

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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### The Fourth (Lætare) Sunday in Lent

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Andreas Magnus Raczynski RIP
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Toni Judd RIP
		10.30 am	Brian Perry RIP
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Breege McCann RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Dawn Copping RIP
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Tom & Kathleen Corrigan RIP
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	John Iago RIP
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Intention of the Petter Family
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00–11.00 am	- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Pauline Formela RIP
		10.30 am	Christopher Hatton RIP



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £272 Digital Collection: £22 CAFOD Ukraine Appeal: £1534 Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a final 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:** Jim White, 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: Raymond Earl, Stephen Paris, Edith De la Bertauche, Lillian Corry, Alice Hudson, Mary McGoohan, Dennis Hale, Leslie Green, Bernard Berendt, Jessie Crouch, Joan Emerton, Dick Rains, Lilian Lee, Harry Lambrou, Michael Last. *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 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

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

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**7. (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

**8. 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

**9. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information [nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk).

**10. 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).

**11. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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: Of all the weeks in the year, Holy Week** is the one most revered by Christians. This week was known in ancient times as 'The Great week'. One of the most interesting documents that has come down to us from the early Church is the travel diary of a Spanish pilgrim called Egeria. It gives a graphic account – some of which has been lost over the centuries – of the Holy Week ceremonies as celebrated in Jerusalem about the year 400 AD. She begins her account with the words: 'The next day, Sunday, is the beginning of the Easter Week or, as they call it here, The Great Week.

It is indeed the great week because it is the heart and kernel of the Year of the Church – the liturgical year. The Christians of antiquity had no doubt about its greatness as it draws us into the mystery of our Redemption by celebrating together the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. During Holy Week the Church follows in the footsteps of the Master. The Passion narrative comes to life as though it were being re-enacted before our eyes. All the events leading up to the arrest, trial and execution of Jesus are recalled and celebrated, as we follow along the path which Christ trod during the last days of his mortal life. In Spain and Portugal and in countries once ruled by them, they do this most dramatically in processions through their towns and villages.

The Holy Week liturgy grew out of the devotion of the early Christians in Jerusalem where Jesus endured his passion. Jerusalem, from very early times, became a place of pilgrimage especially as Easter drew near. Pilgrims then, as now, loved to visit the sites of the passion – Gethsemane, the Praetorium, Calvary, the Holy Sepulchre. We have a lot to learn from the devotion of the ancient Church. Now, of course, people often avail of time off work and off school to go on holiday. No doubt they need time to relax and recover their energy, especially after the past two years of stress. I certainly don't blame them for this, but it does have the effect of weakening our Easter – and Christmas – celebrations in our parishes.

Palm Sunday inaugurates Holy Week. This year it falls on 10<sup>th</sup> April. On this day we celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. All four gospels underline the importance of this event. Jesus is presented as the Messiah-King. He comes, however, not as a warrior-King but as a humble and gentle Messiah. He fulfils the prophesy of Zachariah: 'Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass (Zc 9:9) Riding on an ass was a demonstration that his mission was one of peace. The Gospel narrating Christ's entrance is proclaimed before the procession and is said with the usual acclamations of the people. The procession with palms is characterised by joy – a joy that anticipates that of Easter. It is a procession in honour of Christ the King. That is why the liturgical colour is red. The procession that Egeria describes took place in Jerusalem on Sunday evening. The people assembled on the Mount of Olives and from there processed into the city carrying olive branches. They were accompanied by the bishop who represented Christ. The significance of Christ's triumphal entry is perceived only by those who have faith. He enters to complete his work as our Messiah, to suffer, to die and to rise again.'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest'. We make this acclamation at every Mass at the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer. In the Palm Sunday procession, we go out to meet and welcome Christ in a special way. Maybe this year we could bless the palms in the car park and process in through the West door. Unless there is a downpour this might be better than a very feeble attempt within the church or even starting in the Barn.

The day is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. The procession is related to the palms. After this the emphasis is on the passion – especially the gospel reading of Christ's suffering and death. When we move into the Mass there should be no hymns about the procession. The liturgy has now a different emphasis. The Passion account of Luke is the one proclaimed this year. The reading of the gospel is stripped of the usual ceremonial. No candles are carried. The sign of the cross is omitted at the beginning of the gospel as are the people's acclamations at the beginning and the end.

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