

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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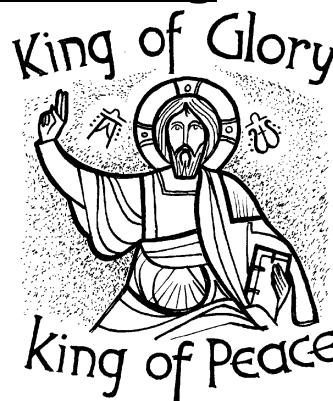
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### Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
		10.30 am	Humphrey Niven RIP
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Tim & Angela Ryan RIP
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Matthew Neil
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Patrick McGrath RIP
		10.30 am	Roger Davis RIP



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £510 DONA: £78 Retired Priests of the Diocese: £444 Thank you for your generosity

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

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Home Start (Special Gift Aid Envelopes in both porches)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Patricia Steadman, 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.

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now. Sheila Shave, Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, George Maw, Reginald Austin, Lelia Murray, Eileen Kavenagh, Anne McNamara, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **this** weekend - Adults £10.00 Children £5.00 Raffle prizes please!

**4. MESSAGE FROM HOMESTART:** Please give the Gift of Christmas to a Vulnerable Child in your Community. This should be a magical time for children, with presents, festive food, memories and good times all wrapped in love. But for thousands of children across our area, this festive period will be incredibly tough. 18,000 children across Arun, Worthing & Adur are living in relative poverty after housing costs - that is 27% of children living on our doorstep. Many of the children and families we support live in unsuitable housing, experience poor physical and mental health, financial hardship, struggle with grief and loneliness. For many - this time of year is a desperate challenge. Please help.

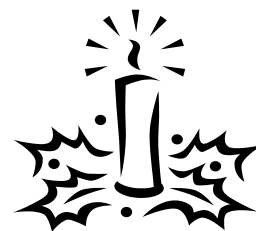
**5. CONFIRMATION 2025/26:** If you are in Year 9 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting in January. Please collect application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**6. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi).

**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. CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00 pm - Curry & Carols Night  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30 pm - Advent Reconciliation Service  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 7.00 pm - Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00 pm - First Mass of Christmas especially for children  
- 9.00 pm - Mass preceded by Carols from 8.30 pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 8.15 am and 10.30 am Mass



**9. ITV VISIT TO ENGLISH MARTYRS:** The full version of the Meridian News item appears on ITVx and a link is: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/how-a-parishioner-recreated-michelangelos-most-famous-work-in-a-sussex-church/x260f7k>

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 WINTER WISHLIST:** Waterproof & Water Repellent Jackets, Thermals T-shirts M/L Hoodies, Fleecees, Sweatshirts, M/L Tracksuit Bottoms, M/L NEW Gloves, Socks, Winter Hats, NEW Women's Pants S/M, NEW Men's Boxers S/M **ST**. Also Shampoo, Body Wash, Body Wipes, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Razors & Shaving gel. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

**Father Liam says: One of the greatest champions of the Catholic Church** in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I was William Allen. He was born in 1532 in Lancashire, two years before Henry VIII formally separated the Church of England from the Catholic Church. At the age of 15 Allen went to Oxford – the year Edward VI succeeded Henry to the throne. When Mary became Queen, William Allen became Principal of St Mary's Hall. When Elizabeth succeeded her he was forced to resign and took refuge in the University of Louvain in Flanders in 1561.

There was a growing colony of English Catholics who found refuge in Louvain. Allen was ordained a priest in 1565. He went to Rome with the idea of getting permission to establish a Catholic University. In 1568 the new College opened in Douay. This was the first seminary which the Council of Trent had ordered to be established throughout the Church. Rome gave an annual grant to the college - a welcome addition to its funds. New students began to flock to Douay from all parts of England, among them Cuthbert Mayne – who was to be the first martyr of the Seminaries – and Edmund Campion. In 1575, Pope Gregory XIII greatly increased financial support to the college and William Allen was given greater authority and influence. Writing in 1580, Dr Allen said that about twenty priests were ordained each year and came to serve the outlawed Church in England. In 1575, out of ten ordained priests three became martyrs. In 1576 out of eleven ordained, two were martyred. In 1577 out of twenty-four ordained, seven were martyrs.

The Elizabethan Government was faced with the flood of ardent young priests coming to England. In the Spring of 1581 Parliament brought in the new Statutes making it high treason 'to withdraw any of the Queen's subjects from the religion now by Her Highness's authority established to the Romish Religion'. It also made it high treason 'to be willingly withdrawn as aforesaid or reconciled'. To say Mass was punished by a fine of 200 marks and imprisonment for a year. To hear Mass involved high treason with a fine of 100marks. The penalties against Catholics who refused to attend the new services were greatly increased.

In 1575 Pope Gregory XIII spoke to Dr Allen about establishing a second seminary in Rome itself. There was a large building in Rome for pilgrims from England. Owing to persecutions the number of pilgrims was now very small. So the English College in Rome, now known as the Venerable English College, came into being using that premises.

In response to further legislation against Catholics, Dr Allen wrote his 'Apologie of the English Seminaries in 1581 – defending them against accusations of any plots against the Queen or government. It explains the meaning and purpose of the seminaries and speaks of the Catholic priests consoling and strengthening 'those of their faith'. 'This they have done only by the power of their ministry, in spiritual, silent and peaceable manner and not with riots, tumults in warlike concourses. They have done it as the Apostles and other holy men did in the primitive Church, by trials, watchings, fastings, perils at the port, perils at sea, perils on the land, perils of open enemies, perils of false brethren, fears of law, fears of hurting their friends, fears for scandalizing the weak, by fetters, dungeons, racks and death'. He speaks about how the laws against Catholics by some monarchs and laws against Protestants by Queen Mary resulted in 'all these strange differences within the compass of about thirty years'. He then described how Elizabeth had set about destroying the old Religion, how into the ancient Catholic Sees had been intruded Protestants from Geneva and how absurd was the idea that Parliament could validly alter the nations faith or bestow a temporary sovereign spiritual jurisdiction.