

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Jessica Forte RIP
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Lillian Shanahan RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	4 th	9.30 am	Margaret Mann RIP
		12.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR AUDRÉE PRICE RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	5 th	9.30 am	Intention of Nicholas & Mary Murphy
Thursday	6 th	7.30 pm	Tom Nesdale RIP
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy Group
Friday	7 th	9.30 am	Michael Murphy RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	8 th	6.00 pm	Mike Steere RIP
Sunday	9 th	8.15 am	Antony Iago RIP
		10.30 am	Ester Park RIP



SATURDAY: Holy Hour: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

This weekend we are happy to welcome Bishop Richard to our parish

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 58: 7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

COLLECTIONS: Church: £ 544

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Lelia Murray, Breda Gibson, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, Mike Yeulett, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Finlay Finlayson, Irene Miles, Catherine Fuller, Pauline Leyder, Edith Forrester, Colette Coombes, Hilda Holcroft, Anastasia Langan.

3. ST. VALENTINE'S EVENING CANDLELIT DINNER will take place on Saturday 15th February to raise funds for the Parish Project, the hospice in Kalingalinga. This very popular event will include a three-course meal, Bar, music and raffle. Tickets are £7.50 each and will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend.

4 CHOIR PRACTICES will start again **this** Tuesday 4th February from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. We shall be learning new music to lead the congregation at Mass as well as music for the Easter services. New members are most welcome to join us. For more information please contact Margaret on 01903 504316

5. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our sixteen First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall to the left of the Good Shepherd Chapel. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 17th May.

6. EVENING PRAYER FOR DIVORCED, REMARRIED & SEPARATED will be held on Sun. 23rd February at 3 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham. You are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon. If you would like to attend, in order to assist catering arrangements, please contact Katherine Bergin 01293 651152 or email Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

7. USED POSTAGE STAMPS: A large consignment of used stamps, mainly from Christmas and some really beautiful, was sent to St Patrick's Missionary Society and they have sent their grateful thanks to us. Many thanks, also, for trimming them so neatly, it made the job much easier and did not require too much in postage

8. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale after the 8.15 and 10.30 am Masses **next** Sunday

9. ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to recruit a practising Catholic to join their governing body as a Foundation Governor. The governing body works as a team in cooperation with the headteacher to ensure legal responsibilities are met and to preserve the Catholic character of the school. They are looking for people with varying experience. If you have an interest in supporting the school by giving time and your expertise please contact them for more information on 01903 502868 or office@englishmartyrs.school

10. ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will be taking place from 24th–30th July 2020. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website www.ablourdes.org or telephone the Pilgrimage Office – 01403 740110. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct. Nurses are also required

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Colouring Pencils and Crayons, Pencil cases and Notebooks. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

12. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items needed: Cereals (no Cornflakes or Porridge), Cooking Sauces, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Salad Cream, Cooking Oil, Squashes, Tea, Coffee, Washing Powder, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Pump Hand Soap, Sanitizer Sprays, Floor cleaner, Toilet Bleach, Washing-up brushes, Hoodies, and Cereal bowls. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Father Liam says: A fridge has been described – and this is no joke – as a place where you store food before throwing it away. The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) has produced research suggesting that people in the UK needlessly throw away 6.7 million tonnes of food each year. It is truly astonishing – and unforgivable – that nearly a fifth of the food that is purchased is thrown away – untouched. I would hazard a guess that over the Christmas period the amount thrown away is even greater. We are clearly buying too much. The UK statistics show that the average household throws away about 18% of its food and those with children often throw away 27%. What are we throwing away in particular? 5,500 whole chickens are thrown out every day and, unbelievably, 440,000 ready meals, again daily! Bread and potatoes are the two foods most commonly thrown away, when they could very well be eaten. Yoghurt is the single-most abandoned item with 1.3million unopened cartons being binned daily - joining everything else in our ballooning landfill sites. What an insult all this is to our environment, to the hungry of the world, to God who is creator and Father of all.

In the last thirty years alone, the human species has destroyed one third of its non-renewable resources. Our actions have consequences. The destruction of the rainforests leads to global warming, as does the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Concentrations of carbon-dioxide – the main gas driving global warming – has reached new highs of 407.8 parts per million (ppm). This is well above the level of 280 ppm seen before the Industrial Revolution. This marked the start of large scale burning of fossil fuels which has driven up carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The World Meteorological Organisation reports that there is no sign of slowdown, let alone a decline in greenhouse gases concentration in the atmosphere despite all the commitments made under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. It pleads that 'we need to translate the commitments into action and increase the level of ambition for the sake of the future welfare of mankind.' We carry on regardless, in the process losing around 10,000 species of life every year.

Why is there so little sense of urgency? Why do not these issues feature more strongly in political debate? Why don't more people worry about the Greenland glaciers melting into the Atlantic? Could any project be more important and more noble than protecting our planet? Can it be that some people argue that they won't be around when the inevitable happens, so why worry about it? When we look at all the great cathedrals and consider all the effort and money devoted to them over several generations, we should derive inspiration from that. If the people of that time had argued that it would be futile to embark on these great projects because they would be long dead before they got off the ground what a loss that would have been to civilisation. But we are facing the loss of civilisation itself and we seem to be so complacent about it. We can't face the inevitable sacrifices that would be involved in making the changes necessary to avert the impending threats to the health of our planet. We seem to think that it would be too much effort for no immediate gain, since the gains benefit the next generation and not us!

When those involved in the building of the great cathedrals, City Halls, museums and theatres faced the task ahead of them they behaved as if they would see them completed in their lifetime. They believed that the great projects were worth doing irrespective of whether they would ever live to see the result. Those who lived before us made the world so much better for us. Think of all the great universities, hospitals, railways, sewerage systems that we have been able to benefit from. What can those who come after us thank us for if we fail the great task of our time – ensuring that we leave this planet in a state fit for those who follow us?

If through carelessness or selfishness on our part, creation is diminished and some species become extinct, it is like chipping a piece off a cathedral. In time, as piece by piece disappears, the appearance of the cathedral is changed utterly and it faces ruination. The cathedral of creation is a dwelling that needs all its parts. It has been designed by the great Architect and we have been appointed its custodians. Are we up to the job?