

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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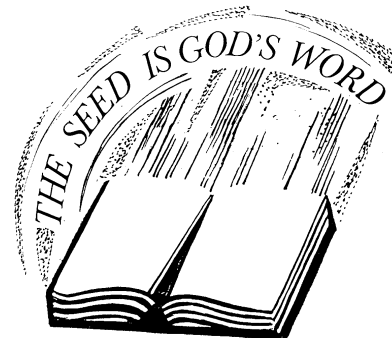
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	11 th	6.00 pm	Mirielle Byrne RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.15 am	In Thanksgiving (CW)
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	13 th	9.30 am	Intention of the Rees Family
Tuesday	14 th	9.30 am	Intention of Michael Woodland
Wednesday	15 th	9.30am	Juliet Brouder RIP
Thursday	16 th	9.30 am	Breda Byrne RIP
Friday	17 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Saturday	18 th	6.00 pm	Private Intention (J.E.)
Sunday	19 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Albert Davitt RIP



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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

This 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**

Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection for the CAFOD Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal USING CAFOD GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

COLLECTIONS: Church: £530 Dona: £105 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, 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: DAVID HALL and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Marjorie Clarke, Sean Kearney, Geoffrey Evans, Caroline Casey, Grace West, Francesco Sassi, Tony Headon. *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 this 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. OUR CHURCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. Please contact Anne in the Office 01903 242624 to offer your time. (See Father Liam says!)

8. THANK YOU: William & Emily Clarke would like to thank Fr Liam for kindly allowing them to make their appeal last weekend, and to express their sincere gratitude to everyone in the parish for the wonderful support and generosity shown towards their sponsored bike ride. They have successfully completed the ride, raising funds to enable them to take part in the Lourdes Pilgrimage, where they will be serving and assisting the sick and elderly pilgrims. They will be available after Masses this weekend to collect any outstanding sponsorship.

9. PRAYER INTENTIONS: William and Emily would be honoured to take your prayer intentions to the Grotto at Lourdes and remember them in prayer throughout the pilgrimage. If you have a prayer intention, please speak to them after Mass or bring it written on a slip of paper for them to take with them.

10. Sunday 26 July is the Catholic Church's sixth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Popes full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparent's group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

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: As you know, an appointment has been made of a new bishop for our diocese. He is Father Stephen Wang, currently Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome. He will be the sixth bishop of Arundel and Brighton since it was formed over sixty years ago and he will be ordained bishop in October.

No doubt he is already familiarizing himself with the discussions that have been long underway in our diocese about planning for the future. Every bishop throughout the world has been increasingly involved in how best to plan and manage their pastoral activities in a fast-changing social and religious situation. That landscape has enormously changed and the rate of change is becoming faster.

In our parish we have been more shielded from the winds of change than most parishes of our diocese. Compared with previous decades, far fewer priests are being ordained. That means that not only are there far fewer priests in our diocese (and in most dioceses in the Western World) but their average age is much higher. For many years it has not been possible to provide a priest for each parish. In many situations one priest, often no longer young, has to serve three parishes. It is becoming increasingly vital that parishioners themselves become more involved in the life of the parish.

With a new bishop shortly arriving, he will no doubt bring fresh thinking to what has already been proposed but the main picture is clear. The parish is the people. We are all sharers in Christ's great mission. Through baptism and confirmation, we are fully members of the Church – each one of us. We are full and equal members, with different gifts and different tasks to perform. We all have a responsibility for the growth of Christ's Kingdom of justice, love and peace. Ordained priests, deacons, the confirmed are companions together. Christ has made us all sharers in his priesthood. We join with him in offering praise and glory to the Father. In the Eucharist Jesus calls all of us to join with him in that great act of praise because we are all brothers and sisters. Jesus is our King – he is our Servant King. He has come not to be served but to serve. His whole life on earth shows his concern for the welfare and happiness of all and his call to us is to serve one another, especially the weak and frail. He has made us to be sharers in his Kingship of service.

Jesus came to bring us Good News – the news that each and everyone of us is especially precious in the eyes of the Father, who has made us in his image and likeness. He calls us to be announcers of the Good News. We are meant to be God's spokes-people – to speak on behalf of God. That is our mission. A prophet is a person who speaks God's message. We share in Christ's task. We are called to be prophets – bringing God's message to those around us. We are called to share in his role as Prophet, Priest and King. That is what Christian means. The Church is about helping us to truly be what Christ has called us to be.

All the discussions and plans are meant to help us all to realise what we are called to do. It involves all of us. It takes us all to do it. It is not the bishop's job or the priest's job or the deacon's job. It is our job. It is not a new job nor a job that arises from the shortage of priests. It is a job that Christ has given to all of us. Perhaps when there were many more priests this message was not always made as clear as it should be. We are forced now to take it seriously and this requires prayer and reflection. The Psalmist tells us 'Unless the Lord build the city, they labour in vain who build it'. We need together to form a vision of what is required for our community to grow stronger and what measures we might take to make it happen.