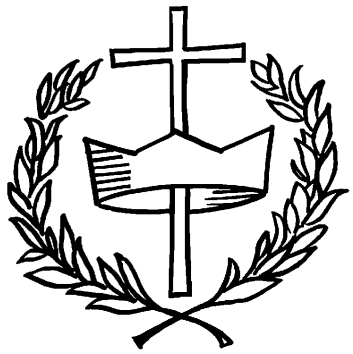
PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way **22.11.2026**
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Saturday	21st	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	22nd	8.15 am	Tony Kearney RIP
		10.30 am	Patrick, Jack & Mary Haugh RIP
		12.00 noon	**RCIA Course (Good Shepherd Chapel)**
Monday	23rd	9.30 am	Lee Guile RIP
Tuesday	24th	9.30 am	Tim & Angela Ryan RIP
		11.00 am	**REQUIEM FOR ANTHONY GRANA RIP**
		7.00 pm	**Choir Practice**
Wednesday	25th	9.30 am	Elaine Carter RIP
Thursday	26th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	27th	9.30 am	Peter Honiball RIP
Saturday	28th	6.00 pm	Catherine Bandy RIP
Sunday	29th	8.15 am	Ann & Eamon McCluskey RIP
		10.30 am	Roger DavisRIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

COLLECTIONS: Church: £548 Dona: £ 197 Thank you for your generosity
This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

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: MARIE-MELANIE 'ASTRID' GIBSON and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Richard Carrod, Pat Tasker, Donald MacDonald, Sarah Clarke, Humphrey Niven, Sheila Shave, Francis Sloan, Dennis Bevans, Terry Van Melsen, Anne Hughes, George Maw, Reginald Austin, Lelia Murray, Patricia Steadman, Eileen Kavenagh, Anne McNamara, Peter Honiball. *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 soon. Please collect application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. (Closing Date for applications: Deadline extended to **Sunday 29th 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. CONGRATULATIONS to our 100 Club winners for November: £15 Michelle Warwick (89), £10 Charles Hutchin (25), £5 Elaine Ryan-Bassi (29), Rubia Family (97) and Guiseppe Regnante (71). Please collect your prize from the envelope in the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 Club and good luck in next month's draw!

6. 'CURRY & CAROLS' full of Christmas festivities and a sing-along, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 5th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend - Adults £10.00 Children £5.00 Raffle prizes please!

7. 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.

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. MARY'S MEALS can make a lasting impact with your left-over holiday currency or even pre-decimal coins/notes. If you wish to donate any currency please contact Anne in the Parish Office 01903 242624 or Charles 07943 561868.

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: Items from the Winter Essentials List would be much appreciated: 2in1 shampoo & conditioner, Body wash, Body wipes, Deodorant, Toothbrushes & toothpaste, Razors & shaving gel. New gloves & winter hats, New women's pants S/M New men's boxers S/M New socks - trainer, thick & thermal. Handwarmers, Head torches Rucksacks, Roll mats/camping mats. Large soft drinks, Hot chocolate, Cereal bars, Long-life milk, Sweet Treats, Selection boxes, Luxury biscuits, Chocolate spread, Savoury Bites, Juice cartons & cans of pop, Crisps - sharing bags, Nuts, Twiglets, Chocolate tubs, Pringles. 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: It is now six months since Pope Leo XIV published his encyclical letter 'On the Protection of the Human Person in the Age of Artificial intelligence'. It has certainly sparked a worldwide conversation. Artificial Intelligence is already impacting and shaping our personal lives, workplaces, schools and communities. People are asking what AI will mean for their children, their work, their privacy and freedoms and their future. How will it affect our hospitals, public services and our democracies. The encyclical is meant to encourage us to reflect and discuss these questions: what can AI do for us? What kind of people ae we becoming through AI? What kind of world are we building? What are the opportunities and challenges of AI for the future?

The Church does not claim to have a technical answer to every AI question. But it does alert us to the ethical principles involved in the debate. Technological revolutions are not new. In 1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote an important encyclical called RERUM Novarum – the 'new things' – concerning the inventions of his day and how industrial relations should be conducted. In our times Pope Leo XIV accepts that 'over the centuries, technological development has significantly improved the living conditions of humanity in some cases but at te same time, he says, 'each phase of progress has also revealed the ambiguity of tools that can cause harm when not orientated toward the Good'.

This encyclical challenges us to seriously consider what responsibilities do governments, companies and citizens have in shaping ethical AI. Does it serve people or instead tend to dehumanize or even aim to replace them? In the light of AI how do we defend the dignity of every human being, especially the most vulnerable.

In preparing his letter, known as Magnifica Humanitas from its opening words in Latin, Pope Leo listened to scientists, engineers, political leaders, teachers and parents. He said that together we can discern the major questions of our time and so the future of Humanity. Pope Leo says 'communities and orginisations must not be reduced to passive recipients of decisions made elsewhere. They must be able to contribute to discernment and oversight.' Pope Leo emphasizes the important distinction between human and AI interaction. AI may imitate or even simulate empathy and understanding' but, he adds, AI lacks 'the affective, relational and spiritual perspective through which human beings grow in wisdom.'

At the heart of Pope Leo's encyclical lies the conviction that human dignity deserves protection at all times. Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. At the Incarnation God came among us with a human voice, a human face and a human heart. In today's world of screens, artificial voices and masks, words the Church defends the dignity of each human person with a real face and authentic voice.

AI can do remarkable things. It can sort through vast amounts of information and create wors, images and voices that seem very real. It can mimic human behaviour and qualities, but AI does not have a conscience. It cannot care, love, suffer, forgive, pray or hope as humans can. As Pope Leo puts it: 'artificial intelligences do not experience life, do not possess a body, do not experience joy or pain and do not know from within what love, work and responsibility mean'.

What Pope Leo places at the centre of his letter is the question: 'What happens when we entrust questions of life and death to systems whose mode of operation lies outside the direction of human intelligence and freedom. 'Moral judgment,' he says, 'cannot be reduced to calculations. It involves conscience, personal responsibility and recognition of the other as a person. Lethal and irreversible decisions cannot be entrusted to artificial systems. The danger is not simply that machines may become increasingly powerful. It is that human beings may gradually surrender to AI the very capacities that make genuinely human judgement possible.' His plea to us, in his own words is 'Let us protect our magnificent humanity',