

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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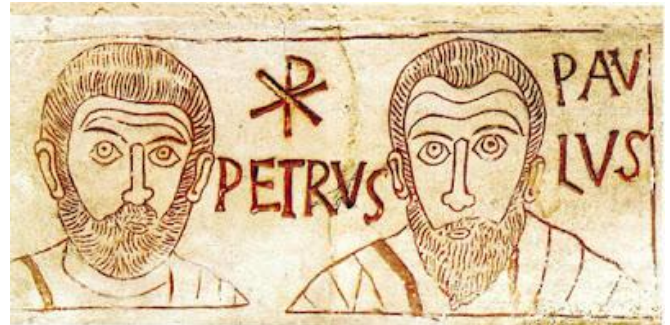
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Saints Peter & Paul

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
Monday	29 th	9.30 am	Jeevantha Frando RIP
Tuesday	30 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Wednesday	1 st	9.30am	Elaine Carter RIP
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 am	Kathy Haydon RIP
Friday	3 rd	9.30 am	Madeleine Smit RIP
Saturday	4 th	6.00 pm	Corrine Chivers RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Richard Pound RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10, Paul to the Roman 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

Appeal this weekend for 'Let the Children Live' (Please see Note 5)

COLLECTIONS: Church: £436 Dona: £122 *The Day For Life*: £369 Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shirley Shiel, Angela Day, Clare Howse, Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, 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: Paul Simmons, Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, Liza McKinney, Patricia Potter, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman, Christopher Judge, James Ashby, Michael O'Connor, Michael Weight, Robert Gibbs, Thomas Fawl, Kathleen Johnson, Veronica Smith. *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. 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 this weekend £8 each, Family Ticket £25. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

5. 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.

6. MINISTERS ROTAS FOR JULY are available in the Sacristy

7. CONFIRMATION: Next Sunday sixteen of our young parishioners, together with young people from the parishes of the Deanery, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Arundel Cathedral. We ask God's blessing on them and their families at this special stage in their journey of faith. We thank their catechists for their devoted work over the past months.

8. 100 CLUB DRAW – Congratulations to our June winners: £15: Teresa Boyle (110), £10: Shiela Watkiss (73), £5: Sue McKain (18), £5: Shirley Maycock (44) and £5: Ferdinand Lambert (66). Winnings can be collected from the envelope in the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next month's draw!

9. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

10. GOOD NEWS: "Two of our altar-servers, Charlotte Clarke and Oliver Stepney, recently flew to Aberdeen with 4 other Y9 students, to compete in the national final of the Global Underwater Hub STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Challenge, having won their regional heat in Southampton in April. They eventually won the competition to be crowned the national champions! Congratulations to them both, and the rest of the team from St Oscar Romero Catholic School"

11 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

12. 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 God in whom we believe is beyond our understanding. If we could understand God we would have to be as intelligent as God. Because he is beyond our understanding, his ways of working are beyond our understanding. We will never fully grasp the secrets of the universe. The immensity of God's creation is a reflection of God's own immensity. Ever since human beings inhabited the earth, they have pondered the wonders of the world around them. Christians have been among the leading scientists who have attempted to understand more fully the wonderful universe of which we are a part. Newton, Mendel and the Jesuit priest Lemaitre are just three examples. There are some Christians who believe that Scripture tells us in great detail about how exactly the world came into being. But Scripture is not a science-book. The Scriptures are writings inspired by God that reveals God's love for us and show us how to come ever closer to him. Scripture and Science – when they are properly addressed – can never be at odds with one another because they have different agendas while revealing God's truth to us. Recently the James Webb space telescope – the largest yet constructed – has been landed at an observation post one million miles from the earth. It cost a reported 10 billion dollars. It will go a further step in uncovering the mysteries of the universe and is expected to be operational for at least a decade. But there are some people who think that the Book of Genesis – the first book of the Bible – says the world was created in six days. They take the first chapter of Genesis literally – in spite of the fact that in chapter two there is a very different version of how the world came into existence. Both stories could not be factual accounts of how the world began nor were they ever meant to be. In the ancient middle east, people used stories to communicate truth. Jesus - centuries after Genesis was written - used stories extensively in his teaching. We call them parables. It was a powerful method of conveying ideas. Stories were passed on by word of mouth from one generation to another for centuries. Many people could not read or write but they had a great ability to remember stories – especially if the stories were vivid and colourful. That is why the parables in the gospel are as alive today as they ever were. When Jesus, for example, was asked: 'Who is my neighbour?' he answered not in the way we might attempt – but he simply told a story about a man walking the road from Jerusalem to Jericho – the story we know as the Good Samaritan. So in Genesis these two stories of creation contain such insights into God's plan for us when he brought mankind into existence that the writer conveys the marvelous truth in two memorable and picturesque scenarios that were then familiar. What the story of the 6 days of creation is saying is that everything is made by God. The existence of the universe is not a random accident. The story labels the progression of creation by means of days. These are not meant to be literal days. St Augustine in the fourth century says that the days are not time at all, but stages of development, showing that everything is organized, ordered and structured. But the exact sequence in which the structure works is not part of the message. The fact of order is what is important and God's judgement on creation – he saw that it was good, good and finally – when he had created the man and the woman his verdict was that this was very good. God is pictured as resting on the seventh day. The writer of Genesis was not stupid. He knew that God was not tired. He is telling us that we should rest on the seventh day, as God had made the seventh day sacred. In the second chapter of Genesis, the second story of creation uses the imagery of God creating woman from the rib of a man. It was evident to the people of that time and place that what was being emphasized was the equality of man and woman. Other cultures visualize men as superior to women as so many men tragically still do. In the first book of the Scriptures God reveals the beauty of his plan and the importance of taking it to heart.