

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Intention of Dan & Joan Gould
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Antonio Maccarrone RIP
		10.30 am	Anne & Mike Steere RIP
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Parish
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Emma Lawrence
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mary Webber RIP
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Reg Marshall RIP
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Intention of Lily Barrow
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Rose & Tommy McIntyre
		10.30 am	The Parish



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

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £262 Digital collection £75 Crib Offerings for the Holy Land £412  
Thank you for your generosity.

**THIS SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for Mary's Meals - Gift Aid Forms available from Tony

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pat Burns, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Joan Cutmore, 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: Michael Lambert, Michael Mills, Kathleen Smyth, Beatrice Wilson, Marie Terry, Geoffrey Gilbert, Margaret Scott, John Nolan, Alan Pockney, Phyllis Welling, Doug Headon, Andrea Pyle, Susan Perriman, Bernard Davy, Agnes Winn. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:** Lessons have now started and are held on Tuesdays at 4.30 pm in the Chapel.

**4. CHILDRENS' LITURGY** is back up and running! Bring your young children to the 10.30am Sunday Mass and join us in the barn for our liturgy, which is suitable for all ages, until they have made their 1st Holy Communion. Volunteers are desperately needed to join the rota for delivering the Childrens' Liturgy. All resources are provided, and it would only be once every 4-6 weeks, depending on how many volunteers come forward. Catch Peter Clarke after 10.30am Mass for further details.

**5. THE 'CAFOD AUCTION' AND SUPPER** will be held in The Barn on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at 7.00 pm. Please remember to save any 'surplus' gifts or unused items for the Auction. For collection/information call Charles on 01903 505546 Tickets for sale this weekend.

**6. WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?** Or should it be '**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**' We are a busy parish with many good things happening in it but these only can happen if you are prepared to join in. At the moment help is needed with Readers, Children's Liturgy and Flower Arranging. At the beginning of April we open again to the public who wish to come and view the ceiling and our lovely stained glass windows. There is much to do but we really do need you to come and help where you can. Please contact Anne in the Parish Office for further information and with your offers of assistance. **HELP IS NOW URGENTLY NEEDED BY LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC GROUP ON A FRIDAY MORNING FROM 9.30am-12 NOON OR ANY TIME IN BETWEEN! PLEASE CALL NICKY 0771 2191795**

**7. SYNOD MEETINGS** have had to be curtailed due to the virus. At the end of all Masses the discussion leaders will speak about how we go from here

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to follow the COVID rules, masks, hand-sanitiser, social distancing, taking all papers away with you, hymn books returned to either porch AND, most importantly, going to Holy Communion row by row – out one end of the bench and back by the other end.

**8. CONFIRMATION 2022:** If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting on 20th January with the Parents and Candidates Meeting in the Barn at 7.00 pm . Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**9. LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Online applications for the 2022 Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can now be found on our website [lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk) Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out in the new year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email us with the name and postal address.

**10. JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY WEBINAR:** It's not too late to sign up to our annual diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly 'To a Safer Shore?' taking place Saturday 15 January, 9.45am - 2pm online. The Assembly will explore the considerable difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and families who are compelled to leave their homes and seek safety - and longed for sanctuary - in countries that can be considerable distances from their homes. Speakers include Aidan Cantwell, from the Jesuit Refugee Service who will explore current legislation in the UK and how best we can respond, Karen Goldsmith, who has first-hand experience of the refugee crisis, having spent time volunteering at a refugee camp in Chios, Greece, Canon Rob Esdaile who will provide insight on Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti and John Paul de Quay, from the Ecological Conversion Group, who will examine the links between the plight of refugees and climate crisis. You can find out more and book your free place here.

**10. MARY'S MEALS:** Between now and the end of January all financial donations will be doubled and so we will hold a Second Collection this weekend. The latest news is that they are now able to feed daily 4,000 children in the Yemen.

**11. TURNING TIDES (WCHP):** Items needed: Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meals, Horlicks, Hot Chocolate. Coffee, Cooking Oil, Cling Film, Small Tents, Sleeping Bags, Hand Warmers, Drinking Flasks, Mattress Protectors, Pillow Protectors. Men's Jeans, Jogging Bottoms, (Small/Medium) Men's Boxers (New please), Men's Fleece (Small/Medium) Waterproof Coats, Fingerless Gloves, Trainers Sizes 8 – 12. Small Armchairs, Chest of Drawers, Single Bed Frames, Single Mattresses, Bedside Cabinets. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: Our Sunday Plus today tells us that** this is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Last Sunday, although it was the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, was regarded as the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. This period of Ordinary time will end on 1<sup>st</sup> March this year. Then the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. In every Church year there are two periods of Ordinary Time. The second period will begin this year early in June after we have celebrated the Feast of Pentecost and will continue until the end of November when the Season of Advent will come around once more.

When we speak of Ordinary Time we mean the time of year when the Church is not celebrating any of its liturgical seasons – Advent, Christmastide, Lent or Eastertide. It is called Ordinary Time because these weeks are distinguished from one another by being numbered or ordered. If we called today the Second Sunday of Ordered Time it would, perhaps, be a better translation than 'Ordinary'.

Everything about our world is extraordinary. We have recently celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany when we reflected on Matthew's gospel of the Magi and how they were alerted to the coming of Christ by studying the sky. We could allow ourselves to be inspired by them to consider what an extraordinary Universe surrounds us and what a wonderful world we inhabit. The earth that we live on is spinning from east to west at a rate of 900 miles an hour. At the same time the earth is orbiting around the sun at 600,000 miles an hour. The sun itself is travelling with its planets at something like 31,000 miles an hour. Our sun and all its entourage moves around the galaxy at the speed of 700,000 miles an hour. The galaxy itself rotates at about 600,000 miles an hour. The galaxy moves in relation to all the other galaxies at a speed of more than 1,000,000 miles an hour.

Awake or asleep we are all moving in six wildly different directions at an accumulated speed of perhaps two and a half million miles an hour. I read this in an article based on a book called 'Space' written by the scientist James Michener over thirty years ago. And space has many more secrets to reveal to us. On Christmas Day an Esa rocket successfully launched the James Webb Telescope. Having unfolded itself it is still on its way to a special location roughly one million miles from earth. From there it will hopefully send back marvellous pictures to earth. All going well that should happen in June. What a marvellous June it promises to be, with the Platinum Jubilee also to look forward to. The telescope will see things way beyond the range of Hubble, now nearly 40 years old.

The James Webb Telescope is 10 years late in launching. The cost is about £7.4 billion – about 6 times more expensive than originally budgeted. To put it another way it is about 1 per cent of the total monetary cost of the Iraq War! For more than 20 years astronomers and engineers have worked through countless crises to make this launch a success. The space agencies of Europe, the United States and Canada were committed to this effort in spite of all the difficulties that caused it to be ten years late in launching.

Let us hope that it has been worth waiting for. What can not be achieved if the talents of different peoples of different backgrounds can continue to be harnessed to address the many challenges facing us.

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