

PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday	15 th	6.00 pm	Ann Bandy RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Margaret Seary RIP
Monday	17 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	18 th	9.30 am	Ann Ginty RIP
Wednesday	19 th	9.30 am	Peter Sivyver (ill)
Thursday	20 th	9.30 am	Petter Family RIP
Friday	21 st	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Sivyver Family Past & Present
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Thomas Duggan (ill)
		10.30 am	The Parish



TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23, St. Paul to Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

COLLECTIONS: Church: £311 Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peter Sivyver, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Maithé Bennett, 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: Max Bullock, Renee Russell, Lottie-Mae, Ann Bandy, Toal Gallagher, Ralph Murphy, Raymond Hamill, Gordon Kennedy, Margaret McDade, Patricia Tuttlebee, Mary Mills, George Furman, Beryl Hockmuth, Alan Beech, Anne Beagley, Pauline Stocking, John Smith, Joan Jacobs, Richard Wood, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. WHAT FUTURE FOR ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH?

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

CAFOD is now involved with partners in Beirut and have set up a Disaster Fund to assist the hundreds of thousands who are now homeless as well as bereaved. Your help is urgently needed.

5. WHAT DOES 'UNDER 70' MEAN? It is anyone under or around 65,60,55,50,45,40,35,30,25,20 or 15 years of age. It is amazing that with the exception of those assisting at weekends, and weekday Masses to whom – **many thanks** - there have been no volunteers under the age of 70 to assist in the many tasks needed in our beautiful church.

6. Brian Hearn's wife Jean, and all the family, would like to thank, very much, all those who sent cards, flowers and had Mass said. They were very much appreciated and brought comfort to us all, at such a difficult and sad time. Brian died peacefully at home aged 87.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: St Pope John Paul II called Mary 'a woman of the Eucharist' in one of his writings about the Mass – 'The Church of the Eucharist'. He said: 'If we wish to rediscover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church. In my apostolic letter 'The Rosary of the Virgin Mary' I pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face. Amongst the Mysteries of light (The Mysteries of the Rosary that Pope John Paul added to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries) I included the Institution of the Eucharist. Mary can guide us towards this most holy Sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it.

At first glance, the Gospel is silent on this subject. The account of the institution of the Eucharist on the night of Holy Thursday makes no mention of Mary. Yet we know that she was among the Apostles who prayed 'with one accord' (Acts 1:14) in the first community which gathered after the Ascension in expectation of Pentecost. Certainly Mary must have been present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the first generation of Christians, who were devoted to 'the breaking of bread'. But in addition to her sharing in the Eucharistic banquet, an indirect picture of Mary's relationship with the Eucharist can be had beginning with her interior disposition. Mary is a 'Woman of the Eucharist' in her whole life. The Church which looks to Mary is also called to imitate her in her relationship with the most holy mystery.

What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouths of Peter, John, James and the other apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: 'This is my body which is given for you' (Luke 22:19) The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb! For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have been somehow welcoming once more into her womb that heart that had beaten in unison with hers and reliving what she had experienced at the foot of the Cross.

'Do this in remembrance of me' (Luke 22:19) In the 'memorial' of Calvary all that Christ accomplished by his passion and death is present. Consequently all that Christ did with regard to his Mother for our sake is also present. To her he gave the beloved disciple and, in him, each of us: 'Behold your Son' and to each of us he also says: 'Behold your Mother'. (John 19: 26,27)

Experiencing the memorial of Christ's death in the Eucharist also means continually receiving the gift. It means accepting – like John - the one who is given to us anew as our Mother. It also means taking on a commitment to be conformed to Christ, putting ourselves at the school of his Mother, and allowing her to accompany us. Mary is present with the Church and as the Mother of the Church, at each of our celebrations of the Eucharist. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same might be said of Mary and the Eucharist. This is one reason why, since ancient times, the commemoration of Mary has always been part of the Eucharistic celebrations of the Churches of East and West.

In the Eucharist the Church is completely united to Christ and his sacrifice, and makes her own the spirit of Mary. This truth can be understood more deeply by re-reading the Magnificat in a Eucharistic Key.

My soul glorifies the Lord

My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness.

Henceforth, all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age.

On those who fear him

He puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud hearted.

He cast the mighty from their thrones

and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,

remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers,

to Abraham and his sons for ever.

The Eucharist, like the Canticle of Mary, is first and foremost praise and thanksgiving. When Mary exclaims: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour' she already bears Jesus in her womb. She praises God through Jesus and with Jesus. This is itself the true 'Eucharistic attitude'.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart,

To love thee with, my dearest King.

O! with what bursts of fervent praise

thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!

Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore!

O make us love thee more and more!

*May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.*