

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Lily Barrow
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Ellen Leahy RIP
Monday	30 th	9.30 am	Bill O'Keeffe (Jnr) RIP
Tuesday	31 st	9.30 am	The Wellbeing of Nora O'Toole
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	1 st	9.30 am	Anne & Mike Steere RIP
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 am	NO MASS
Friday	3 rd	9.30 am	Michael Butler RIP
Saturday	4 th	6.00 pm	Franco Barontini RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.15 am	Jo Ana Hudson RIP
		10.30 am	Intention of the Queen



If someone has done you wrong,
do not repay him with a wrong. (Romans 12:17)

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

COLLECTIONS: Church:325

Digital Collection: £47

Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network (No Gift Aid)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mike Ahern, 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, 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: ROSE LITTLE, GERALD SIMBLETT and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Hay Fraser, Cherry Stone, Annie Slater, Anne Whitehead, Winifred Crowley, Marie-Louise Cammide, Geoffrey Clarey, Sarah Hancox, Simon Sims, Barbara Dancy, Joan Curley, Ellen Pye, Moya Gilbert.
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 raised £446. Many thanks to all those who donated. In future the dedicated 'Mary's Meals box' will be one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right of the Main Door. Amazingly it costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

5. OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON IS RESTORED from Pentecost Sunday by the Bishops of England and Wales saying 'the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply'.

6. ARE YOU A WELCOMER or interested in becoming a welcomer? On Saturday 11th June there will be a meeting for welcomers in the Barn at 11am. All are welcome. We hope to be joined by Margaret Fraher from the Diocese. Please join us if you are able.

7. 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. **This weekend you are 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. If you are able to help or have any helpful suggestions to make it a fun afternoon please contact Anne in the Office – 01903242624. Please put the date in your diary and join the parish in celebrating.

8. PENTECOST/PLATINUM JUBILEE MASSES: Over the weekend of the 4th and 5th June, our parish will be celebrating not only the Feast of Pentecost but also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Therefore the 6pm Mass on Saturday 4th June and the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th June will be special masses to mark these occasions. The hymns and music have been chosen to honour the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and that of the Church, together with important occasions in the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, including her coronation and wedding. All are most welcome to join us and participate in these celebratory masses.

9. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 29th 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

10. LITTLE ANGELS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP: The situation is truly dire and volunteers are very urgently needed. Please give it some serious thought and then volunteer! Please ring Anne in the Office for further information. With enough volunteers a Rota could be formed..

11. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Thursday 9th June at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: St Patrick's Missionary Society, which is based in Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, was established 90 years ago. It has recently elected as its leader a Nigerian priest, Father Richard Filima. For the past 30 years priests have joined the Kiltegan Fathers from the various countries in which the missionaries worked including a number of African countries, Brazil and Grenada. This is the first time an African priest leads the Society. Since 2007, 40 African Kiltegan priests have been ordained and there are 90 students in formation in South, Central and East Africa. Sadly the vocations in Ireland and Britain have dried up, but it is great news that they now have an African leader. He was ordained in 2008 and his first appointment was in Brazil. A new and historic day has dawned for St Patrick's Society. It has been very influential also in the establishment of a new missionary Society in Nigeria – the Society of St Paul – which has many African priests – some of whom are working in our Diocese.

It is a moment to reflect on the many difficulties encountered by the Kiltegan Fathers and other missionaries over the years in bringing the faith to peoples of different languages and cultures. Now missionaries are coming from Africa to Ireland and Britain to sustain us in our Christian lives. Father Filima will be based in Nairobi, Kenya with the new central leadership team. Their English base is in East Molesey, Surrey.

When the Church began its great missionary project 2,000 years ago, obviously it was faced with great challenges. But there were also enormous advantages. Much of the known world was enjoying what is known as the Pax Romana. There was relative peace in the Roman Empire and the fierce persecutions which the Emperors waged against the Church were still in the future. Meanwhile the Church made extraordinary advances.

By the first century of the Christian era Rome was the political ruler of the Mediterranean world but the Greek influences were alive and active. Greek or Hellenistic culture and language were very dominant as a result of the conquests of Alexander the Great of Macedonia. The Prophet Daniel speaks of him as 'the powerful King of great might who does as he pleases'. Alexander himself did not live long to enjoy the fruits of his great conquests. In ten short years he took control of huge stretches of territory from his homeland in Northern Greece to the Indus River in the years 333-323 BC. He was born in 356, the son of Philip II, King of Macedonia. Among his teachers was Aristotle. He was not yet 20 when he became King and died at the age of 30 having been taken ill at a banquet. His huge empire was splintered among various generals and was never reunited. But his conquests had set in motion cultural trends that could not be quickly reversed. After centuries of struggle the different Kingdoms of Alexander's great Empire fell in turn to Rome. Macedonia was swallowed up by Rome in 146 BC. Syria in 64 BC and Egypt in 30 BC. By that time a very distinctive culture had emerged all over the East – a blend of Greek and Oriental. It was into this world that Christianity was born and within it the infant Church flourished and took root.

Alexander himself founded the new city of Alexandria in Egypt and it emerged as a powerful City State. Many City States came into being all over the Near East and developed to suit the various powers between the time of the rule of Alexander and Rome. Antioch and Alexandria played a great part in the development of Christianity for centuries. Many Jews too drifted towards these cities for economic reasons and to broaden their horizons. The Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek about the year 300 in Egypt and at the time of Paul's missionary journeys there were large Jewish colonies in Rome, Corinth, Athens, Antioch and Ephesus and Philippi. There was a network of communications between the great cities and Greek was the language of commerce and trade routes were opened up between East and West as people moved freely from one part to another.

This was hugely important for the rise and spread of Christianity. The network of communications and the use of one widely used language was a huge benefit to the spread of the faith. Each and every one of the 26 books of the New Testament were written in Greek. Acts of Apostles tells us the journeys of Paul as he criss-crosses the Mediterranean world on land and sea with the good news of Christ. He was only one of a large number of such early Christian missionaries who vied with rival religious preachers for the allegiance of the people in the market places of the cities. These first missionaries of the gospel of course had huge obstacles and difficulties to contend with but what a benefit it was that a one-world culture existed through the network of towns and cities and a language that was so widely understood and spoken. The missionaries in later ages had to operate in a much more fragmented world.

Father George O'Brien of the Kiltegan Fathers has spent over 50 years of his priesthood in Southern Africa. He is about to pay a visit to his sister in our parish, Peggy Gallagher. We wish them well.