

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday	30 th	8.30 pm	Jim White RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Maureen Holland RIP
Monday	2 nd	9.30 am	NO MASS
Tuesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Father Robert Ellis RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	4 th	9.30 am	Christine Ellis RIP
Thursday	5 th	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the McCluskey Family
Friday	6 th	9.30 am	Janette Samengo-Turner RIP
Saturday	7 th	6.00 pm	Intention of John Mayock
Sunday	8 th	8.15 am	Ann, Bernard & Catherine Bandy RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish

SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17. John 10:27-30

COLLECTIONS: Church: £332 Digital Collection: £57 Thank you for your generosity.
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mike Ahern, Barbara Howard, John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, 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, 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: ELLEN LEAHY, PATRICK LOWNDS and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Nick Brown, Linda Dixon-Smith, Peggy Mardell, Alfreda Prokop, Alfreda Patten, Michael Crawley, Jenny Rusdell-Wilson. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT for the next three weeks will be the box in the Front Porch next to the main door. Mary's Meals are no longer able to ship Back-packs but they are continuing to feed 2,058,099 children every day, in 19 countries around the world and so funds are always urgently needed. We, as a parish, have sent 5,235 backpacks but now they can only accept money. Amazingly it costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donation will be much appreciated.

5. RED SHIRTS: William Clarke and Dominic Winton have volunteered to be Red Shirts for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes later this year. They need to raise the money for their fares and to do this they will be holding a Cake Sale in the Barn this Sunday 1st May after the 10.30 am Mass. In addition, they will be doing a bike ride to the Brighton Viewing Tower and back on next Sunday and are looking for sponsorship. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

6. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 1st May, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk

7. CHOIR PRACTICES resume this Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00 pm. All welcome

8. A DAY AT THE SEASIDE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) Join our community of young adults on 7th May for a day in East Preston with Fr Stephen Ortiger. We will start with Mass, followed by a walk on the beach then share lunch at a wonderful beachside café. A great opportunity to get to know other Catholics your age. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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.

9. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO': Many thanks to all those who helped and supported in any way the excellent evening last Saturday. £450 was raised for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

10. READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Rosters for May now available in the Sacristy

11. PARISH CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE will take place on Saturday 4th June from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. It will take the form of a 'Street Party' held in the Barn, Courtyard and the Presbytery Garden. You will be asked to sign up to bring some party food – some but not all 1950's style! – and if anyone would like to organise some games for the children that would be most helpful. Please put the date in your diary and join the parish in celebrating.

12. GRANDPARENTS DAY – Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm. Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. The day begins at 11am with coffee available from 10.30am. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Further information and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> If you would like to find out more please contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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).

FATHER LIAM SAYS: The world has been knocked sideways by the Pandemic, which has not yet run its course, and by the murderous aggression waged by Russia against Ukraine. These major crises understandably have tended to take our minds off the issue of climate change.

At the beginning of April, we had the latest Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It emphasised that the continued rise in greenhouse gas emissions must stop by 2025 at the latest and that a rapid and sustained reduction must follow. It warns that we have been wasting precious time in coming to grips with this environmental challenge. The whole world has known about the predicament facing us for many years but we continue to go in the wrong direction. The Report stresses that it is still possible to make up for lost time – but only if we take immediate and proportional measures. We have the knowledge and the technologies and finance to protect our planet; what we lack is the determination.

We have local elections this week and these are very important. In the case of parliamentary elections there are many constituencies where the outcome is totally predictable. Local elections are different and yet a pitiable proportion of the electorate vote. The policies adopted by local authorities greatly affects many aspects of our life and they have an influence on the quality and health of our environment. It is important that we vote wisely. We should make some effort to find out what the candidates seek to achieve by asking for our vote, what values impel them to seek public office? What precise causes do they seek to advance? The environment certainly is an important issue and one about which we should expect to learn what the policies of the various candidates are. This is not a party-political point but candidates surely should tell us what they intend to do with our vote. We all need to be more alert to the urgency of the problem. We need to make our views known to our political representatives at all levels and vote accordingly.

Between 1990 and 2019 there has been a 54% increase in emissions. We have to stop pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The goal of the Paris Agreement signed by 193 countries is to limit global warming to well below 2 – preferably 1.5 – degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial temperature levels. The Report says that 'we are at a crossroads. The decisions we make now can secure a liveable future.'

A quick look back to a highlight of the magnificent Easter Vigil ceremonies. The Easter Proclamation (called in Latin Exultet) is a wonderful hymn of praise at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It beautifully tells us how the Jewish Passover event marking the freedom of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt is fulfilled in Christ's work of salvation when in his Resurrection he triumphed over suffering and death and won Redemption for the whole human race. It celebrates the triumph of the Israelites of old and the even greater triumph won by Christ for all of us when he achieved his great Passover for us and for our salvation.

This greatest of Easter hymns proclaims: 'This is the night when once you led our forebears, Israel's children from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea... This is the night when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. But it was not the Red Sea at all that Israel's children crossed. The Hebrew phrase means 'The Sea of Reeds'. Somehow it has got changed in translation to the Red Sea. Most modern translations of the Bible speak of the Sea of Reeds. The words of the Psalms that we use in the Mass is the version translated from the Hebrew by the Grail and it speaks of the Red Sea. The text of the Exultet and other prayers of the liturgy follow suit. But the Hebrews never went near the Red Sea during the Exodus. And those who penned the scripture never said they did! It was some of the translators who got it wrong.

But where exactly is The Sea of Reeds? Some scholars think it is the Gulf of Suez, others the Gulf of Aqaba, others a lagoon in the Nile Delta. But it is better not to know the answer than to know the wrong answer!

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