

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	5.15 pm	Rosary for Justice & Peace in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Mireille Byrne RIP
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Derek Le Mahieu
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Patsy McStravich RIP
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Nethaniel Adams RIP
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Lailani Suarez-Mansfield RIP
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mary Davis RIP
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Philip Lucas RIP
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 2:14. 22-23. Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24.13-35

**COLLECTIONS:** Holy Places: £441 Lenten Alms: £112 Thank you for your generosity

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, Christopher Williams, Laura Pegg, 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 Diett, 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, 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: Maureen Holland, Herbert Hasney, Gerry Donnelly, William McGlynn, Patricia Jones, Mary La Roche, John Clarke, Margaret McCarthy, Vincent Devereux, John Russell, Joseph Liston. *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. A VERY BIG THANK YOU** on behalf of the Parish to all who helped make the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter so special – the flower arrangers, musicians, choir, servers and not least our James for singing the Exultet. Also a personal and huge 'thank you' for your very generous Easter offerings

**5. LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** You are warmly invited to take part in an upcoming *Life in the Spirit Seminar* in support of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, taking place in Redhill starting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This journey over 7 sessions is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and to experience anew the abundant power of His Holy Spirit. Each session includes inspiring teaching from excellent speakers, personal testimonies, small-group sharing and prayer. The seminar series is free to attend, and all are welcome—whether you are attending online from home, in a local Parish hub (St Mary of the Angels, Worthing) or in-person at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Redhill. Please register to take part at [www.abcharismatic.org](http://www.abcharismatic.org). Please see posters in both porches.

**6. PRAYER PARTNERS** are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**7. PLEASE RETURN the TRIDUUM BOOKS** – 16 are missing.

**8. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO'** will take place next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the Barn for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. There will be a 'Delicious Supper' and Raffle. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets will be on sale this weekend price £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children or from Teresa 01903 529260.

**9. A JAMES WINTON CONCERT** will take place in the Barn on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, following the 10.30 am Mass. This is to support Evelyn, James' sister, who is taking part in a trek to Machu Pichu in Aid of The Home Farm Trust, a charity that supports Learning Disabled Adults, and their families. James will be performing The Songs of Travel by Vaughan Williams and will be accompanied by Julie Mackrill on the piano; and Ruth and Aude will also perform on the piano.

**10. GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY** will be held on 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](http://davidwellslive.com) To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

**11. A MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral is taking place from 8-9<sup>th</sup> May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for both days. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org).

**12. 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

**13. TURNING TIDES: THE SPRING WISH LIST:** Pot Noodles, Packet Ready Meals, Instant Super Noodles, Tinned Meat - Ham & Corned Beef, Tinned Ready Meals - Meat & Vegetarian, Tinned Fish & Tuna Fray Bentos Pies, Long Life Milk, Alternative Milk, Cooking Oil, Cartons of Juice, Bottled Water, Sugar, Instant Coffee, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Chocolate Spread, Cereal Bars, Shaving Foams, Razors, Hair Brushes, Feminine Hygiene Products, Sun creams, Toilet Rolls, Lip Balms. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations. It is much appreciated.

**Father Liam says: I recently came across an article** written about the proposed Pastoral Plan for our diocese so I was prompted to relay what it says. It was written by Canon Kieron O'Brien, who has oversight for Pastoral Planning and parish priests in Brighton.

Every diocese in the UK and beyond is facing similar challenges, yet each of them is unique in terms of geography, population, leadership and other ways. So, each diocese seeks to find its way to respond. The late Pope Francis said that we live not just in an era of change but we are experiencing a change of era. Among the common challenges is the rapidly falling number of active priests.

The groundwork for this Pastoral Plan began in 2017 with an extensive listening and consultation process in the various deaneries and also at parish level. This led to the first version of the plan in 2018. The themes identified were listed as formation, prayer and diocesan structures. COVID caused quite an interruption in our planning. However, a second version of the plan emerged in 2022. It did not propose specific concrete steps; there was a strong hint of the road to take. It said: 'The time has come for further change and development. While this will look different in different places the direction of travel will lead to bigger parishes, closer to the size of closer of present deaneries. These will be served by small teams of priests and in some cases deacons will take on greater responsibilities.' As a result of COVID there was a recognition that we never emerge from a crisis the same as we went into it. We can either come out better or worse. There was a recognition that we must be more agile, adapting to new circumstances and an increased emphasis on the calling of all the baptized.

There were further rounds of meetings and consultations. All of these paved the way for the third issue of the Plan, which we have been engaged with for the past two years. It is very much a work in progress. The decision of Bishop Richard and his team to reconfigure the diocese into deanery sized parishes was the fruit of all the conversations and consultations over the best part of five years. So the parishes of the future will be quite different from parishes as we have known them all our lives.

The hope is that bringing together current groups of parishes under the pastoral care of a team of priests would create that flexibility and adaptivity envisioned by Pope Francis. As teams develop, resources could be shared and good practice could be rolled out across communities. To some extent priests might be able to play to their own particular strengths. In such cases, the groups of priests together with other members of the parish community act in common deliberations; the Moderator being the first among equals among other priests, all of whom are to all intents and purposes parish priests. With this model of a team of priests working as a unit, it is important to emphasise that the moderator is not a kind of super-sized parish priest with a group of assistants. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to the whole team. This is a shared responsibility, although the moderator does have role in coordinating

The work of the team and being the single point of contact for team with the bishop. Although a new culture of working among the clergy needs to be developed, the attachment of parish priests to particular communities is retained.