

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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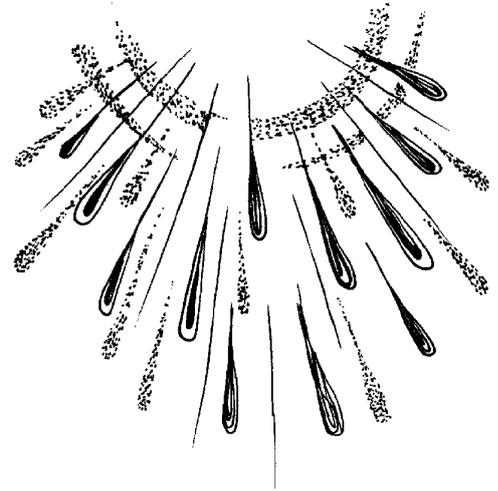
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Pentecost

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
Monday	6 th	9.30 am	Ann Bandy RIP
Tuesday	7 th	9.30 am	Charles Hayes RIP
Wednesday	8 th	9.30 am	Jane Melhuish RIP
Thursday	9 th	9.30 am	Reg & Dorrie Marshall RIP
		2.30 pm	Memorial Mass
Friday	10 th	9.30 am	The Parish
		11.30 am	REQUIEM FOR ROSE LITTLE RIP
Saturday	11 th	6.00 pm	Ellen Louis RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.15 am	Gerald Simblett 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 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Paul to the Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

COLLECTIONS: Church: £309 Digital Collection: £57 Catholic Communications Network: £86
Thank you for your generosity.

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: MARGARET BIRCH and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Frederick Childs, Bridget Stapleton, Roger Gochmanski, Marion McCabe, Julia Rippin, Rita Healy, Wasyl Szymuda, Raymond Tremayne, Mary Marsh, Simonne Brookes, Josette de Roland Peel, Marina Hatton, William Steadman, Bernard Carroll. *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. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be received by six of our children next Sunday during the 10.30 am Mass. Please pray for: Kryz Chiu, Isabella Dedman, Samantha Gomis-Schlick, Oliver Markham, Lucy McCallum, Fia Saji and their families.

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? Next 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. UKRAINIAN REFUGEES. Three Ukrainians are moving into our parish in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for Lana, Anna and Liza, their country and the people they are leaving behind. Please contact Mary with offers of help on 01903 245309 or ogrady.mary@gmail.com, which will be gratefully received.

8. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here **next** 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.

9. HANDMADE CARDS FOR FATHER'S DAY (which is on 19th June) are now available in the Shop. All proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

10. 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 enough volunteers a Rota could be formed..

11. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting next Sunday, 12th 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

12. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale in the Barn after all Masses the weekend of 18th/19th June

13. 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.

14. 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: I must begin by thanking the parish and all of you for the many and varied ways in which you have marked my 80th birthday last weekend. So much of what was afoot was kept hidden from me. This was probably facilitated by my recent visit to Ireland to see my three sisters who are all older than myself! I was overwhelmed by your kindness and good wishes and the planning that went into the event. Thanks also to the children of English Martyrs School and their lovely artwork. What a splendid banner and birthday cake! The best part of it is that it is now over and you will never have to bother about any other birthdays of mine. I wish you all many happy birthdays of your own whenever they occur.

This weekend countless people around the world have been celebrating the truly unique event of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. No monarch in British history has been on the throne for such a length of time nor may be again. Her 70 years of service are remarkable for the qualities of statesmanship and humanity that she has brought to such an arduous and demanding office. She truly deserves our gratitude and prayers and good wishes and it is good that we as a parish have helped to make it a truly memorable occasion.

We certainly are living in particularly unsettling times. One of the great slogans of our age has been 'Keep calm and carry on'. We tend to assume that people who lived through the Blitz rallied around that call but it seems that almost no-one heard those words until the year 2,000. About 20 years ago a bookseller in Alnwick, Northumberland bought a box of second-hand books at auction. When he unpacked it, he found a propaganda poster dating to the Second World War but it never made it into mass circulation. It was only with the internet culture that the British public has become familiar with it. I am not quite sure of the extent to which the spirit of the slogan characterised the general spirit of the Blitz but it is a good message for any age. And it is a message that Queen Elizabeth has eminently epitomised.

It is a message that Pope Francis also communicates. We must not allow ourselves or our young people to be overwhelmed by worry or anxiety but we must carry on seeking out better and safer ways, confident that with God's help we will steer a course for a better future.

Pope Francis has named 21 new Cardinals, sixteen of whom are younger than 80. Those over 80 will not be able to vote in the election of a new Pope. A total of 131 will be under that age when the new Cardinals are created towards the end of August. Most of the new Cardinals, like the previous cardinals created by Pope Francis, have come from countries other than Europe. He has been putting a clear personal stamp on the future of the Catholic Church. Among the new Cardinals will be two from India and one each from Ghana, Nigeria, Singapore, East Timor, Paraguay and Brazil. The Pope is determined to have Cardinals that reflect the global face of the Church.

Church growth has been stagnant and even declining in much of Europe and North America. The Vatican is being attentive to all parts of the Church but is mindful of Catholics in developing countries where the numbers of the faithful has been growing for many decades. Only one new Cardinal was named from the United States. Before Pope Francis the United States were accustomed to more than that. The American bishops will be even more displeased with Pope Francis, but he is strong enough to know how foolish it would be to try to please all.

At a more local level, in our Diocese, Bishop Richard has to continue to make difficult choices about how to place the diminishing number of priests to serve the various parishes. For example, until a few years ago, there was a resident priest in each of the neighbouring coastal parishes of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven. More recently one priest has been serving these parishes. Newhaven presbytery and church premises were sold. Now as from this summer, there will be no resident priest in Seaford or Peacehaven. The priest in Lewis will be serving them with just one Mass in Lewis, Seaford and Peacehaven each weekend.

With priests retiring and very few being ordained more and more parishes will have just one weekend Mass at best. It is important to keep this in mind and to prepare ourselves for it. Perhaps the provision of so many churches and a number of Masses in each has rather created an impression that this is the normal way of being a Eucharistic people. It certainly was not normal in the early centuries and has never been normal in many Catholic countries around the world. If Sunday Mass is important for us we must be prepared to adjust our thinking and acting in order to gather at the Table of the Lord even when it will not be as convenient as now