

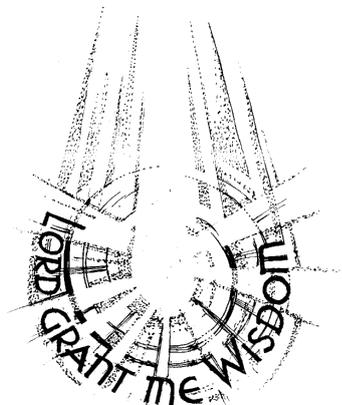
PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	25 th	6.00 pm	Margaret Lynn RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Al Davitt RIP & Family
Monday	27 th	9.30 am	NO MASS
Tuesday	28 th	9.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP
Wednesday	29 th	9.30 am	Intention of Thomas Duggan (ill)
Thursday	30 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	31 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	1 st	6.00 pm	Intention of Martin Barontini
Sunday	2 nd	8.15 am	Intention of Gerald (Ill)
		10.30 am	The Parish



TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13: 44-52

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

COLLECTIONS: Church: £379 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, Frances Boylan, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, 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, 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: MARGARET SEARY, ALBERT DAVITT and those whose anniversary occurs about this time: Jim Corcoran, Doris Birch, Brendan McCann, Elsie Peeney, Timothy Payne, Patrick Harty, Joan Hawkins, Constance Lilleyman, Janet Flynn, Bernard Flynn, Sheila Mander, Brenda Allen *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. WHAT FUTURE FOR ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH? For the last five months the over 70's have been depicted as frail individuals in need of protection even though the majority are fit and have been proving this by organising/running so many things within our church for many years. However the idea has taken its toll and now the church is in very urgent need of the 'Under 70's' to come forward and take over. A number of we 'ancients' will continue, where the Bishops allow us to, but now every area of church life needs 'young' volunteers. This goes from welcoming visitors, working in the Repository, helping at Friday Friendship in the Barn, cleaners, flower arrangers and the myriad of jobs in between. If you are under 70 and could give an hour or two a week/month please contact the office – 01903 240001 – and discuss with Anne the tasks that interest you and where you would be happy to help.

4. CAFOD has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help millions of vulnerable people whose lives are at risk as the coronavirus pandemic spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict.

Families who have been forced to flee their homes in places including Syria, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, now face another deadly threat as coronavirus takes hold in new areas. There are not enough hospital beds or supplies to treat those who fall ill, and families face hunger as a result of lockdowns, price rises and job losses. We need to reach and protect the most vulnerable who have already lost everything. CAFOD Director, Christine Allen, said: "In the UK our struggle against coronavirus has entered the next phase, but in many of the world's poorest communities the fight has only just begun. We need your support to reach these communities and help people to cope as best they can when an outbreak of the virus strikes." You can donate in any of the following ways: **Online:** <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off? Amount=25& Appeal=121945>
Telephone: Call +44 (0)303 303 3030 **Post:** CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

5. WELCOME to Father John Nuttall who will be joining us this weekend for awhile while Father Liam takes a holiday

FATHER LIAM SAYS: It is no surprise that the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) have been making a huge appeal asking for financial help to respond to the Pandemic disaster. They are pointing out that in the world's most fragile places Coronavirus is just getting started. DEC has 14 member charities, including CAFOD, Christian Aid, Save the Children and Oxfam. For efficiency they combine their appeal activity so that they can reach the maximum number of would-be donors at reduced cost to the charities. Poverty, hunger and suffering are unfortunate facts of life for most of the world's population even in 'normal times.' Now the situation is far worse. All donations to this appeal will be matched pound by pound by the UK Government (up to £5 million). It is impossible to remain unconcerned in the face of this unprecedented disaster.

Our Christian faith challenges us to help the victims of this virus and those threatened by it. Jesus shows us that we are capable of sacrifice, discipline and courage. The Eucharist is at the centre of our Christian life and the Eucharist implies loving service. Jesus tells us that he has come not to be served but to serve. In the Eucharist he comes to us in the most self-effacing way to demonstrate how much he loves and cares for us and how much he wants to strengthen us for the life of service he expects of us, especially in helping those in need. At the Last Supper John places great emphasis on the Washing of the Feet. It is as if Jesus is declaring that if we celebrate the Eucharist then we must embrace a life of service. Commitment to Christ in the Eucharist carries with it a commitment to Christ in the poor and the needy. We cannot be a Eucharistic people and at the same time be indifferent to the existence of so much suffering in our world. Jesus shows us how to respond. He came among us as one who serves. The Church must become more truly a servant Church, listening and responding to the needs of all.

Until recently I thought that the word Communion originated in the word 'union', meaning our personal union with Christ in the Eucharist. But the letter 'm' occurs twice in the middle of 'communion'. If communion meant 'union with' there should be only one 'm' (cum unio). It was pointed out to me that the word communion originates not in the word 'unio' but in the word 'munio', meaning a responsibility that I carry. So it seems that communion means a shared mission, sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ. That is why the last words that the priest, or deacon, says at the end of Mass, after the Final Blessing, express our mission to go out to love and serve the Lord. We are to move from Mass to mission. The Eucharistic banquet has to find expression in passing on Christ's love to others. The word 'Mass' comes from our mission, our sending out, 'Ite Missa est'.

We have been washing our hands very frequently in recent months. As we enter and leave the church we are asked to sanitise our hands and Ministers of Communion sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion. For well over a thousand years priests have the washing of hands at every Mass after the Presentation of Gifts. This originated in the early Church when people brought all kinds of gifts with them to Mass. These could be items of food or clothing or fuel or whatever. These were for the benefit of those who were in need. At the Offertory they brought up these gifts in procession and the priest would accept them. He would put to one side the bread and wine that would be required for Mass and all the rest would later be distributed to the needy. After that the priest washed his hands before continuing the Mass. When money replaced all these other offerings the washing of hands continued as a symbol of our need to be cleansed of sin. You can imagine what a wonderful expression that was of their responsibility to the poor! It would take some time and effort for people to get their act together before coming to Mass and would be an uplifting, living out the meaning of their baptism and Eucharistic faith. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said 'Our Eucharist lacks something if it does not lead us to love and serve the poor.'

One great bishop of the early Church, St John Chrysostom (who died in 407) has left us a very challenging sermon about honouring the Lord. He was Archbishop of Constantinople but died in exile. He said: 'Would you honour the Body of Christ? Do not despise him in his nakedness. Do not honour him here in church clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by unclothed and frozen outside. God has no need of golden vessels but of golden hearts.'

The breath of the Almighty

Lord God, loving Creator,
You fashioned us from clay,
And breathed life into us.
We are made and loved by you.

*R: The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty has given me life.*

Heavenly Father,

Your Spirit fills us with hope
And lights the path to fullness of life.
Hear us!
As we cry out to you, uncertain and afraid.

*,R: The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty has given me life.*

In your mercy, Lord,
When all seems lost.
And the courage to reach out
To those in pain.

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Prayer: Linda Jones/CAFOD