

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	18 th	6.00 pm	Private Intention (J.E.)
Sunday	19 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Albert Davitt RIP
Monday	20 th	9.30 am	Intention of Caspar Irani (ill)
Tuesday	21 st	9.30 am	Conway Allison RIP
Wednesday	22 nd	9.30 am	Juliet Brouder RIP
Thursday	23 rd	9.30 am	Patrick Duggan RIP
Friday	24 th	9.30 am	David Hall RIP
Saturday	25 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	26 th	8.15 am	Intention of Mike Kearney
		10.30 am	Intention of Sarah Johnstone



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15-10.45 am and 5.15 - 5.45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13: 44-52

COLLECTIONS: Church: £520 Dona: £133 The Apostleship of the Sea: £587

Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the

CAFOD Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal USING CAFOD GIFT AID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Penny Van Melsen, John Brett, Josephine Murphy, George Mahoney, Margaret Seary, Cecelia Alberly, Albert Davitt, Margaret Bolton, David Eardley, John Whitehead, Mary McCarney, Maureen Jones, Nancy Leach, James Gilligan, Jacqueline Towse, Thomas Murray. *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, last Sunday, raised £370 which will be split between SPUC and Good Counsel Network. With grateful thanks to everyone.

5. OUR CHURCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS. Please contact Anne in the Office 01903 242624 to offer your time. (See Father Liam says!)

6. 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 write it on a slip of paper or place it in a sealed envelope and give it to Fr Liam before Tuesday.
If any parishioners kindly sponsored William and Emily but have not yet had the opportunity to pay, please leave your donation with Fr Liam. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

7. DAVID HALL RIP: David's Funeral will be held this Thursday 23rd July at 12.00 noon at St. Michael's Church, High Salvington. All are welcome.

8. Wednesday 4 August 7pm: Assisted Dying: Call to Action Now that the Bill will be voted on again on 11th September it is essential to contact your MP to urge that they vote against the Bill, even if you contacted them last year. Dr Dominic Whitehouse (consultant in End of Life Care) will explain what the current position is on 4th August from 7 to 8.45pm in the Hall at St Michael's Catholic Church, 19 Hayling Rise, Worthing, BN13 3AL. All welcome.

9. 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

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 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: The editor of the Weekly Catholic Magazine, The Tablet, Brendan Walsh, has some interesting things to say about our Bishop-elect, Stephen Wang. He will be ordained Bishop in Arundel Cathedral in early October and we are looking forward to welcoming him among us.

Brendan Walsh remembers meeting him 40 years ago, when Stephen was 20 years old. He lived in Harpenden, with his parents and younger brother and sister. He had left school a little while earlier and was having a year off prior to going to Cambridge. He was not a Catholic. His father, Kin, an ophthalmic surgeon who played the organ in his Anglican church, was the son of Chinese Christian parents who had emigrated to Sheffield from Guangdong in the 1930's. His mother, Elizabeth, half English, half Scottish was an artist who had been received into the Church some years after marriage to Kin. Stephen was thinking about becoming a Catholic and in his year off, he volunteered to visit Catholic Parishes around the country to talk about the work of the Catholic Truth Society. This was an initiative of his own devising as a way of getting to know the Church on the ground. Brendan Walsh was involved in the Catholic Truth Society and so they got to know each other.

Stephen Wei-Jon Wang was born in 1966 and grew up in Hertfordshire. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1998. And on the 2nd July he was appointed by Pope Leo XIV as Bishop -elect of Arundel and Brighton. His mother's paintings are sometimes seen on posters in Catholic parishes. They can all be seen on the website of Radiant Light, the movement she founded. Among her paintings is Our Lord of Harpenden. Elizabeth died in September 2016.

Stephen spoke to Brendan Walsh, now the editor of the Tablet, of his different experiences as a priest. 'I've worked in parishes, prisons, hospitals. I've had a lot of time in University Chaplaincies and Seminaries. I'm sure that informed my heart and there's a thread running through all of it – true for all priests, not just for me – which is trying to be close to the people we're sent to serve. Trying to love others and to be loved by others, to live closely with people.'

Bishop-elect Wang told the Tablet that the Church of today 'needs to have a big heart and open doors.' He said it would be a 'beautiful adventure to get to know the diocese and the people' and learn more about the unique opportunities and challenges facing the Church in England and Wales.

He has been Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome for the last five years. Before that he served in roles including University Chaplain at the London School of Economics, Dean of Studies at Allen Hall seminary, visiting priest at Wormwood Scrubs prison and vocations director of the Diocese of Westminster. He said that when it comes to people exploring faith for the first time 'I think we need to be really welcoming and open to people and to see that they are coming from very different places. This might not be tidy. People are looking for something deep and serious. We can offer that and we mustn't be afraid of offering it. We need to offer them a home and a community, so that they can find a sense of belonging.'

Father Wang said the Church should try to speak as creatively and intelligently as it can and 'not be afraid to get involved in things and draw from the wisdom of the Christian community.' 'It's not just about the bishop giving answers from a sort of pulpit. It's about the whole Church, the wisdom of the laity particularly so that wisdom can be shaped and bringing it into dialogue with the issues of the world.' He said end of life issues are a key example of a topic where the Church must make itself heard. The Church is trying to give a vision of human life, the common good and the beauty of what human society and community life should look like.

'At heart synodality is about relationships, about having a Church community that's truly listening to God, to the Scriptures and to each other.'