

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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The Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday	19 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Thomas & Frances Boylan
Sunday	20 th	8.15am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Intention of Orlando Estoesta
Monday	21 st	9.30 am	John Meaghey RIP
Tuesday	22 nd	9.30 am	Intention of Rio Staunton
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	23 rd	9.30 am	Kevin Shiel RIP
Thursday	24 th	9.30 am	Pierce Keoghan RIP
Friday	25 th	9.30 am	John Iago RIP
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	The Parish
Saturday	26 th	10.00–11.00 am	- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		6.00 pm	Andreas Magnus Raczynski RIP
Sunday	27 th	8.15 am	Toni Judd RIP
		10.30 am	Brian Perry RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8, 13 -15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13: 1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

COLLECTIONS: Church: £233 Digital Collection: £44 CAFOD Family Fast Day £612: Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the CAFOD Appeal for Ukraine.

(Please use the CAFOD Family Fast Day Special Gift Aid Envelopes available in both porches and they will be sent with a covering letter to explain that they are for Ukraine.)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Ellis, Helena & Vittorio Villa, 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, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, 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: Mary Wilds, Darryl Cox, Gerry Potter, Anthony Hoppe, Michael McCarthy, Bernard Nutland, Donna Jackson, William Clarke, Joyce Sims, Daisy Kinch, Maureen Sullivan. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. LITTLE ANGELS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP AND LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC GROUP are in very urgent need of people to help. At the moment each group is being run by just three people every week. With many more people a rota can be set up thus making the task easier for everyone. If you are able to help please contact Anne in the Parish office or just turn up on Thursday or Friday morning at 9.00 am and you will be welcomed with open arms.

4. WELCOMERS NEEDED: As people are returning to Mass we need more welcomers. This is a very important role for people to play, either as individuals or as a family. The Diocese has appointed Margaret Fraher to help parishes develop this ministry and she will come and speak to a group to assist them. We, therefore, need to form such a group. If you could be involved in this initiative please contact Bernie 07582 329118 or Anne in the church office.

5. CAFOD Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website W: cafod.org.uk

6. ST PATRICK'S NIGHT HOOLEY: Many thanks to all those who helped, donated and supported an excellent evening of music, dance, song and wonderful food. £1,000 was raised for our Parish Project in Kalingalinga

It is recommended that we continue to wear masks, use hand-sanitiser, 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.

7. MINISTRY OF THE WORD FORMATION COURSE: Everybody who proclaims the word of God in the liturgy needs, whether new to it or a long time minister, to reflect on the importance of what they are doing and to practice their proclamation. To assist with that there will be a series of 'deanery Ministers of the Word Course'. The next course will run on 28 May from 11am-12.30pm at St Michael's, Hayling Rise, Worthing BN13 3AL in the parish hall and church. Again numbers are limited. Please book by contacting Deacon Mark Woods on email mark.woods@abdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01903 877801. A further date will be fixed in June or July if required.

8. (WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Sandy has served our parish as representative for Women's World Day of Prayer (now World Day of Prayer) for many years and really enjoyed doing it. However she now feels the time has come to step down and would be grateful if someone else would take on this rewarding post. For further details please contact Sandy on 241236

9. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

10. HAND MADE MOTHERS DAY AND EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

11. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 20th March, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk.

12. MARY'S MEALS: Sadly the Back Pack Project has had to be stopped due to the amazing rise in transport costs – it is money needed to feed the children. Your help over the years has been much appreciated. Thank you.

13. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Carton Milk, Honey, Fruit Juices, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meals, Pot Noodles, Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Small Carton Juices, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Cling Film,. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations. (Sadly we are no longer able to deliver clothes and other such goods.

14. SYNOD – HAVE YOUR SAY! I was surprised to learn that we can still participate in the preparation stages of the Synod. I read of an online survey devised by a grandfather/grandson team which met with such a response in their parish that they have decided to go national. You can complete their survey here: <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90426005/66ae88ad8e51>. You have until 31st March and it takes only 10 minutes to complete. The results will be sent to the Bishops Conference and they will also be published. Small groups did not prove very successful what with Covid and deadlines. Not everyone thrives in small groups. An online survey is anonymous and respondents can be completely honest and do not have to worry about what others think of your contribution. Why not give it a try?

FATHER LIAM SAYS: It is very important that we as a parish make constant efforts to be welcoming to one another. People should never have to come and go to Sunday Mass without being warmly greeted. So we are hoping to revitalise the ministry of welcoming as we hopefully begin to get back to a more normal way of living.

The Church is a community. That is the literal meaning of the word – the assembly. We belong together and should try to develop stronger bonds. We need to be supported and encouraged and befriended by one another. When we come together we meet Christ in a number of ways. We meet him in our meeting with one another. He says that where two or three are gathered together in his name, there is he in the midst of you. We honour Christ when we honour one another. We minister to Christ when we minister to one another. He says that when we reach out in any way to others, we are reaching out to Christ. When we fail to reach out to others we fail to reach out to him. So even before Mass begins – even before we come into the church building, we are encountering Christ. In the scriptures we encounter him in a different way. The Second Vatican Council tells us that 'when the scriptures are read in the assembly, it is Christ himself who is speaking.'

When we enter into Catholic church buildings we are very conscious of the fact that the tabernacle, with the Blessed Sacrament, is directly in front of us, behind the altar. The altar is the place of celebration of the Eucharist. It is the focal point of the building. It is the Lord's Table around which we are invited to gather. Our Eucharist comes directly to us from the Last Supper. When we have celebrated the Liturgy of the Word where Christ speaks to us in the Scriptures, we move on to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's Table as they were at the Last Supper and the words and action of Jesus our High Priest transform them into his living presence among us and we join with him in offering perfect praise and glory to the Father. In Holy Communion Christ nourishes us with the Bread of Life strengthening us to live truly as his brothers and sisters. In the course of the Mass the various ways in which Christ reveals himself to us is unfolded. But that is not so clear when the place of Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is in the same area as the place of Celebration. Even before Mass begins we are aware of Christ's presence – directly in front of us in the Tabernacle.

That is why in every Cathedral in the world the place of Reservation is distinct from the Place of Celebration. This would have been the universal practice ever since Christians were allowed to meet to celebrate the Eucharist in their own buildings. This is the case in the great Basilicas of the Church as well as in many humble parish churches. I am not advocating that we place the Blessed Sacrament in the Good Shepherd Chapel – I am not that brave! But I cannot help asking whether Christ is offended when we speak to one another as we gather for the Eucharist. He surely wants us to befriend one another – but we should be conscious of those who wish to spend a quiet time in prayer.

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