

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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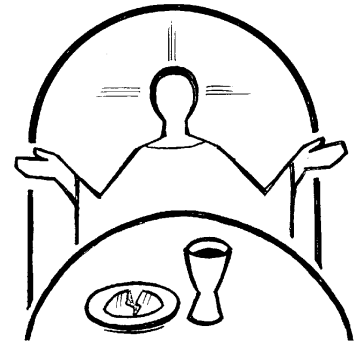
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Piety Carvalho RIP
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	Ann Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
Monday	8 th	9.30 am	K. Abraham RIP
Tuesday	9 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	10 th	9.30am	David McClusky
Thursday	11 th	9.30 am	Mirielle Byrne RIP
Friday	12 th	9.30 am	Jim Simpson RIP
Saturday	13 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Justice & Peace in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Louis & Kamala Labon RIP
Sunday	14 th	9.00 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Celebration of Father Liam's 60th Jubilee of Ordination



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

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

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

Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

COLLECTIONS: Church: £535 Dona: £ 105 CAFOD: £319 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 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: Julia Rippin, Rita Healy, Wasyl Szymuda, Raymond Tremayne, Mary Marsh, Simonne Brookes, Josette de Roland Peel, Marina Hatton, William Steadman, Bernard Carroll, Cynthia Hinchcliffe, Nuala Clarke, Wendy Lee.
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. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be received by seven of our children this 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.

5. 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 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!'

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

7. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Thursday 18th June at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

8. 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

9. PRESBYTERY MAJOR MAINTENANCE: Work will begin on the fabric of the Presbytery and so scaffolding should be appearing soon. 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!

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: The gospels recall only two of the remarks made by Mary to her Son. The first of these are found in chapter two of Luke's Gospel where he speaks of Mary and Joseph taking the twelve-year-old Jesus to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover – as they did every year. But on this occasion, when they were on their way home, his parents realized that Jesus was not with them. They returned to Jerusalem where, after three days, they found him in the Temple – 'seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions'. When at last they found him, Mary cried out 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you'.

It would be difficult to find a more natural exclamation, a more simple and understandable reaction. She and Joseph had experienced all the worry and anxiety of not knowing where he was and now the joy of finding him. Mary puts her own sorrow on the same level as that of her husband Joseph. 'Your father and I have sought you in sorrow'. She must have found the reply of Jesus puzzling: 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And we are told that 'they did not understand what he meant'. Luke tells us that 'his mother stored up all these things in her heart'.

Mary, of course, had an intense attachment with her Son but now she had come to realise little by little that her Son belonged to all mankind. She would have to see him handed for the salvation of the world. A day would come when she would have to be cruelly parted from him and he would be ruthlessly taken from her. One of the titles we give to Mary is 'Mother of Sorrows'. So many parents have to see their children suffer in a multitude of ways – and die in all kinds of tragic circumstances. Mary understands the griefs of all who suffer and so we confidently turn to Mary to comfort us in our afflictions.

The only other recorded words of Mary to her divine Son were spoken at the Wedding Feast of Cana. Mary was invited to it as was also Jesus and his disciples. When Mary noticed that the wine had almost run out she said to Jesus: 'They have no wine.' Mary saw this couple in danger of becoming severely embarrassed on the most special occasion of their lives. Wedding feasts were big affairs in the time and place of Jesus. It would go on for days. Wine was the drink at every meal – not just for big events. Many families produced their own wine. Vines grew everywhere. The tea and coffee we are familiar with were unknown in Palestine at this time, as they were in most parts of the world. Wine was inexpensive and plentiful – but not plentiful enough at Cana and Mary had a word with Jesus about it. She noticed that a problem was developing. She had an eye for what was happening and she was concerned. We can all learn from Mary to be conscious of the needs of others around us.

Mary said to Jesus: 'They have no wine'. Mary continues to speak to Jesus about our problems. She interceded for the newly married couple and their families. She brings our needs before her divine Son. In our world there is so much shortage, so much need. Mary continues to remind her Son of our need for peace and justice in our world. And we should see if there are ways in which we can offer the wine of support and encouragement to one another. We all are part of the wedding feast of God's family and, like Mary, we are meant to bring joy to the table. It is strange that of all that Mary must have spoken to her Son, there are only two brief remarks preserved for us in the gospels and yet she must have conversed with her Son more than with any other person. At Cana and in the Temple Mary is responding to events that had unexpectedly occurred. Her words arise from situations in which she found herself. We too should use the day-to-day events to raise our minds and hearts to the Lord in thanksgiving and love, asking for his guidance.