

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Anthony Iago RIP
		10.30 am	Kitty Griffin RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	Eamon & Ann McCluskey RIP
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	4 th	9.30 am	Patricia Steadman RIP
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am	M.U. Joseph & P.L. Joseph RIP
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	Marian Maddon RIP
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Catherine Daly RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Rolly Obenza RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hours and Benediction



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

COLLECTIONS: Church: £523

Thank you for your generosity

Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day and this weekend there will be a Special Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Special Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bernard Markham, Ruth Waywell, John, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Frederick Wolford, Mary Eldred, Thomas Peeney, Mary Alder, Anna Kelledy, Olive Pickthall, Eileen Godfrey, John Roe, Michael O'Rourke, Brian Jackson, James Fuller, David Davies, Marion Ray. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of Women in the Diocese.

4.CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection: This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By



fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

5. 100 CLUB DRAW – Congratulations to our February winners: £15 Jane Iago (7), £10 Clarke family (67), £5 Susan Brown (63), Sharon McCluskey (64) and Helen Hunnisett (2). Winnings can be collected from the envelope in the sacristy. January £5 winner, Peter Lucas (16) - please collect your prize from the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next month's draw!

6 ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY' in aid of our Parish Project, will take place **on Saturday 21st March** at 7.00 pm in the Barn. Irish Step Dancers, three course traditional Irish Supper – Bacon & Cabbage - Homemade desserts, Irish Coffee, Bar, a Sing-a-long and Raffle,. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, good food music and dance. Donations of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale after all Masses next weekend: Adults £10.00, Children £5.00

7. A VISITATION FROM THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA FOR ENGLAND & WALES will take place at St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG next Saturday 7th March 2026 from 09.45 until 16.45 with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes a procession and mass, prayer, veneration of relics, adoration and video presentation. There will be items for sale, and you are welcome to all or part of the day. (Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch)
Email: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk for more information or visit the website here: <https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-first-five-saturdays-devotion-explained>

8. GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY: Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

9. 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

10. 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: There is an old saying – at least three hundred years old – 'Nine tailors make a man'. Old sayings convey some wisdom to us. That is why they come down through the ages. But sometimes the meaning has become obscure – as in this case. 'Nine tailors' it seems, does not refer to people who make clothes. People who are learned about the ringing of church bells assure us that a 'tailor' is a mispronunciation of the word 'teller'. 'Tellers' are the preliminary strokes of the bell, which announced a death in the parish. The telling proper is the ringing one stroke for each year of the deceased person's age. The preliminary strokes indicated whether the deceased was a man or woman or child. In some places three of these tellers were rung for a child, six for a woman and nine for a man. So 'nine tailors make a man' meant that the bells tolled to announce the death of a man. So, there was no intention of stigmatizing the members of a hard-working profession by implying that they were lacking courage of any kind.

How different nowadays, can information be spread! But perhaps we don't think about death – our own death – as often as people in the past did. We have a powerful reminder of death on Ash Wednesday when ashes is placed on our foreheads. Each person is reminded: 'Remember that you are dust and unto dust you will return'. That is indeed a true and useful message, but it is not the whole truth. That is perhaps why an alternative message is provided for the imposition of the ashes: 'Repent and believe the good news'. The good news assures us that death is the gateway to new life.

Death levels us. The nine tellers only inform us that a man has died. It does go on to tell his age but it doesn't tell us whether the deceased was rich or poor, well known or unknown. Our schoolbooks reminded us:

*'Death lays his icy hand on Kings. Sceptre and crown must tumble down
And in the dust be equal made with the poor crooked scythe and spade'*

The tolling of the bell announced the end of the race, the cease-fire at the end of the battle. But it also announced the triumph of new life. The entry into the glory and joy Christ has won for us.

In today's gospel we have Matthew's account of the Transfiguration. On the Second Sunday of Lent each year one of the evangelists relate this marvelous event. Jesus had been telling his apostles that he was destined to be condemned and put to death. He did assure them that he would rise again but the very idea of Jesus being crucified was abhorrent. Experiencing the transformation of Jesus would have kept their faith alive when the final days of the mortal life of Jesus threatened to crush their spirits. After the transfiguration Matthew tells us 'When they lifted up their eyes they saw no-one but Jesus only. They did not see Moses anymore, nor Elias. Only Jesus.

As long as we live we will see people around us. We are social beings. We need people and we are all needed by people. But we are meant to see Jesus in them. We are called to recognise all we meet – and all we do not meet - as brothers and sisters of Christ. We are meant to see Jesus in all of them and realise that whatever we do to help one another – especially those in greatest need – we are reaching out to Jesus himself. Christ never leaves us alone. He is always with us in all kinds of disguises.