

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Pentecost

Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Norma Markham RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Sarina Cacioppo RIP
Monday	25 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	26 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	27 th	9.30am	No Mass
Thursday	28 th	9.30 am	Helena Cebo RIP
Friday	29 th	9.30 am	Jill Mathison RIP
Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	31 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Marina & John Hatton RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

COLLECTIONS: Church: £398 World Communications Sunday: £291 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection following an Appeal by the Columban Fathers

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Angela Day, 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: Ray Hudson, Mary Murphy-Sopp, Ernest Wyant, Frank Featherstone, Eileen Kennedy, Rose Little, Gerald Simblett, Hay Fraser, Cherry Stone, Patricia Limbrey. *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 PARISH OPEN MEETING will be held on Tuesday 2nd June in the Barn, beginning at 7.00pm and finishing at 8.30 pm. It is chiefly in connection with the Pastoral Plan for the Deanery and its implications for us at English Martyrs. It is important that as many parishioners as possible can come.

5. 100 CLUB: Congratulations to our 100 Club winners for May: £15 Clarke Family (67), £10 Tom Paul (103), £5 Frank McCluskey (15), Pauline Mooiai (31) and Ann Warwick (32). Prizes are in the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next months draw!

6. SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: On Sunday 14th June the Parish of English Martyrs will be celebrating Father Liam's 60th Anniversary of his Priesthood. This will start with Mass at 3.00 pm followed by tea in the Barn and gardens. There will be fun and games for the children. Please make sure that you and your family are there. The Car Park will be closed to allow the priests to park. If you have difficulty walking, or are a Blue Badge holder, please let Anne in the office know before the date so that a list of registration numbers can be given to the Knights of St Columba who are kindly 'Car Park watching'!

7. A MESSAGE FROM MARTIN B: I shall be participating in next month's Race For Life to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Should you wish to participate or donate, please get in touch with me on 01903 237145. You can also place a donation in the CRUK pot in the Main Entrance. Together we are actually beating cancer. Many thanks.

6. GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE to The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, on Wednesday 17 June from 11am until 3pm. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#). If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

7. A MASS FOR WORLD PEACE will be held here at English Martyrs on Friday 29th May at 6.30 pm. People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing's Justice and Peace Group and pray for peace in our world. The Mass will offer the opportunity to pray for all impacted by war and for healing, reconciliation and lasting peace.

8. 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

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: Of the words of Our Lady recorded for us in the gospels, two of them were spoken to the Angel Gabriel, two of them to Elizabeth and two to Jesus, her divine Son. All of these were holy and important people in Mary's life. But as she anything to say to ordinary people, to people like ourselves? WE go back to Cana in Galilee for the answer to that question. There Mary addresses the servants at the wedding feast. She had drawn her Son's attention to the fact that there was no wine left and had received a rather unpromising reply: 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet'. But Mary was not put off. She said to the servants: 'Do whatever he tells you'. Mary saw herself as a servant. That is how she described herself at the Annunciation: 'I am the servant of the Lord'. We, too, are servants of the Lord. That is our privileged position – to be at the service of heaven and earth. Mary is giving us the same advice as she gave to the servants at the wedding feast: 'Do whatever he tells you'. That is the one thing she asks of us. Mary's one interest all through her life was that of her Son, Jesus. She underwent untold sorrow and suffering in the days of his passion and death and after his Resurrection and Ascension she continues to strengthen the apostles. Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles that 'with one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and with his brothers'. (1:14) She lives only for her Son and she asks us too to live for him, our Redeemer and Saviour. 'Do whatever he tells you'. But when has the Lord ever said anything to us? When has he ever addressed himself to us? The Lord speaks to us at all times. He speaks to us in the quiet moments of prayer. He speaks to us in the hour of suffering and in the moments of great joy. He speaks to us through other people, especially when they guide us and take us by the heart. He speaks to us through his Church. God speaks to us, of course, through the scriptures – the Word of God. At Cana, in response to Mary's prompting, Jesus said to the servants: 'Fill the jars with water'. The Gospel tells us that 'there were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews. Each could hold twenty or thirty gallons'. (John 2:6) The servants may very well have thought to themselves: 'What is the point of this? Why fill the jars with water? It is wine that is needed'. But they did it anyway, and it was the very best of wine. The bridegroom – not Jesus -was congratulated: 'You have kept the best wine 'till now'. John tells us that this was the first of the signs that Jesus did. John does not speak of miracles but of signs. They reveal to us who Jesus is. This wedding feast also reveals to us who Mary is. Her words to the servants reveal to us what we are meant to do in our lives: 'Do whatever he tells you'. That is why we have been placed on this earth. These are the last words of Mary that the Gospels hand down to us. And how fitting her last words are – 'Do whatever he tells you'. This is how she reacts to the situation facing those at the Wedding Feast – the wine was running out. Some may think that the Church is running out of wine. It is certainly undergoing change and change is often painful. We are called to do things differently. We are certainly all called to do something definite and Mary reminds us that we are to do what Jesus tells us. We have all known times in our lives when we didn't know what to do. Things happen that don't seem to make sense. We need the kind of faith that Mary had – the faith that enables us to trust even when we don't understand. At Cana, Mary is not mentioned by name. She is called the mother of Jesus and she is addressed by Jesus as 'woman'. She is also addressed by Jesus on Calvary as 'Woman'. Referring to the disciple Jesus loved, Jesus says to Mary: 'Woman, this is your son'. Jesus is not expressing her relationship with him alone. She is Mother to us as well. As mother of humanity, she is sensitive to all the needs and anxieties of her children on earth.

*May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.*