

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Easter Sunday

Saturday	16 th	8.30 pm	The Parish
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Father Robert Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	Liz Harvey RIP
Monday	18 th	9.30 am	NO MASS
Tuesday	19 th	9.30 am	Yvonne Carroll RIP
Wednesday	20 th	9.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
Thursday	21 st	9.30 am	Dawn Copping RIP
Friday	22 nd	9.30 am	Jim White RIP
Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Joan Williams RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	Christine Watson RIP
	25 th	10.30 am	The Parish



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-37-43; Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19; John 20:19-31

COLLECTIONS: Church: £312 Digital Collection: £60 Thank you for your generosity.

THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS TO FATHER LIAM (GIFT AIDED)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: 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 and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Joseph Liston, Max Welton, Joan Briggs, Jim Corcoran, Marie Stovold, Win Coughlan, Edna Catley, Hilda Goldrick, Ruth Evans. *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. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE EASTER MASSES are your personal gift to Father Liam. (Gift Aid applies) If you are not Gift Aiding, special Easter Offering envelopes are in the Porch. If you will be away for Easter you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards.

5. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO' will take place next Saturday 23rd April following the 6.00pm Mass and the money raised will go to the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. There will be a 'Fish and Chip' Supper, a Raffle and Sing-song. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets will be on sale this weekend price £8.00 for adults and £4.00 for children or from Teresa 01903 529260

6. 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

7. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 CLASSES will resume on Tuesday 28th April in the Church.

8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting on 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

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9. A DAY AT THE SEASIDE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) Join our community of young adults on 7 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.

10. GRANDPARENTS DAY - Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead. A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. If you would like to find out more please contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.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: Alleluia! This is a word we will be hearing a lot during the Easter season. Alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning 'Praise the Lord' which tells us that the focus of the season is on joy and hope. Jesus has Risen and he invites us into this new life. The Easter event illuminates our lives calling us to be light for the world. The Season of Easter runs from the Easter Vigil to the Feast of Pentecost – a period of fifty days. It is the longest Season of the Church year. As is appropriate it is longer than Lent. We don't go directly from Lent into Easter. Lent ends on Maundy Thursday, before the Mass of the Last Supper. Then the Pascal Triduum begins – the three days that constitute the shortest of the Liturgical Seasons when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Liturgy of the Sacred Passion and the Easter Vigil. This is how the Church has always marked the Triduum of the Risen Lord.

Even though this is the Year of Luke, throughout the Easter Season the Sunday Gospels are all from St John. There is no year of John in our three years cycle of Sunday Readings, but every year the Sunday Gospels for the Easter Season – as well as other key celebrations, come from John's Gospel, except for the third Sunday of Easter in Year A (the Year of Matthew) when curiously the gospel is from Luke who tells us of the Risen Lord joining the dejected disciples as they walked away from Jerusalem on Easter Day.

In all four Gospels we are told that the first disciples to discover the empty tomb were women. They are the same women who were present at Calvary when all the Apostles except John were nowhere to be seen. They brought the message of the empty tomb to the apostles. At the time women were not regarded as reliable witnesses. In courts of law the testimony of women carried no weight. If the gospel accounts of the empty tomb were fabricated surely women would not have been given such a key role in the events of Easter morning. These women, such as Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary the mother of James were close friends of Jesus, supporting him throughout his public ministry and all the way to the Cross. At a time when women were marginalised in public life, Christ chose them as witnesses. Yet their importance has been neglected and undervalued over the centuries. The Church continues to struggle to affirm women's dignity as witnesses to the Risen Lord. Pope Francis, after nine years of effort has finally unveiled far-reaching reforms on the way the Catholic Church is run. It had been assumed, for far too long, that to exercise power and authority in the Catholic Church one had to be at least a priest but preferably a bishop. Francis insists that the basic function of the Church is to evangelise, to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. This is a duty and privilege that falls on every Christian by virtue of their baptism.

Pope Francis, in this bold reform, which comes into effect in June has separated the notion of governance from ordination. Most departments of the Roman Curia will emerge from these reforms with different names and modified functions and purposes and will serve the universal Church. They will not be totally Vatican orientated and most of them can, in future, be headed by non-ordained people. At present many of them are headed by Cardinals and Archbishops. But the new-style departments (called dicasteries) can, for the most part, be led by laymen or laywomen. The Curial bodies dealing with bishops and clergy will continue to have an ordained leader. A number of heads of these Vatican departments have reached retirement age. Having worked so hard to achieve these reforms I imagine that Pope Francis won't waste time in making significant changes in key positions called to be of service to the Church. This will be an antidote to clericalism, which is the source of much trouble in the Church.

During the Season of Easter the first reading of Mass on Sundays and weekdays comes from Acts of the Apostles. At other times of the year we often have a reading from the Old Testament but Easter is different. It celebrates the new beginning that the Risen Christ inaugurated. Luke wrote the Acts, which is a continuation of his Gospel. It tells us how the Risen Christ continues to guide and inspire followers though he is no longer physically present with them. So this year continues to be the Year of Luke! Luke's account of the struggle of the first disciples to go out and bring the good news of the Risen Lord to the world around them is set before us throughout these seven weeks to inspire us to be truly the Easter People whose song continues to be Alleluia.

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