

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Monday	6 th	9.30 am	Intention of Zewaida Aberto Mosqueda
Tuesday	7 th	9.30 am	Kathleen Baker RIP
Wednesday	8 th	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9 th	9.30 am	Margaret Mimneugh RIP
Friday	10 th	9.30 am	Varghese RIP
Saturday	11 th	6.00 pm	Mirielle Byrne RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.15 am	In Thanksgiving (CW)
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11, St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 363.20 Dona: £ 65 'Let the Children Live' £1,326
Standing Orders for June: £1,740.34 Thank you for your generosity**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Shirley Shiel, Angela Day, 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 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: CLARE HOWSE and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Robert Turnbull, Lorna Painter, Rev Bill Timmons, Maura Morris. Ernest Howse, William Reilly, Walter 'Joe' Simmonds, Patricia Baker, Ernest Ryan, Brian Hearn, Sheila Payne, Carmelita Yong, Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves, Moira McCann. *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. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you

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

7. CONFIRMATION: This 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. 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"

10. 'MARY 'CAUSE OF OUR JOY' DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 23- 25 October 2026

Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth". Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website or use this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp>

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 SUMMER WISH LIST: Tins - Fish, Ham, Meat and Vegetarian Ready Meals, Fruit. Quick Cook Meals - Pot Noodles, Instant Noodles, Cup a Soups, Microwave Rice. Drinks - Bottled Water, Juice Cartons, Milk & Alternative Milk, Squash, Instant Coffee. Easy Snacks - Crisps, Cereal & Snack Bars. Toiletries - Sun cream, UV Lip Balm, Body Wipes. Clothing - Sun Hats & Caps, Sun Glasses. Outdoor Essentials - 1-2 Person Tents, Sleeping Bags with cover, Reusable Bottles . Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations. It is much appreciated.

Father Liam says: Jesus tells us to call God 'Our Father'. That is one of the earliest things we have learned to say. We take it for granted that God is our Father but we ought to be dazzled by this and squashed flat by the greatness of it all. When we think of the tininess of us and the greatness of creation and the still greater greatness of the Creator, how could it be possible that we could enter into a relationship with God. The gap between us and God is not only immense – but it is infinite. To think that we could have a person-to-person relationship with the Almighty Father is crazy – unless we had a direct command from God himself. God is so far above us that it took the Son of God himself to tell us. It was something that only God himself knew. And we believe that God the Son became a human being and lived among us in order to convince us of how much he values us and wishes to enter into a close relationship with us – with each one of us. The extraordinary truth is that God loves me and desperately wants me to love him. Because he has made us he knows how wonderfully we are made and we are made for love and God is love.

In the Old Testament the Jewish prophets were inspired to recognise God's great love for his people. 'You shall be my people and I will be your God'. The Old Testament is full of loving images of God. It speaks of us of being like a weaned child on its mother's breast, or God is compared to husband abandoned by his wife but he is determined to win her back. He promises to take us back and love us for ever.

We celebrate the enormity of our Christian belief and practice when we call God 'Father'. Imagine how you would feel if a slug crawled up your arm and called you a 'friend'. And yet slugs are a lot physically closer to us than we are to God. We have much the same biochemistry as the slug and a lot of the same DNA. It is because Christ has told us to call God our Father and because God the Son has chosen to become one of us, that we have the courage to believe that God is our Father and so desire to place our trust in him.

We call him our Almighty Father. We are God's children but he does not spoil us by magically giving us everything we want. We are sometimes tempted to think if God is almighty why doesn't he cure the sick or stop wars. Some people hold God to account for tragedy and for problems. Ever since God has created mankind, he depends on our co-operation to accomplish his will. We are in partnership with God. The good God wants for the world and for us depends also on our co-operation with God.

God the Father can't love us any more than he loves God the Son. Even though he is almighty he cannot do things that are intrinsically impossible. So, God cannot will evil or do it. God cannot hate. But in the case of his Son, look at what the Father did for him and what he did not do. Could God have cancelled the Crucifixion and still have been God?

Jesus prayed to the Father that this chalice should pass him by. But the decision was made by human beings that Jesus was to be crucified. If God were to flick a switch somewhere in their heads to make them change that decision, he would be violating the integrity of their free will. God does not make Robots. To coerce a person's will is to deprive that person of what makes them human – the ability to choose. The Lord's prayer reminds us of our need of God's help in choosing what is right and good.