

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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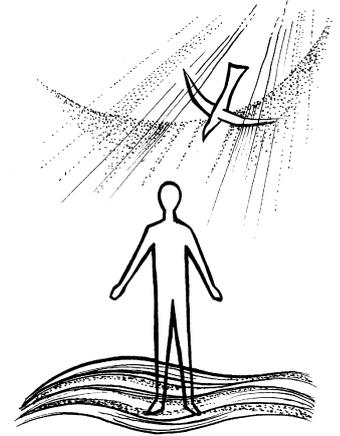
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The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	9 th	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	10 th	8.15am	Thomas Joseph Hern RIP
		10.30 am	Buddy Lovell RIP
Monday	11 th	9.30 am	Rita Foley RIP
Tuesday	12 th	9.30 am	Joy Furneaux RIP
Wednesday	13 th	9.30 am	Andrée & Cyril Price RIP
Thursday	14 th	9.30 am	The Parish
Friday	15 th	9.30 am	Intention of Daniel McClusky
Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	Charmian Hargreaves
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Sheila Bishop RIP
		10.30 am	Alf Puttick RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass

SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm



TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19, 1 St Paul to 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42

COLLECTIONS: Church: £233 Turning Tides: £324 Crib Offerings: £280 Thank you for your generosity.

Contributions to the Christmas Crib will be sent to Christian Schools in the Holy Land

THIS SUNDAY there will be a second collection for SPUC (See Note 3)

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a Second Collection for Mary's Meals (See Note 4)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peter Williams, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, Mick Brouder, John Smith, Father Chris Ingle, Eileen Beech, Ian Threfall, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now. Marianne Fisher, Jessie Patten, Kathleen Page, Sarah Finnegan, Ella Turnbull, Robert Barber, Ruby Bernardi, John O'Brian, Kathleen Bennett, John Evans, David Sheldon, Elizabeth Coleman, Johnny Johnson, Edith Murphy, Edward Hatton, Winifred Pearce, Bernard Hagel, John Flood, Philip Gilpin, Andrée Price, Sheila Bishop, Kathleen Bull, Anne Wapshott, Mary Bertolini, Michael Lambert, Michael Mills. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue.. of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades. We need as many you to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021. *In addition postcards* are available in both porches for you to complete and either send to the government to register your opposition yourself or complete and leave in the basket as you leave the church and they will be sent for you. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks Second Collection baskets are available in both porches

4. MARY'S MEALS: There will be a special collection next weekend. Gift Aid forms, for those who are tax payers and able to Gift Aid, are available in both porches. Thanks to [Double The Love](#), your donations will go even further! Give until 31 January 2021, and the UK government will match public donations, up to £2 million, helping Mary's Meals to reach more hungry children in Liberia. Also be sure to read Father Liam says!

5. WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Or should it be '**ARE YOU UNDER 70 - YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**' We are, in normal times, a busy parish with many good things happening in it but with Covid-19 we are not able to use our very able over 70's, 80's and 90's thus creating a real need for assistance from those who are under 70. This can only happen if **you** are prepared help. Help is needed with Stewarding at the weekend Masses, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, Cleaners after each Mass, Flower Arranging, Baking. We have a small band of helpers who have been 'on duty' every weekend since 4th July to whom we say a '*Very Big Thank You*'. With more helpers it would be possible to expand the Rota. Please don't leave it to someone else – the Parish really needs **your** help. Please contact Anne in the Parish Office for further information and with your offers of assistance.

6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: Will be resumed as soon as permission is granted

7. CRIB DONATIONS: Many thanks for your generous response. We will be sending your crib donations to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health or housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

8. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Cereal bars, Tinned Meats, Gravy, Tinned Rice, Tinned Custard, Cooking Sauces, Tea, Coffee, Washing Powder, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Pump Hand Soap, Sanitizer Sprays, Floor cleaner, Toilet Bleach, Washing-up brushes, Men's razors, Deodorants, Sleeping Bags Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations

FATHER LIAM SAYS: In his book '**The Shed that Fed a Million Children**' Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow tells us the story of 'Mary's Meals' in which he played and continues to play a pivotal role. One of the events that led to the establishment of that great movement was his visit with three other teenagers, all family members, to the village of Medjugorje in 1983 when he was fifteen years old. In June 1981, two teenagers from the village saw a lady on the hillside whom they recognised as the 'Gospa', the Croatian term for the Virgin Mary. On following days they were joined by four other young people who also saw her and heard her speak to them. She told them that she was the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace. She said: 'I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is fullness of life and to enjoy the fullness and obtain peace you must return to God.' From then on these six children began seeing and talking to the Virgin Mary daily. Soon thousands of local people were gathering on the hillside to be with the children as they conversed with someone that all the others present could not see. The communist authorities strongly disapproved of these displays of religious fervour and the visionaries were questioned and threatened with detention in a psychiatric hospital but none retracted any part of their claims – not even the youngest who was nine. The family with whom the MacFarlane-Barrow children stayed knew the visionaries well. When the parents of Magnus visited Medjugorje shortly afterwards they decided to turn their family home and guest house at Dalmally in Argyll into a house of prayer, which it is still today.

Soon the quiet village of Medjugorje was embraced in horrible conflict. The Yugoslavia they had visited a few years before was tearing itself apart in civil war. In Medjugorje, Our Lady Queen of Peace was still appearing to the same six young people. Over the years, her message was in variably about the way to peace. Exactly ten years to the day after she first appeared to them, the first shots of the war had been fired.

The MacFarlane-Barrow family decided that they must do something to alleviate the plight of those caught up in the war. Within three weeks of the outbreak of the war they were heading for Dover in an overladen Land-rover on their way with supplies to Bosnia-Herzegovina. When they returned home they discovered that their shed was filled with medical aid, dry food and clothing. Magnus immediately decided to resign his job on a fish farm and put his house up for sale. From that time the shed has been in constant use as his life became dominated by bringing relief to the suffering throughout the world. Every Catholic family in Scotland was contacted seeking support and the response was incredible. When the large Muslim community in Glasgow heard of this venture, they became very involved too. Many of Pakistani descent were involved in the food industry and often donated their surplus stock. The deprived areas of Glasgow donated significantly more food than the more affluent suburbs. They were given permission to hold a street collection before the Scottish Cup Final between Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic. The giving was incredible and the link with those Glasgow Clubs has continued ever since.

They had a large lorry but they were driving back across Europe on each return trip with a huge empty trailer. Magnus came to know Sir Tom Farmer, the founder of Kwik Fit, the enormous car tyre and exhaust fitting company. He had previously visited the Prayer Centre owned by Magnus parents in Argyll. At this time he was importing lots of tyres to Scotland from Slovenia and Northern Italy. He was happy to pay the going rate for carrying tyres to Kwik Fit depots.

A priest friend of Magnus worked as a missionary in Africa. Many of his colleagues were working in Liberia. Many were living in displaced camps around the capital Monrovia where the needs of the people seemed ever more acute than those in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In addition to the food, clothes, medicine, towels and soap were identified as urgently needed. One of the housekeepers in the world-famous hotel and golf course at Gleneagles heard of this urgent need for soap. She and her colleagues began to collect the bars of soap which had until then been discarded after one use by the hotel guests. They tied them in plastic bags for collection, as well as candles, also desperately needed in Liberia. They too were used only once in Gleneagles Hotel. Magnus used to drive out of the beautiful grounds of that hotel smiling as he transported these sumptuous things discarded by people of great wealth and send them on their way to those living in abject poverty.

