

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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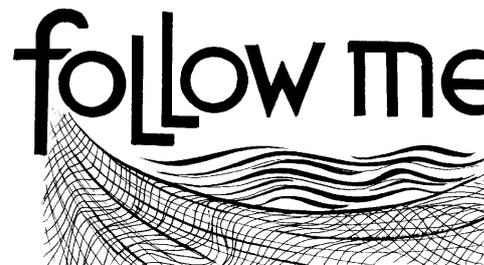
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	25 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	26 th	8.15 am	Gerald Simblett RIP
		10.30 am	Jo-Ann Hudson RIP
Monday	27 th	9.30 am	Father Kenneth McCarthy RIP
		12 noon	REQUIEM FOR GERALD SIMBLETT RIP
Tuesday	28 th	9.30 am	Jim Heron RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sts Peter & Paul	29th	9.30 am	Maureen Clarke & Peter Tomer RIP
		7.30 pm	Reg & Dorrie Marshall RIP
Thursday	30 th	9.30 am	Intention of the Dunne Family
Friday	1 st	9.30 am	Bill O'Keeffe RIP
Saturday	2 nd	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	Gerald Simblett RIP
		10.30 am	Ellen Leahy RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14; St. Paul to Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

COLLECTIONS: Church: £396 + Digital Collection: £90 Day For Life: £154 Thank you for your generosity.

**This Sunday there will be collections for Peter's Pence (NOT Gift Aided)
Wednesday is the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, A Holyday of Obligation**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert Gibbs, 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, 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: Rita Traynor, Paul Simmons, Gerard Madden, Doreen Knowlton, Michael McGuire, Patricia Potter, John Richards, Mary Lankester, Patricia Hale, Michael Coughlan, Yvonne Hutchinson, Mary Foreman. *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. THE CHURCH COLLECTION(S) will in future be taken up during Mass

5. READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: July rosters are now available in the Sacristy

6. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: If you missed last Sunday's ceremony of Renewal of Commitment on the part of the Eucharistic Ministers please let Father Liam know so that you can make your renewal at some other time.

7. LITTLE ANGELS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP: The situation continues to be 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 more volunteers a Rota could be formed..

8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 26th June, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people 11+ welcome. Contact Niall for more information nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk

9. OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED will be receiving their Certificates of Confirmation at 10.30 Mass this Sunday. Congratulations to: William Clarke, Arianna Peci, Jamie Shinkfield and Dominic Winton

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. Amazingly it costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Coffee, Cereal Bars, Carton Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juices, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meat, Tinned Corned Beef, Pot Noodles, Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Small Carton Juices, Anti-Bac cleaning spray and wipes, Dishwasher tablets and Washing up Liquid. 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: Last Tuesday was the Summer Solstice – the longest day of the year in our part of the world; the day when the sun is farthest from the Equator and reaches its turning point at the Tropic of Cancer. But we hope that the best of the summer is yet to come. Indeed, our Christian hope and conviction is that for all of us the best is still to come.

This Sunday is the first Sunday since the 27th February that the liturgical colour is green. Green is the colour symbolic of growth and vigour. Since February we have been through all the remaining liturgical colours, purple, rose, white and red in the course of celebrating Lent and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost followed by Trinity Sunday and last Sunday's celebration of Corpus Christi. In the Church we never stop celebrating. The solstices picture the sun standing still on its course at these special days in June and December but it doesn't really, nor do we. On Wednesday we celebrate the great apostles Peter and Paul who with all the saints themselves celebrate eternal glory.

Ordinary Time in the liturgical year is the time outside the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The first part of Ordinary Time ended this year at the end of February. It varies from year to year depending on the date of Easter. This year there were 5 Sundays of Ordinary Time before Lent began. So why is today the 13th Sunday. We are now in the second part of Ordinary Time which lasts until the closing days of November. The weeks in the second part of Ordinary Time are counted backwards from the last Sunday of Ordinary Time which is the 34th Sunday. On any liturgical year there is never room to celebrate all 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time, but there has to be a first and a last. Which ones are omitted each year depends on when Easter occurs on that particular year.

From the very beginning of Christianity – long before the liturgical season developed – every Sunday was regarded as a little Easter. No Sunday was an ordinary day. We speak of Ordinary Time, meaning ordered time or numbered Sundays in order to distinguish Sundays which fall outside of the Church seasons from one another, just as we speak of the 1st Sunday of Advent or the 2nd Sunday of Christmas, or the 3rd Sunday of Lent or the 4th Sunday of Easter.

All the Sundays are named and from the beginning Sunday itself was given various names. These names give us an insight into how this special day was regarded. They help us to appreciate the riches and sacredness of this day, beyond all other days. We will have a look at some of these names, some of which are to be found in the New Testament itself: the First Day of the Week; the Lord's Day, Sunday; the Eighth Day; Resurrection Day.

The First Day of the Week. All four Gospels emphasise that Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. The first Christians continued to speak in Jewish fashion of the first day of the week. St Paul reminded his converts to set aside money for support of the poor 'on the first day of every week' (1 Cor 16:2) Luke, when speaking of the Sunday celebration at Troas (Troy) said 'on the first day of the week we met to break bread'. Acts 20:1). It was on the first day that God began his work of Creation. For the people of the Old Testament and for the Church of the New, the first day of the week commemorates the beginning of Creation. 'For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old creation is gone and now the new one is here (2 Cor 4:17).

The Lord's Day was early on chosen by the infant Church as a special name for the first day of the week. It is the name that has always been preferred by the Church. The New Testament always links the name Lord (Kyrios) with the Resurrection. 'God raised him on high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father' (Phil 2: 8-11). The earliest profession of faith was the simple affirmation 'Jesus is Lord'. (1 Cor 12:3).

The name Sunday might appear to have no Christian significance. It is of pagan origin and is a reminder of the sun worship of the ancient world. But Christians saw in the name a new significance. They gave Christ the title Sun of Justice because they saw him as the fulfilment of the prophet Malachi: 'For you who revere my name, the Sun of Justice will rise with healing in his rays' (3:20). Jesus is the true light which the darkness will not be able to overpower. Resurrection Day was a title introduced in the Eastern Church in the Fourth Century. Among Russians and Ukrainians and other Slavonic peoples Sunday continues to be known by this beautiful and expressive name. It makes explicit what is expressed implicitly in 'the Lord's Day', the 'First Day of the Week' and even 'Sunday'. In the Churches of the East, Sunday is celebrated with much of the splendour of Easter. Our way of celebrating the Sunday Eucharist is very sober and restrained in contrast. In the East they celebrate with vigour the joy of the Resurrection as the texts and melodies and dramatic ceremonial evoke the events of the first Easter Sunday.

The Eighth Day is the name of Sunday prompted by St John's description of the appearance of Jesus on Easter Day and a week later. 'Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them' (20:26). This was the first day of the week and it was also the octave of the Resurrection. The Constitution of the Liturgy – the first document of the Second Vatican Council – has in its description of Sunday, retained this traditional, highly significant name. It declares that the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery 'every eighth day'. The seventh day was the Jewish Sabbath. But the Lord's Resurrection on the day following the Sabbath marked a new beginning. A new era had dawned. The early Church decided that the Sabbath, the seventh day, was no longer the sacred day for the Church. Seven was the number signifying perfection. The resurrection was beyond perfection so it is celebrated weekly on the eighth day.