonald, Sarah Clarke, Humphrey Niven. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. 'CURRY & CAROLS', full of Christmas festivities and a sing-along, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 6th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **next** weekend - Adults £10.00 Children £5.00 Raffle prizes please!

4. 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 in January. Please collect application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect an application pack from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office by 19th December. The first meeting for parents will be on Friday 2nd January at 7.30pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 6th January from 4.30 – 5.30 pm. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 7th June (Corpus Christi).

6. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS: The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy.

7. DONA COLLECTION PLATE: Unfortunately, we have recently had a problem with the internet connection to the Dona machine. The machine continues to accept donations when offline but is unable to report them for collection from the credit card companies until internet connection has been re-established. As a result, you may notice a number of payments being reported together on your statements. You should not be charged duplicate amounts but if this occurs please contact Joy on 07980 470582.

8. WATCH SOUTH TODAY (ITV) with a film of when they visited our church a few weeks ago. It is hoped to be shown next Wednesday 19th November at 6.00 pm.

9. 'JOURNEY OF FAITH' has started, 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

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 Saturday, 13th December.

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: 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: Queen Mary came to the throne in 1553 on the death of Edward VI. Their Father, Henry VIII, broke with Rome in 1534 so Mary was the first Catholic monarch in England, Wales and Ireland in nearly 20 years. She reigned for only 5 years and there has been no Catholic monarch in these countries since. Mary made great efforts to restore her subjects to the Catholic faith. She ensured that the bishops in her realm were in communion with Rome. But, with the death of Mary in 1558, the throne passed to Elizabeth who was determined that the Church would have no links with the Pope. The bishops in the reign of Mary are known as the Marian Bishops and they were now, of course, deposed. What happened to them?

The leading churchman at the time of Queen Mary was Cardinal Pole who, coincidentally, died on the same day as Queen Mary. Now the Catholic leadership passed to Archbishop Heath of York who was greatly respected by his fellow Catholic bishops. Some through weakness or mistaken loyalties had accepted the regime of Henry VIII but many had proved the sincerity of their conversion by their imprisonment under Edward VI.

The situation during the first month of the reign of Elizabeth is described in a letter written by the Spanish Ambassador to the King of Spain: 'The Kingdom is entirely with the hands of young folks and traitors, and the Queen does not favour a single man whom her Majesty who is now in heaven' (Queen Mary) 'would have received and will take no one into her service who served her sister when she was Lady Mary. She seems to me to be incomparably more feared than her sister was and she has given her orders and has her way absolutely as her father did. The late Chancellor' (Archbishop Heath) 'is a worthy person and she knows it, but he is not in the gang and will not return to office. He tells me that if they offered it to him, he would not accept it.'

During March and April 1559 the Westminster Conference took place in which the Catholic bishops were summoned and the teachings of the Lutheran were put before them. Ultimately, the bishops were accused of contempt. The Catholic bishops and theologians were all cast into prison. Some were sent in a boat to the Tower and their goods confiscated. The bishop of St Asaph escaped abroad. More and more bishops, teachers, priests and lay people were locked in the Tower, Marshalsea and elsewhere. The kind of treatment that was inflicted on these prisoners was extreme and news of the events taking place spread abroad. Pope Paul IV died in the early months of Elizabeth's persecutions and was succeeded by Pope Pius IV. He sent an envoy to the Queen with expressions of his affectionate anxiety and his desire 'to provide likewise for her honour and the establishment of her Kingdom'. The Nuncio was refused permission to enter England. In his attempt to establish communications with Elizabeth, the one thing the Pope had especially at heart was the release of the imprisoned bishops. Later, another Nuncio was sent and likewise refused entry. There was a general expectation that Elizabeth would be excommunicated but the Pope was unwilling to do so unless all other means failed.

The second Parliament of Elizabeth summoned in January 1563 increased the penalties for refusal to take the Oath of Supremacy. Three months after their refusal to take the Oath, bishops could be ordered to die the death of traitors. The imprisoned bishops were reduced by the increasing number of deaths by these holy men. Pius V was elected Pope in 1566. By now there were 7 Marian bishops still surviving. All were denied access to Mass and the Sacraments and Catholic books. Among them was Archbishop Heath of York. In February 1570 Pope {Pius V pronounced against Elizabeth the solemn sentence of excommunication. Not the wisest decision of his life! It meant that Catholics felt free to deny allegiance to Queen Elizabeth. She retaliated by imposing more severe anti-Catholic measures. Archbishop Heath's long suffering in captivity for 19 years came to an end with his death in December 1578. In 1580 the bishop of St Asaph, Thomas Goldwell, who had escaped from England in 1559, died of fever while trying to return to England. He was the last of the Marian Bishops.