

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15am	Pauline Formela RIP
		10.30 am	Christopher Hatton RIP
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Keoghan Family
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Sister Angela Hayden RIP
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Dawn Copping RIP
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Cecilia Suarez
		<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Lent service of Reconciliation</b>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Yvette Allen
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	Muriel Burns RIP
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00–11.00 am</b>	<b>- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
		6.00 pm	Intention of Frances and Thomas Boylan
Palm	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
Sunday		10.30 am	Cilla Bannister RIP



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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £382 Digital Collection: £52 CAFOD Ukraine Appeal: £1341  
Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** 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, 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:** **JIM WHITE** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Anthony Lawton, Bernard Smyth, Catherine Edwards, Gladys Feaver, Marie Garselis, Paul Dillon, Edith Gibbs, Kathleen Keohane, Frank Shave, Mary Mawe, Kathleen Cregan, Laura, Ray McGuinness, James Morrell, Father Stephen Tynan, Helena Cebo, Muriel Burns, Michael O'Brien. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** will take place here **next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm. If you are unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery

### 4. TIMES OF EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Family Stations of the Cross, especially for children followed by Children's Sacrament of Reconciliation
		3.00 pm 7.30 pm	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Stations of the Cross followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation
Holy Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30 pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15 am	Mass
		10.30 am	Mass

**5. TRADCRAFT** will be on sale after all Masses this weekend

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**6. TWELVE VOLUNTEERS** for the Washing of the Feet ceremony on Holy Thursday are required. Please put your name on one of the lists in either Porch

**7. EASTER CARDS** are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

**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. (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

**10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this 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).

**11. FORMATION FOR 'WELCOMING AND INCLUDING EVERYONE'.** A huge thank you to all who stepped up to become Stewards in our churches during the pandemic. Now is the time to consider moving forward and to reflect on how we can enable our Parish and Church communities to reach out to welcome and include everyone. This Formation enables attendees to explore how this can be achieved through scripture, as well as raising the awareness of different groups and their needs who could feel marginalised. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie: 01903 268260

**12. 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 Easter Vigil this year is on 16<sup>th</sup> April. We do things differently at this Mass than we do at any other celebration during the year. To list just a few, we gather outside the church building around a fire. There we light the Easter Candle and enter into the darkened church, lighting our individual candles on the way – all lit ultimately from the Easter Candle. The Great Easter Proclamation is sung and we listen as more passages of scripture than usual are proclaimed. But darkness is a very important element in our Vigil.

The Vigil is the high point in the church's celebrations. It is a liturgy full of drama, a great bonfire is mandated – and we have ours in our Car Park – with cars kept well away. And we pass light from light as we break the darkness of the night. Easter Vigil this year is later in the year than usual and our ceremony is not meant to begin until dusk. So we will begin at 8.30 pm. As you know our usual Saturday night Mass begins at 6.00 pm but the Easter Vigil Mass is different. There is nothing to compare with it

The Church recognises that as we gather to celebrate the Resurrection, we do so knowing that all is far from joyful in our world. We live much of our lives in a darkened state. Our Christian lives are a straining after the light as we journey on in darkness. St Paul expressed this well when he said 'for now we see in a mirror dimly, but then (looking forward) we will see face to face.' Many people around us are struggling financially and worrying that things might become even more difficult. And there is the dreadful situation facing the people of Ukraine as their country and lives and livelihoods are shattered. It is a far darker world for millions of people than could have been foreseen even six weeks ago.

Because people's lives have always been a struggle the Church from the beginning devised its most important liturgy to be characterised by darkness as well as by light. It is a celebration of our reality and of our hope. Yet there are people who have never participated in the Easter Vigil – even though they may try to come to Mass each week. Some people are very attached to their routine. Some may come along at 6.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> April!

Ash Wednesday can be as early as 4<sup>th</sup> February or as late as 10<sup>th</sup> March. Easter is fixed, more or less, as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. This is because it is based on the Jewish feast of Passover. The calendar that fixed Passover is a lunar calendar. Hence the variation which can range from the end of March until late April. That calculation does not fit in comfortably or neatly with our Solar Calendar and can cause a great deal of inconvenience. But it does take us back to an earlier culture and time. For Christians and Jews it is a reminder that the history of God's dealing with his people culminating with Christ sharing his victory with us..

We are not in control of time or the events of the world around us and of our own lives. There is a randomness – an apparent arbitrariness – in the course of affairs. All our plans have to be mutable. What we can do is contingent on circumstances. Our Christian faith tells us that the one we are dependent on is the one who holds us in the palm of his hand.

The Easter Vigil is not meant to be a 'stand alone' celebration. The great ceremonies of the Mass of the Last Supper and the Good Friday Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil are viewed as a unit. The Maundy Thursday Mass ends in silence and without a formal blessing. We gather on Good Friday and there is no sign of the Cross or greeting at the beginning or blessing at the end. There is not a sign of the Cross at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The solemn ending of the Vigil marks the conclusion of all these three parts.

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