**PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way** **8.11.2026**
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# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | 7th | 6.00 pm | Deceased Relatives of Gina Marshall |
| Sunday | 8th | 8.15 am | The Parish |
| | | 10.30 am | Intention of Teresa Boyle |
| | | **12.00 noon** | **RCIA Course (Good Shepherd Chapel)** |
| Monday | 9th | 9.30 am | Ellen 'Pat' Newman RIP |
| Tuesday | 10th | 9.30 am | Catherine Madden RIP |
| | | **7.00 pm** | **Choir Practice** |
| Wednesday | 11th | 9.30am | Tony Kearney RIP |
| Thursday | 12th | **11.00 am** | **Deanery Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery** |
| Friday | 13th | 9.30 am | Deceased Relatives of the Bandy & Phillips Families |
| Saturday | 14th | 6.00 pm | Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered |
| Sunday | 15th | 8.15 am | Joan Wand RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | The Parish |



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

**TODAY'S READINGS**: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £558 Dona: £63 Standing orders for October: £1,575.34**
**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: ANTHONY GRANA** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Francis Fisher, Mary Constance, Billy McCann, Brian McHale, Phillip Horsfall, Edward Hetherington, Elvira Fleming, Patricia Thompson, Maria Archer, Bernard O'Connor, Helenja Kamieniecka, John Biddles, Thomas Eze, Henry Weber, Baby Katie Wright.
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. 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: **THIS Sunday 8th November**)

**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. THE CHURCH IS NOW CLOSED** to visitors to the ceiling until Easter next March. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who have so diligently greeted visitors and run the Repository – it is very much appreciated. The Repository will be open after each of the weekend Masses. A good place for Christmas cards etc

**6. THE PARISH AGM** Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 pm, in the Barn. All welcome.

**7. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS** for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held next **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.

**8. 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

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

**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: The Catholic hierarchy was restored in England** in 1850 when the new Catholic dioceses were created and Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman was appointed, by the Pope, Archbishop of the principal diocese, which was given the name of Westminster. For the Pope to call it by that name was seen as 'Papal Aggression' by the Prime Minister, Lord John Russell, who regarded it as a pretention to supremacy over the Realm of England'.
In his letter defending the Pope's decision, Wiseman skillfully commanded popular sympathy. Almost the entire press, which had been previously so hostile, acknowledged the power and force of his defence – but not The Times which continued its campaign against the Catholic Church. The whole controversy galvanized the Catholic community into new life and Gladstone and other influential politicians took up the defence of the Tractarians like John Henry Newman and other high church members as well as support for the Catholic position.
Among those who opposed the decision of the Pope were some notable Catholic gentry, such as Lord Beaumont and the Duke of Norfolk. To confirm his protest the duke publicly received communion in the Church of England and ceased to regard himself as a Catholic, until the end of his life. The apostacy of the Duke of Norfolk was quite a blow to the Church but the influence of the Catholic gentry had been in decline with the immense increase of the Catholic population, the arrival of many Catholic priests from Ireland and the Continent and the growing number of those embracing the Faith. Before the Restoration of the hierarchy, the Catholic nobility who had remained true to their faith, had enjoyed considerable influence in the Catholic community and, indeed, it was largely due to them that the Church survived.. They suffered greatly in so doing. Now, however, their influence greatly diminished and some of them resented the loss of power.
Wiseman wrote later that though he had tried to hurry back from Rome it was fortunate that he was not in England for Guy Fawkes Day for 'I believe that had I been here that day, something very disagreeable might have occurred, for the people were fearfully urged on'. He felt that 'doing everything calmly and without showing either fear or forwardness, had a most beneficial effect.' On his first Sunday he said Mass at St George's church in Southwark. 'I had received continual warnings that I would be shot or attacked on that day, but I despised all that. I sang High Mass and preached to an immense congregation. In the evening the church was crammed and I gave my first of three talks on the hierarchy. Everyone seemed completely absorbed on the subject. There was not a single disagreeable occurrence'. Writing to the Pope, he went on: 'You may therefore consider all danger or tumult or commotion at an end. As for myself, I have not experienced the slightest approach to an insult, or any other behavior than the most respectful'.
In another letter he wrote: 'I have borne the entire brunt of the excitement. The other bishops have escaped almost unnoticed and as I have broad shoulders and some public estimation and good friendship, I could stand a great deal. Assure the Holy Father that every day convinces not only me but all Catholics more and more that religion has been pushed on inestimably by all that has happened.' In spite of Wiseman's optimism, popular discontent against the establishment of the hierarchy, which the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor had helped to inflame, created a storm which had risen so fast that the Government found it necessary to introduce some measures to appease public opinion. In February 1851 and Act was passed by a majority of three to one, which imposed a fine of £100 upon any Catholic bishop who assumed the title of his diocese. Among those who opposed it was Gladstone. But it was a dead letter from the start and after 20 years it was repealed.
Many people were received into full Communion of the Catholic Church, including Henry Manning, who eventually succeeded Cardinal Wiseman as Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster in 1865. Many, including Gladstone, had visited Cardinal Wiseman before he died. When Westminster Cathedral was built, both Cardinals Wiseman and Manning were interred there in 1902.