

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Danny & Mary Stone RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.15am	Winifred Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	12 th	9.30 am	John Smith RIP
Tuesday	13 th	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Petteer Family
Wednesday	14 th	9.30 am	Toni Judd RIP
Thursday	15 th	9.30 am	Andrée Price RIP
Friday	16 th	9.30 am	Intention of Anne Steere
Saturday	17 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	18 th	8.15 am	Winifred Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of Cathy Hatton
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2: 1-5, Luke 24:35-48

COLLECTIONS: Holy Places: £177

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Norma Markham, Pat Duggan, Maureen Holland, Anne O'Halloran, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, 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, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

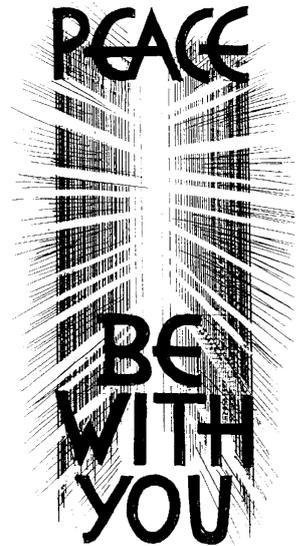
2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mary Rains, Joan Gibbs, Herbert Hasney, Gerry Donnelly, William McGlynn, Patricia Jones, Mary La Roche, John Clarke, Margaret McCarthy, Vincent Devereux, John Russell, Joseph Liston, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. CONFIRMATION 2021 will be celebrated in the Autumn. If you are in Year 10 or above and are considering joining the Confirmation course, via zoom, please email the Office (emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk) for an Application Form. The course will be starting **next** Thursday 15th April.

4. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Sandy Curd has been The English Martyrs representative on the Ferring/Goring area committee of the International World Day of Prayer for many years. She feels that the time has now come for someone with fresh ideas to take over this role. If you would like to know more about what is involved please phone her on 01903 241236

5. PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH: Engaging A&B MPs to plan a better post-COVID world -Thursday 15th April, 7.30pm to 8.30pm The eyes are on the UK as we host both the G7 and COP26 summits this year. It is as important as ever that we hold our politicians accountable after the pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues. Arundel & Brighton's Journey to 2030 and CAFOD invite you to an evening of online discussion on how we can engage with our MP on these issues, using CAFOD's Reclaim our Common Home campaign as a means to encourage our MPs to take action through a "Parliament in your Parish". You will learn about how to engage with the campaign, including how to set up meetings with your MP, as well as have the chance to connect with others in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and your own constituency to maximise our message. Please email: parish_rep@journeyto2030.org with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the Zoom link.

6. A VERY BIG THANK YOU on behalf of the Parish to all who helped make the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter possible – the Flower Arrangers, Musicians, Stewards, Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion. Also a personal and huge 'thank you' for your very generous Easter offerings



7. DONA CONTACTLESS AND ONLINE CHURCH DONATIONS: A steady decline in cash donations in recent years has been further exacerbated by the effects of the lockdown. At the suggestion of the Diocese we will, therefore, be introducing a new ***cashless donation system*** to the parish. This will enable you to make Chip & Pin or Contactless donations instead of cash. We hope to see it roll out within the next four weeks. Further information will be available shortly.

8. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 CLASSES will resume on Tuesday 20th April in the Barn.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: The first Sunday after Easter is sometimes called Low Sunday. In the early centuries the newly baptised wore their white baptismal robes throughout Easter Week until the Sunday after Easter when they laid them aside. The name Low Sunday emphasises the contrast between the great solemnity of Easter Sunday and the following Sunday. Of course, we are meant to observe all the Sundays of the Easter Season culminating in Pentecost as days of special importance.

The Bishops of England and Wales – and elsewhere – traditionally held a major meeting in Low Week every year. They have three or four such meetings annually. I'm not sure whether they still meet in Low Week – but they meet thereabouts, in any case. The Irish Bishops, in a meeting in February – Zoomed – decided that a national Synod Assembly for the Catholic Church in Ireland would be held. This has been under consideration for over two years and the first steps have already been taken to prepare for this event on which so much depends for the future of the Church in Ireland.

During their meeting the Irish bishops considered a revision of the Lectionary – which translation of the scriptures should be used at Mass. This is what they said: 'The Lectionary based on the Jerusalem Bible has served the Church in Ireland well for over fifty years. However, we live with new understandings in relation to fidelity to the texts in their original languages, bishops recognise a need for a new edition. Other English speaking Episcopal Conferences are making various decisions. The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, along with Scotland, have opted to use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition. Some other countries are seeking to use the Revised New Jerusalem Bible. The Irish Bishop's Conference is now seeking submissions from interested parties to its secretariat for liturgy and these can be sent to liturgy@ieconie'.

A major part of their deliberations was centred on the National Synod. The first steps are already taking place through the provision of a website for the submission of ideas and suggestions. It would not be surprising if there were to be a National Synodal Assembly in England and Wales. Pope Francis is encouraging Conferences of Bishops throughout the world to follow this pathway at this pivotal time for the Church. It might take a little while for such a decision in England and Wales. The Archbishops of Westminster and Cardiff have both submitted their resignation on reaching the age of 75 so I suppose it would make sense – if there were to be a National Synod – to wait until new appointments were made in these Archdioceses. The Vatican cannot be taken by surprise when bishops reach the age of 75! Surely it would make sense to make new appointments sooner rather than later, especially in these times. The Church cannot afford to just drift along.

Synodality is all about recognising the fact that the important thing is to not walk alone but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters as partners in the great task of building up God's kingdom. Synods of bishops in the Catholic Church were introduced by Pope Paul VI towards the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965 – 56 years ago. For much of that time they failed to be as effective as they might have been – largely because the bishops seem to have been overpowered by the dominance of the Curia in the Vatican and by the dominance of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Pope Francis has been encouraging the bishops to use the synods more fruitfully and to express their views courageously and fearlessly. The Synods draw together a representative number of bishops from around the world. Now synodality is being more and more encouraged in individual countries and individual dioceses. Pope Francis is very concerned that a spirit of clericalism will continue to put a brake on openness and frankness in what is meant to involve the participation of all the people of God. He calls for a new style of shared leadership. He himself communicates this style of leadership in his unassuming manner and in his interaction with others.

Neither the people in the pews nor clergy (even bishops) may feel that they are equipped for a synodal process but it is something that will come to us when we engage in it. Synodality is walking together. We do it all the time. It is important that we do it as the people of God. We need to have a vision of ourselves as God's people called by him to work on his great project. As someone said: 'If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work. Rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.' Since we are all called to be God's people, pompous titles and modes of dress might not be the most appropriate means to engender a spirit of solidarity.

The slogan of the age is: 'We must build back better'. One of our great needs as a parish is the shortage of various ministers. We need more people to read at Mass and to administer Holy Communion. Also to welcome and greet people as we gather. Many of you, especially if you had been accustomed to come to the 10.30 Mass, will have come to know Maithé. Unfortunately she died before Easter. She loved to welcome people on Sundays. No doubt she has been warmly welcomed in her new home – the Father's house..

We need people of all ages and all nationalities to enable us to function and to flourish. We don't ask people to volunteer to be Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have someone in mind for this ministry let me know and I will invite them to consider taking on that service. The church will be reopening on Monday 17th May for visitors to view our beautiful church and we will need people to welcome them and open the shop for them. Training and support will be available where appropriate for these and various other tasks. We have been singularly blessed to have had so helpers stepping forward so frequently and in various ways over the past year. We hope that you will be joined by many more as we continue to move on with God's help.