

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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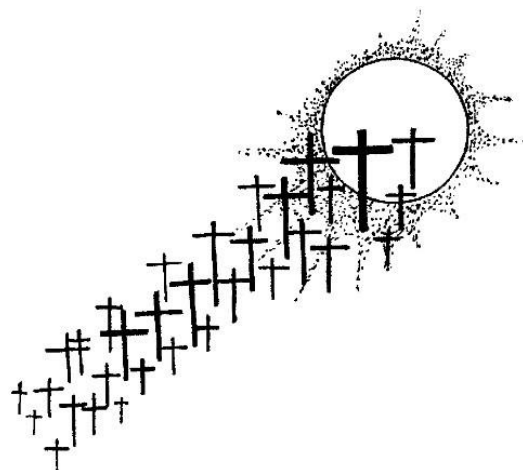
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All Saints

Saturday	31 st	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	Chris Hyttner RIP
		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP
		12.00 noon	RCIA Course (Good Shepherd Chapel)
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	Patrick & Irene McGrath RIP
		7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Anthony Gorni RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	4 th	9.30am	Norma Markham RIP
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am	Peter McGruddy RIP
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	John Bacon RIP
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Deceased Relatives of Gina Marshall
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Teresa Boyle



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 468 Dona: £ 84 Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Friedel Herrmann, Sarah Johnstone, Angela Day, Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, 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, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Diett, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, 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: Mary Furman, Harold Thirkettle, Olive Oliver, Vincent Rasdale, Brian Hurst, Liz Harvey, Reginald Patten, Elizabeth Holding, Benjamin Dixon-Smith, Margaret Hanson, Leslie Lee, Brian Dunne. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH? If so "the Journey in Faith course" is for you. It is held on Sundays at 12.00 noon following the 10.30 Mass in the "Good Shepherd Chapel". Contact Dermot on 07999488326 for any further details

4. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Is your son or daughter in Year 3 this term? If so, they are at the age where they can start the preparation course for First Holy Communion. Please collect a letter and application forms from the Sacristy and return it to the Parish Office by **18th December** at the latest. The first meeting for parents will be on Monday 4th January at 7.30pm in The Good Shepherd Chapel and the first lesson for the children will be on Tuesday 5th January from 4.30 – 5.30 pm.

5. CONFIRMATION 2026/27 If you are in Year 9 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting on Friday 13th November. Please collect application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. (Closing Date for applications: **Sunday 8th November**)

6. THE PARISH AGM: Tuesday 17th November at 7.00 pm, in the Barn. All welcome.

7. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka. Christmas Cards are also available.

7 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 CLUB WINNERS for October: £15 Anne Niven, £10 Sandra Puttick, £5 Clarke Family, Sandy Curd and Carol Butler. **Prizes still to collect from previous draws:** Peter Lucas (x2), Paul Payne, Antonio Loyola, Alberico Peci (x2), Ferdinand Lambert and Peter Bandy. **Please collect your prize from the envelope in the sacristy.**

8. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held on Thursday 12th November at 11.00 am here at English Martyrs. You are invited to make every effort to come to this very important annual occasion to remember in prayer the clergy, now deceased, who once served in our Parishes.

9. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS: The usual ‘November envelopes’ are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

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: Sleeping rough exposes people to constant risk including the heat, cold and malnutrition. With your gifts of clothing, blankets, protective gear and hot meals, we can meet these urgent needs and give people the comfort and care they deserve. Last year we supported 978 people across West Sussex, and unfortunately, we’re seeing this number go up. In addition tins of food of any description are always very welcome. Many thanks to all those who continue to contribute by putting goods under the bench in the West porch. It is much appreciated.

Father Liam says: In 1850 Catholic bishops were appointed to dioceses in England and Wales for the first time since the death of the Catholic Queen Mary in 1558. Under Queen Elizabeth I, Catholic dioceses ceased to exist but some bishops who served the Church under Queen Mary remained in the country and continued to minister secretly as best they could. Later, bishops were appointed by Rome to various sections of the country. They confirmed people and organized Catholic life in their areas. They were known as vicars apostolic. There were a number of Catholic landed gentry who housed priests who had been ordained abroad and these priests looked after Catholics in their areas. These Catholic families had great influence and did not always see eye to eye with the vicar apostolic. The number of Catholics was quite low but in 1829 the Catholic Emancipation Act was passed, repealing most of the Penal Laws under which Catholics suffered. The Church in England had been strengthened by many Catholics, clergy and laity, who fled persecution in France at the end of the time of the French Revolution in 1879. Subsequently great numbers came from Ireland at the time of the Famine in the 1840’s and afterwards.

When the Catholic hierarchy were restored, Cardinal Wiseman was appointed Archbishop of Westminster. He had spent many years in Rome as Rector of the Irish College there and was not very sensitive to the suspicion in which Catholics in England were held. He announced the restoration of the hierarchy in rather triumphant terms. As he journeyed back to London he learned with dismay how the news had been received in England. He wrote a personal letter to Lord John Russell, the Prime Minister, in an attempt to clear up any misunderstandings about the significance of this new situation. But the fury was truly astonishing, whipped up by many of the Newspapers, especially The Times. The Prime Minister added to the outcry. He wrote: ‘There is an assumption of power in all the documents that have come from Rome, a pretension to supremacy over the realms of England and a claim to sole and undivided sway, which is inconsistent with the Queen’s supremacy, with the rights of our bishops and clergy and with the spiritual independence of the nation.’ He made no mention of the reassuring letter which Cardinal Wiseman had sent him. He went on: ‘I feel persuaded that we are strong enough to repel any outward attacks. The liberty of Protestantism has been enjoyed too long in England to allow any successful attempt to impose a foreign yoke upon our minds and conscience. No foreign prince or potentate will be permitted to fasten his fetters upon a nation which has so long and so nobly vindicated its right to freedom of opinion, civil, political or religious.’

Such outbursts helped to produce the atmosphere of angry excitement – on the eve of Guy Fawkes Day! The firework displays and bonfires which resulted were without precedent for generations. The Prime Minister’s letter had been an open provocation to demonstrating, not only against Catholics but also against the High Church element in the Church of England, the Tractarians like John Henry Newman and their followers. Crowds assembled everywhere in the streets and violent expressions were given in all the districts around London to the hatred of the new hierarchy and the Tractarians alike. Cardinal Wiseman’s effigy appeared in every procession and was burned amid howls of jubilation. Similar scenes were enacted throughout the country.

Meanwhile Cardinal Wiseman was still hurrying homewards. He did not arrive in London until 11th November and the campaign against him had developed even further. The Bishop of London had denounced the whole Catholic clergy as ‘emissaries of darkness’ and the Bishop of Manchester had proclaimed that ‘Rome clings to her abominations’. On the day before Wiseman arrived the newspapers contained reports of the Lord Chancellor’s speech at the Mansion House dinner in which he boasted amid great applause that ‘under our feet we’ll stamp the Cardinal’s hat, in spite of Pope or dignitaries of the Church’.

Within a few days Cardinal Wiseman had written a letter of great length which he sent to the printers and 30,000 copies were sold in pamphlet form. He had hoped that The Times would also publish it and when four of the other dailies did, The Times did the same. Wiseman was convinced that the people would never fail to respond to a direct appeal for fair play. He was proved right.