

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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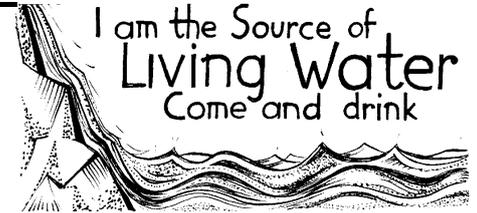
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The Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday	14 th	6.00 pm	Michael Patterson RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.15 am	Mary Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	16 th	6.00 pm	Polish Mass
		9.30 am	Bill & Nell O'Keeffe RIP
		6.30 pm	Ecumenical Lent Group
Tuesday	17 th	9.30 am	Intentions of the Extended Family of Nora & Patrick Murphy
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	18 th	9.30 am	Elvira Urairia RIP
		7.00 pm	Divine Mercy lent Group
Thursday	19 th	7.30 pm	Don MacDonald RIP
		8.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	20 th	9.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Dick Glenister RIP
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	In Thanksgiving (PR)
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

COLLECTIONS: Church: £530 **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: £1,065** Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Albert Davitt, Lelia Murray, Breda Gibson, Nicholas Murphy, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Anthony Canneaux, Lawrence Brownlee, 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: Frances Money, Elizabeth Hastie, Kathleen Kearney, Fred Melling, Peggy Dale, Kate Rowe, Michael Conway, Joyce Whaling, Marjorie Leach, Stanley Hanson, Michael Hancox, Mary Wilds, Darryl Cox, Gerry Potter

3. TWO ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS are being held during Lent. One meets on Mondays in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 6.30 pm and the other on Thursdays at Bury Drive Methodist Church at 2.00 pm. The Thursday Group will be led by a different Minister each week

4. TRAIDCRAFT WILL BE ON SALE after all Masses **next** weekend

5. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place here **on Thursday** 2nd April at 7.30pm. If you will be unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery

6. THE RE DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY: On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, the Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary will take place throughout the country. For those who would like to participate, there will be an Angelus promise prayer and the Act of Entrustment prayer said at 12noon in the Good Shepherd chapel in unison with others around the country. For more information visit the website behold2020.com or speak to Deacon Gary.

7. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will meet again **next** Sunday 22nd March in the Barn, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Year 7 and upwards. An opportunity for food, relaxation and fun. New members always welcome

8. HAND-MADE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga. St Patrick Day cards etc are also available.

9. ENGLAND: 'THE DOWRY OF MARY' film will be shown in the Barn on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm – (1 hour and 20 minutes.) The unique title of Dowry of Mary (Our Lady) for England can be traced deep into England's Catholic past. What is the meaning of this title, its history, roots and significance and why now, after almost 1000 years since the first dedication, is England being re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary at the end of March? Free showing, refreshments provided.

10. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

11. IGNITE: TEENAGE RETREATS: 8th-10th May 2020 @ Worth Abbey Ignite retreats are faith filled, fun packed weekends for teenagers held at Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Sussex. The weekends are all about exploring faith, getting to know God better whilst having lots of fun and getting to make lots of friends. Expect talks, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The retreats are run by myself (Jess) and a great team of young adults. **To find out more or to book please email toc@worth.org.uk**

12. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Flannels & Serviceable Towels, Pencil cases and Notebooks. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

1. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items needed: Mayonnaise, Coffee, Sugar, Tinned Meats. Also Toilet Rolls, Toilet Cleaners, Bleach, Sanitizer Sprays, Washing Power, Furniture Polish, Bathroom Cleaner, Toothbrushes, Deodorants and Cereal bowls. Men's boxers. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

Walking in the footsteps of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Many people have asked us what is it that draws us back time and again to work with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta and it is a difficult question to answer. Like so many other people we meet in the church, we all share a passion for social justice.

I guess the seeds of service were planted in us at an early age. Growing up and watching scenes on the television of the Biafran and later the Ethiopian famines, to the plight of refugees fleeing persecution have always wounded me to my core. Many years ago now I ordered a book about the life of Saint Mother Teresa (The Joy of Loving). I remember reading one entry of a young person visiting Calcutta and Mother noted that her eyes weren't smiling and sent her to work at a hospice for the sick and dying called Kalighat, where she found Jesus.

Perhaps I knew my eyes were not smiling either. After prayer and discussion with Jane Anne I booked a flight to Calcutta.

My journey from the airport was like landing on another planet with so many people, cows, dogs, cars, rickshaws, mopeds and bicycles all jostling for space and making as much noise as they possibly can about it. However the volunteer community soon captivated me, by the warmth and friendliness of the Missionary of Charity Sisters and the people. I felt part of a family driven by the Holy Spirit to bring light to the darkness of sickness and death. Since my first solo trip we have been returning to Calcutta over ten years now and have volunteered at many places where our help is most needed. We begin our day at 5.45am with Morning Prayer and Mass. The day is ended with prayer, rosary and Adoration, during which time the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to all.

In a city as chaotic and noisy as Calcutta, the chapel becomes a vital part of the volunteer's day. It is through spending time in communion with others, prayer and receiving the Eucharist that we are able to continually go out and give so much of ourselves. In the early days the sisters shared this truth of our faith and now we can pass this on to the new volunteers.

Sometimes it is easy to become immune to the poverty of Calcutta, after all everything is relative. However volunteering is a very humbling experience.

Kalighat (hospice) especially is a very special place; a place where the tears of the dying and the tears of the searching meet, a place where East meets West and where boundaries of the caste system are broken down. We both have many stories to share but some of the special moments that stick in my heart are the simple moments of when I feed the people who cannot help themselves or buying food for the homeless and taking the time to sit and share that food with them. In their poverty they have so much generosity of spirit. It is at these shared experiences that we bond together in our humanity. These shared experiences matter and it is in touching each other's brokenness that we find Jesus. Saint Mother Teresa said: that we all need healing "That in the West we are financially rich but spiritually poor and in Calcutta the people are financially poor but spiritually rich. " we need each other"

Every volunteer contributes a drop in the ocean of humanity and it is certainly true that the ocean would be less without these. It is easy to look at the big picture; to see the thousands of suffering people and forget that we can only do small things with great love – that the one person we serve at a given moment is Jesus. Saint Mother Teresa recognized this and through the grace of God, her religious sisters and volunteers her legacy is thriving but always needs help.

Dermot Casey