

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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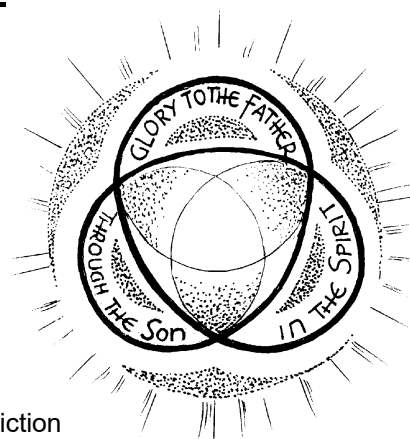
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### The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Marina & John Hatton RIP
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Martin McNulty RIP
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Billy & Peggy Gallagher RIP
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Adams Family
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Catherine Madden RIP
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Piety Carvalho RIP
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Ann Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 507 Dona: £ 547 Appeal by the Columban Fathers: £ 1,272**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**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 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: Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Margaret Birch, Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide, Geoffrey Clarey, Sarah Hancox, Simon Sims, Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert, Jim Simpson, Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski, Marion McCabe, Ella Doll. *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 next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the Barn, beginning at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.00 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. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be received by seven of our children next Sunday during the 10.30 am Mass. Please pray for: Miguel Arado, Matilda Cavazzi, Alessio De Silva, Blake Jenkinson, Rory Jenkinson, Leah Martinez Munoz and Andrew Singco.

**6. SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Parish of English Martyrs will be celebrating Father Liam's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Priesthood. This will start with Mass at 3.00 pm followed by tea in the Barn and gardens. There will be great fun and games for all the children on Presbytery lawn. Please make sure that you and your family are there. The Car Park will be closed to allow the clergy and the disabled 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. PRESBYTERY MAJOR MAINTENANCE:** Work will soon begin on the fabric of the Presbytery and so scaffolding should be appearing next week. The work will be a considerable undertaking including wall-ties, the removal of a chimney and wall-cladding. It is at least ten years since the house received attention and so much is required!

**8. 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.

**9. 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!

**10. HANDMADE CARDS FOR FATHER'S DAY** (which is on 21<sup>st</sup> June) are now available in the Shop. All proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

**11. WELCOMERS, READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Rosters for June are now available in the Sacristy

**12 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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

**13. 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

**14. 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: We all know that there is more to the Church than meets the eye.** The Church is of divine origin. The first step in its coming into being was taken by God, not by people. Those who make up the Church are a people who are called by God. The Hebrew, Greek and Latin words for church literally mean 'those who are called together' or 'the assembly'. The Second Vatican Council began its main document by talking about the 'Mystery of the Church'. When the Church and Scripture use the word 'Mystery' it means something sacred and heavenly. We speak of the Mysteries of the Rosary to mean events in which God enters our world in definitive ways. The Mystery of the Church means that there is a dimension to the Church which makes it more than an everyday, ordinary, human community. But to say that the Church is more than a human community does not mean that it ceases to be a human community. It has all the elements of a human community, negative as well as positive. Central to the Church is, of course, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who lived among us, died and rose to new life. His followers came to believe that he was the Way, the Truth and the Life. They saw the need to seek each other's company, to pray in his name, to celebrate together the new way in which they found him present among them after the Resurrection. Basically, the Church is the community of people who recognise Jesus as Saviour, who are enriched by him and gather together with other believers and avail of all the means to help us in following him. There is much else to the Church but everything else is based on this. This is what a parish community of people is. They associate with one another in an organized way in a particular locality and avail all the means to help them to come to know Jesus more deeply and to work together more effectively to witness to him by their lives. To go back to the early Christians, very early they committed their experiences of Jesus to writing. The New Testament is a collection of very early and very special written accounts of their experience and understanding of Christ. Ever since, all generations of Christians have treasured these documents which they believe to be the Word of God. So, the Scriptures are an important feature of our Christian lives and of our parish life. They have a prominent place in the Mass. When Paul wrote to various Christian communities, he does not address himself to the leaders but to all the members. His letters were read to the community when they had gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. His message is to one and all. Paul is very insistent that each member of the community has his own distinctive part to play in the life of the community. He does not use words like clergy and laity. Each person is equally important. The term 'lay person' is often used to refer to those who have not been ordained as deacon or priest. The term is also used in secular life. There it means an amateur as distinct from a professional. The term 'lay person' should not be used in this way to describe the position of baptized Christians in the Church. The real 'professional' and the real 'expert' in the Church is the one who is a true disciple of Christ. To imply that only clergy are such would clearly be very wrong. Not all clergy, myself included, are exemplary disciples. In Church language 'lay person' is used in a very precise and technical sense, so I try to avoid using the term. We are all called to be full and equal members of the Church – as fully and equal as even Pope Leo is. He has his distinctive role – but so has each one of us. We each have different roles and different gifts.