

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	Peter Honiball RIP
		10.30 am	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Monday	19 th	9.30 am	Victims of the Swiss Fire Disaster
Tuesday	20 th	9.30 am	Intention of Daniel McCluskey
Wednesday	21 st	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving (MM)
Thursday	22 nd	9.30 am	Margaret & Edward Searry RIP
Friday	23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Catherine Bandy RIP
Sunday	25 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Peter Honiball RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

COLLECTIONS: Church: £505 DONA: £196 SPUC: £510 Crib Offerings for Friends of the Holy Land: £441
Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Christopher Williams, 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, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, 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, Ernest Hare, Cyril Woodgar, George Welch, Mark Zenkteler.

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **JIM MARTIN** Geoffrey Gilbert, Margaret Scott, John Nolan, Alan Pockney, Phyllis Welling, Doug Headon, Andrea Pyle, Susan Perriman, Bernard Davy, Agnes Winn, Debbie Beirne, Christopher Sheridan, Catherine Hebdige, Frances Green, Michael O'Connor, Joan Cutmore.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on Tuesday 27th January. All are welcome

4. WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Or should it be '**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**' We are a busy parish with many good things happening in it but these only can happen if you are prepared to join in. At the moment help is needed with Flower arranging, the Choir and Friendship in the Barn on Friday afternoons. At the beginning of April we open again to the public who wish to come and view the ceiling and our lovely stained-glass windows. There is much to do but we really do need you to come and help where you can. Please contact Anne in the Parish Office for further information and with your offers of assistance

5. OUR PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW takes place this weekend after the 10.30 Mass. Winners' names will be in next week's newsletter. Please ensure any outstanding fees are paid. Thank you for your support, and good luck!

6. A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD will take place next Saturday 24 January 2026 from 11am until 4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL. All Readers very welcome.

7. A MESSAGE FROM HOMESTART – Thank you so much for your generous donation of £630.60 to our 'Be a Santa' appeal. This year marks 25 years of Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur supporting local families – and your kindness helps to ensure that no child in our community misses out on the magic of Christmas. The donation doesn't just bring festive magic; it means our incredible volunteers can be there for parents who are struggling – offering a listening ear, practical help and emotional support when it's needed most. At a time when loneliness and stress can hit hardest, your gift helps keep families connected, cared for and never alone. Signed Bridget Richardson CEO

8. MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP RICHARD'S MINISTRY in Arundel & Brighton, will take place on Friday 30th January, at 6.30pm, at Arundel Cathedral. Archbishop-Elect Richard will celebrate this Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.

9. WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026: 'Praying together in Worthing'. On the second Sunday of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity believers from this part of Sussex are invited to gather, meet and pray together using songs and prayers from the Taizé community. This will take place at St Richard's, Maybridge on Sunday 25th January from 5.00 – 7.00 pm. There will be a chance to meet each other, a short exploration of a piece of scripture with songs from Taizé. At the end of the evening there will be refreshments and some soup! Everyone is invited.

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 WINTER WISHLIST: Waterproof & Water Repellent Jackets, Thermals T-shirts M/L Hoodies, Fleece, Sweatshirts, M/L Tracksuit Bottoms, M/L NEW Gloves, Socks, Winter Hats, NEW Women's Pants S/M, NEW Men's Boxers S/M. 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 appreciated.

Father Liam says: The oldest Cathedral city in England is reputed to be Winchester. At one time the name for it was Caer Gwent – the White City. This is a reference to the local church blocks used in the building of the first town. It was an important Roman city. A Saxon Cathedral was established in the middle of the seventh century. Kings were crowned and buried there and Winchester became the capital of Wessex and the administration centre of all England. King Alfred (871-901) made it the centre of all England. His statue looking down the High Street is a reminder of his – and the City's – greatness.

Winchester was the capital of King Canute and the early Norman Kings but it gradually became eclipsed by its great rival London. The Black Death in the fourteenth century decimated the population and its wool trade declined. However, it retains the dignity and grace that befits a former capital. Winchester Cathedral is the longest in England. The present fourteenth century building uses the stones of its Norman predecessor, which was begun by the first Norman bishop in 1079. Before that the site was occupied by the Saxon Cathedral dedicated to St. Swithun, which in turn had replaced earlier churches going back to Roman times when a pagan temple stood there.

More great and noble people lie buried in Winchester Cathedral than anywhere else in England, apart from Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's. Their monuments were broken up or damaged during the Civil War when Cromwellian troops looted the Cathedral and hurled the bones of Saxon Kings through the stained-glass windows. The only one of Winchester's renowned chantry chapels which escaped harm was that of a fourteenth-century bishop, William of Wykeham. He founded Winchester College and whose former pupils call themselves Old Wykehamists. It is said that when the soldiers burst into the Cathedral one of their officers, an old Wykehamist stood before the founder's chapel in the south aisle and defended it with drawn sword.

The chantries were small, ornate chapels where bishops and other notables were entombed. Masses were sung for their souls. The word chantry derives from the chanting of the Mass. The damage that was done to them in the Cathedral has been made good by skillful restoration. One of the finest is the chantry of Bishop Richard Fox who had it built before his death in 1528. To remind victims of their own mortality he commissioned a gruesome statue of a decaying corpse and had it placed in front of his chantry. Perhaps the Cathedral's most popular attraction is the grave of Jane Austen, who in later life, lived in Chawton, near Alton, fifteen miles east of Winchester. Also in the north aisle of the nave is the black marble font from the old Norman Cathedral. It is carved with scenes from the life of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) who gave presents to poor children.

A great National treasure, the twelfth-century illuminated Winchester Bible is kept in the Cathedral Library, which is approached by steps off the south transept. The library occupies ancient chambers from the Norman Cathedral and is one of the oldest surviving libraries with a famous collection of manuscripts. In a place of honour on the central aisles of the Cathedral at the east end between two chantries is a curious structure with a triangular top. It covers an inscribed stone which marks the place where the shrine of St Swithun once stood. It has, of course, been destroyed but 'who can destroy his glory'.

St Swithun, who died in 862 was a bishop of Winchester, noted for his humility. When he died his request was not to be entombed with the grand folk in the Cathedral but to be buried outside it where the rainwater would drip from the eaves onto his grave. By popular demand Swithun was canonised and in 971 it was decided to move his bones into the Cathedral. This was attempted on his feast day – 15th July – but as the monks began to dig up his grave, they were driven indoors by a violent rainstorm which, we are told, lasted forty days. Folklore had it that if it rains on St Swithun's Day it will go on raining for forty days! Nevertheless, his bones were taken inside the newly rebuilt Cathedral, where they remained until 1538 when the shrine was demolished on the orders of Henry VIII who decreed that the Cathedral dedicated to St Swithun be rededicated to the Holy Trinity.

A plain slab beneath the tower in the very century of the Cathedral marks the burial place of King William II, known as William Rufus, who succeeded William the Conqueror in 1087. No reigning King in Christendom has ever had such a humiliating burial. No Mass was said, no bell was tolled and his family were prevented from honouring his tomb. On 2nd August 1100 he had been killed by an arrow shot by one of his companions while hunting in the New Forest. The unknown killer fled the scene and the King was buried totally without ceremony the following day. A deep mystery surrounds his death and burial.