

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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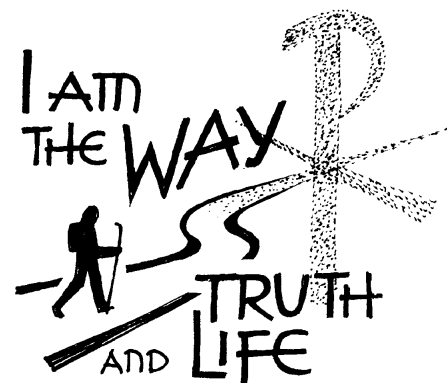
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	2 nd	6.00 pm	Carmelina Carvelli RIP
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Sirina Cacioppo RIP
		11.45 am	James Winton Concert in the Barn
Monday	4 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	5 th	9.30 am	Intention of Caspar Irani (ill)
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	7 th	9.30 am	Intention of Y. Allen
Friday	8 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Saturday	9 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Justice & Peace in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Intention of the McNulty Family
Sunday	10 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Valerie Halley



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

COLLECTIONS: Church: £563 DONA: £152 Education of Future Priests: £627

Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Clare Howse, Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, Christopher Williams, Laura Pegg, Marie Davidson, Alice Headon, Shona, Jonathan Waywell, 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, 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: Peggy Mardell, Alfreda Prokop, Alfreda Patten, Michael Crawley, Jenny Rusdell-Wilson, Barbara Howard, Brendan Casement, Mercedes Barranco. *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 KSC RACE NIGHT- For St Barnabas & Chestnut Tree Hospices from 7pm at St Oscar Romero School next Saturday 9th May. The first race will start at 7.30pm. Please help the KSC to support our local hospices. Thanks to support from the local community, people with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones can enjoy life as fully as possible, for the time they have left together. Please contact David for tickets on 07790480356 £11pp to include fish and chip supper. There will also be a Licensed bar and Raffle.

5. 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL: Congratulations to: £15 Richard Carter (105), £10 Suzy Gregory (1), £5 Daniel McCluskey (81), Jane Iago (7) and Severa Jaboli (3). Prizes are in the sacristy, including previous winnings to be collected (Peter Lucas). Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next month's draw.

6. TABLE TOP SALE FOR THE SVP: Please join us for a Tabletop Sale in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) on Saturday 9th May at the former St Charles Borromeo Church, located at the junction of Ham Road and Chesswood Road. Doors open at 10.00 a.m. There will be a wide variety of items for sale — bric-a-brac, clothes, books, and more. All proceeds will go to support the charitable work of the SVP. Please come along, find some bargains, and support a great cause!

7. REQUEST FROM SVP FOR HELPERS. The temporary base the SVP runs out of the former Charles de Borromeo church needs more helpers. We need help with:

1. additional drivers - under 70 years old with licence category C. This would be on a rota x1/ month
2. repairing furniture - small repairs to donated furniture.
3. sorting of donations - kitchen goods, clothing, bedding etc.

If you can help with any of these please contact: Rosaleen Murphy, St Catherine's - stcatherinessvp@gmail.com
Sheila Padwick, St Michael's - TreasurerA010406@svp.org.uk Ann Olliver, St Peter's - PresidentA010406@svp.org.uk

8. CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Wednesday 3 June 2026 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, London Rd, Arundel BN18 9AY You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event. This will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub and pizza social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join. Any questions should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk To sign up to this event visit: [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event \(03-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

9 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: On 4th May 1535 the first group of Martyrs of the Tudor persecution were put to death at Tyburn Hill. Just three months earlier on 1st February, the Act of Supremacy came into force. This declared it to be high treason to deny that the King, Henry VIII, and his successors were the supreme head of the Church of England. The first three of this group to die were Carthusian monks John Houghton, Augustine Webster and Robert Lawrence. The last of this group to be put to death was Richard Reynolds who, like the Carthusian priors was among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, who were canonised by Pope Paul VI. Since our parish is dedicated to them it is fitting that we should know something about them.

Richard Reynolds was born about 1492 and having studied at Christ's College, Cambridge, he joined the Order of St Bridget, a monastic order founded by St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century. The Order was introduced into England in 1401 and King Henry V founded and endowed the monastery of St Saviour and St Bridget of Syon in 1415. It was later moved from Twickenham to Isleworth in 1431 and was known as Syon Abbey. It was a double monastery comprising in separate enclosures, a community of monks and one of nuns. There were 60 nuns in one half and 13 priests, 4 deacons and 8 lay-brothers in the other half. The Abbess was in charge of the food and temporal needs of the monks and nuns while the monks were in charge of liturgical matters. Richard Reynolds was called 'The angel of Syon' and many people chose him as their confessor.

Henry VIII and his chief minister Thomas Cromwell thought that if a man of the intellectual and spiritual eminence of Richard could be made to take the Oath of Supremacy the other religious would soon follow. For the same reason the three Carthusian priors were picked upon. When he refused to accept the Royal Supremacy over the Church Richard was committed to the Tower and was tried in Westminster Hall. He was asked by the Lord Chancellor why he had persisted in an opinion different from that of so many lords and bishops and the whole realm of Parliament. He replied: 'If you propose to maintain opinions by testimonies, mine will be far stronger than yours, because I have all the rest of Christendom in my favour. I can say that I have all this Kingdom in my favour, although the smaller part holds with you. For I am sure the larger part is at heart of my opinion – though outwardly partly from fear and [partly from hope, they profess to be yours. As to witnesses of the past, I have in my favour all the General Councils, all historians, the holy doctors of the Church for the last 1500 years, especially St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine and St. Gregory'. He was then ordered to hold his tongue and said: 'Well, then, judge me according to your law.' In addition to the three Carthusian monks, he was sentenced to death together with John Haile, parish priest of Isleworth. On 4th May all five were dragged through the streets from the Tower to Tyburn wearing their religious habits and were executed one by one. Richard was the last to suffer and while others were being cruelly butchered, he continually exhorted them to courage.

The power of the King was such that there was no organized opposition to Henry at this time. The vast majority of the English clergy were probably not fully aware of the significance of the actions required of them. So impressed were they by the King's prestige that they bowed to his will. Very few people refused to take the oath of loyalty to the new laws of the State. But these isolated opponents were still far too numerous in the eyes of Henry and his minister Cromwell and they decided to deal with them severely.

The atrocities of 4th May were designed by the new head of the English church to establish the law of Christ in his Kingdom and to break the spirit of his opponents. The most outstanding English bishop was John Fisher of Rochester. He was arrested a number of times for opposing the King's attacks on the Church. Although almost 80 years old he held his ground and refused to take the oath. But his prestige was such that the authorities hesitated to destroy him. When Pope Paul III made John Fisher a Cardinal it inflamed Henry. Fisher was brought before a Special Court, found guilty of high treason and condemned to death. His execution took place on 22nd June 1535. Two weeks later, on 6th July, Thomas More – the former Royal Chancellor, mounted the steps of the same scaffold as John Fisher. We have copies of Holbein's portraits of these two great martyrs in our church – thanks to Gary. John Fisher is portrayed wearing the robes of a Cardinal but in fact he never did.