

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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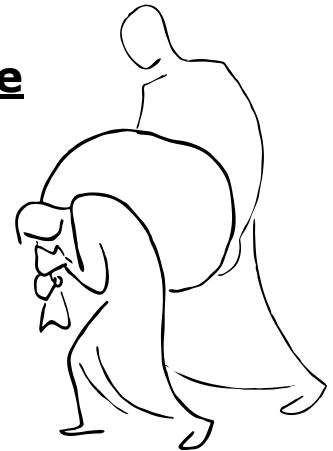
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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Teresa O'Connell & Micky Arnold RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Margaret Davie
Monday	22 nd	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Adams Family
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	24 th	9.30am	M James RIP
Thursday	25 th	9.30 am	Stephen Puttick RIP
Friday	26 ^h	9.30 am	Maureen Clark & Peter Toner RIP
Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	Melita Carvalho RIP
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	Eamon & Ann McCluskey RIP
		10.30 am	John Mark Abrahams RIP



Praise the LORD, who carries our burdens day after day.
(Psalm 68:13)

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

**Second Collection this weekend for The Day For Life (NOT Gift Aided)
Appeal next weekend for 'Let the Children Live' (Please see Note 8)**

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 363 Dona: £ 25 May Standing Orders £1,600 Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shirley Shiel, 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: Bridget Bullock, Rene Woods. Harry Jacobs, David Alexander, W J Clarke, Thomas Foley, Mieczyslaw Ostatek, Claud Tuttlebee, Rita Traynor, Stephen Puttick. *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. PRESBYTERY MAJOR MAINTENANCE: Work has begun on the fabric of the Presbytery and so scaffolding has appeared. 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!

5. AN APPEAL FROM STELLA MARIS (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) has been kindly accepted by Teresa Chatfield. Many thanks Teresa, it is much appreciated.

6. MESSAGE FROM FATHER LIAM: 'How could I thank you enough for all your good wishes and generosity in marking the 60th Anniversary for Ordination. Thanks especially for all the effort that went into planning the event. I am very grateful and humbled.

7. ANNUAL CREAM TEA will take place on Sunday 12th July at 3.00 pm in the Barn in aid of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Our Lady of Good Counsel Network. Tickets will be on sale next weekend £8 each. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

8. LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! Many children in Medellín (Columbia) live in poverty, and recently their numbers have been swollen by an influx of Venezuelan children, forced by hunger to seek refuge in Colombia. They need food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, clothing, education, toys and recreation. It is our mission at Let The Children Live! to try to provide these for as many children as we can. Colombia receives very little aid from the UK. Your gift will benefit children there who are in great need. It will help to keep them alive, to make their lives worth living, and to build a better future. Unlike some charities, we never spend more than 5 pence in the pound on fund-raising. For one month £50 would provide lunch and a healthy snack for one child at Casa Walsingham.; £25 would pay for one child's bus fares to and from Casa Walsingham and £10 would buy a school pack for one child of primary age.

9. A THANK YOU LETTER was received this week from the Columban Missionaries saying: 'it was a privilege and joy for Father Kevin to share his experience of cross-cultural mission with the parish and we are very grateful indeed for the generous collection of £1,272. A wonderful response! Above all, we are thankful for your prayers and the encouragement they give to Columban missionaries around the world, from Chile to China, from Peru to the Philippines – God bless you'.

10 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

11. 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 met a group of young people to answer whatever questions they wished to ask me – and they had some good questions to ask. I may not always have good answers. I was asked: 'Do you say Mass every day!'

There is one day every year when Mass is not celebrated and that is Good Friday. On that day our minds are concentrated on the offering of his life that Christ made on Calvary. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist we join with Christ in making that one offering of himself to the Father, which he makes present again for us in the here and now. On Good Friday the Church wishes us to reflect on Christ's love for us in laying down his life for us on the cross, two thousand years ago.

But apart from Good Friday, do I say Mass every day? My answer is that the Eucharist is an action of the community. It is not the private act of the priest. It is the community coming together in response to Christ's invitation to his followers at the Last Supper. The Mass is the action of the Church. And so, on holidays, for instance, I like to participate at Mass daily but not necessarily as the celebrant. The priest is not really meant to celebrate Mass without anybody else taking part. In the time of COVID an exception to this was made.

When we look at the prayers of the Mass we are reminded that it is a community action. In the Gloria we say: 'We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.' The word 'I' rarely occurs at Mass. Though the priest might be the one who says aloud some of the prayers, he is speaking on behalf of the people and so the word 'we' predominates. At the consecration he pronounces the words of Jesus over the bread and wine as he says: 'this is my body' and 'this is the chalice of my blood'. But there are significant times at Mass when we all do say 'I'. At the beginning of our celebration, we call to mind our sins. We sometimes do this by reciting: 'I confess to Almighty God...that I have greatly sinned through my fault'. We do not say: 'We have greatly sinned'. My sins are very much my own and I bring my own sins to the Lord as: 'I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the angels and saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God'. Before we receive Holy Communion each one of us individually acknowledge our own sinfulness: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof'.

On Sundays and on major feasts there is one other point in the Mass when we say 'I' rather than 'we'. That is when we say the Creed. We do not say 'we believe but 'I believe'. The Apostles Creed begins 'I believe in God' and the Nicene Creed begins 'I believe in God. When I look through the Creed – either one – to see what I am committing myself to by saying it, I see a strange thing. I am not saying: 'I believe that this or that fact is true' but 'I believe in someone or something'. If I were to say to somebody 'I believe in you' I don't mean that I believe in their existence. I mean that I have belief in him or that I put my trust in him and that is what I am doing when I say 'I believe in God'. Anyone can believe that God exists. Even Satan does! Just believing that God exists is an act of the mind, of the intellect. But believing in God is putting my trust in God, entrusting myself to God, is an act not only of the mind, but of the whole person.

To believe in someone is to make oneself vulnerable. If I believe in you, then I am opening myself to you. I won't take care to hide my wallet every time you come around. By believing in you I am giving you the power to let me down when I thought I could trust you. Belief in God exists in an act of pure reason, but belief in God is in act of love.

It is a declaration – I put my trust in God. The Nicene Creed – which was formulated at the Council of Nicea in present day Turkey 1,750 years ago – begins 'I believe in God'. St Thomas Aquinas tells us that the word 'one' here is not an answer to 'how many'. Using the word 'one' is finding the way to express how unique God is. I am renouncing slavery to all the little might-be-gods, such as horoscopes, racial superiority, personal ambition and the rest. I am pledging myself to put my trust in the one God.