

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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| Saturday | 9 th | 6.00 pm | Paul Headon RIP |
| Sunday | 10 th | 8.15 am | The Parish |
| | | 10.30 am | Intention of Michael Burhold (ill) |
| Monday | 11 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Janette & Phil Taylor |
| Tuesday | 12 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Paul & Samantha Carroll |
| | | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 13 th | 9.30 am | Deceased Members of the Markham & Smith Families |
| Thursday | 14 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Jesvin James |
| Friday | 15 th | 9.30 am | Intention of Jeslin James |
| Saturday | 16 th | 6.00 pm | Helen Roe RIP |
| Sunday | 17 th | 8.15 am | Maura Lindsay RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | The Parish |

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-10; St Paul to Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

COLLECTIONS: Church: £417 + Digital Collection: £87 Thank you for your generosity.

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

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, 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: ROBERT GIBBS and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Donald Macdonald, Heather Reeves, Moira McCann, Marjorie Clarke, Sean Kearney. *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

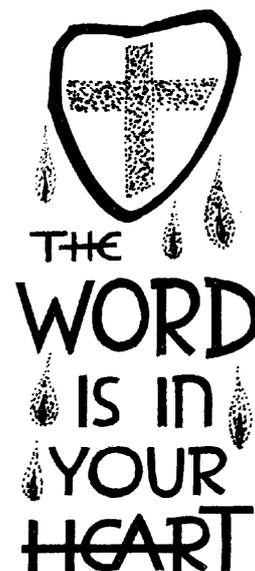
4. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting out ports. Please give generously to support

5. RECYCLING: In partnership with one of the Church Suppliers we will in future be gathering all empty candle holders, both metal and plastic together with unused candlewax ready for collection and recycling. If you are helping by clearing used candles please now use the recycling bins available in the sacristy instead of any other bins.

7. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: If you have not Renewed your Commitment as a Eucharistic Minister please let Father Liam know so that an arrangement can be made for a future date.

8. EDGE YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday, 10th July, 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. 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.



10. 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: The Mass, we know, used to be said in the Western Church ever since the time of the Council of Trent in the precise form laid down by that Council. After the Reformation the Catholic Church in the West imposed the Latin language as the way the Eucharist and the Sacraments should be celebrated so as to ensure that our liturgy would be guaranteed to be in accord with Church teaching. The word 'Mass' comes from the Latin word 'Missa'. The Eucharist used to end rather abruptly after Communion with the words 'ite missa est' – 'Go, you are sent out'.

But up to sixty years ago, some of us remember that the Mass did not really end with these words. At some stage there was added a reading from the opening chapter of St John's Gospel – which became known as the Last Gospel. Dating from the First World War and the huge number of fatalities, a prayer for the dead was also added at every Mass. This took the form of one of the Psalms known as the De Profundis. Like the rest of the Mass the Last Gospel and the De Profundis were said in Latin. But there had been another addition to the Mass which dated back to the time when the Papal States began to be in danger of being snatched from the rule of the papacy at the time of the Unification of Italy. In 1859 Pope Pius IX ordered the recitation of a series of prayers at the end of Mass for the preservation of the Pope's temporal power. Although these prayers were not obligatory outside of Italy, the Pope did ask Catholics throughout the world to pray for the defeat of the forces opposed to Papal rule. In 1884 Pius' successor Pope Leo XIII responded to the harsh anti-clerical climate through Italy, ordered that these prayers be recited throughout the world. Two years later the focus of the prayers shifted again, now directed to the conversion of sinners and the 'freedom and exaltation of Holy Mother Church.' A newly composed prayer to St Michael was added at this time.

In the years that followed the introduction of these 'Leonine prayers' saw the intention of the prayers shift again. By now the recognition of the Rights of the Holy See was guaranteed by The Lateran Treaty and the focus of the prayers was on peace and the conversion of Russia. The prayer to St Michael the Archangel continued to be said at the end of Mass until 1965. It strongly emphasised the Archangel's role as a heavenly protector and draws on the imagery of the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation. Some of you will remember this prayer which was part of our Catholic heritage for generations:

'St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen'

It was, after all, one of the few prayers in English that was part of the Sunday Mass. However we must not reduce Michael – or any of the angels- to simply being 'our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil'. The angels were not created for the benefit of humankind. It is not we – but Christ – who is the centre of their existence.

Pope Francis, in a homily on the Feast of St Michael, 29th September 2017 said: 'The angels are before the Lord to serve him, praise him and also to contemplate the glory of the face of the Lord. Angels are the great contemplatives. They serve and contemplate. But the Lord also sends them forth to accompany us in our journey of life.' The names of the three archangels mentioned in the Scriptures are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. All three names end with 'El' which means 'God' in Hebrew. Michael means 'Who is like God?' Gabriel means 'God is my strength' and Raphael means 'God's remedy'. Gabriel is the most well known of the Archangels from the scene of the Annunciation in Luke's Gospel where he leads Mary and Zachariah to understand more fully what was being revealed to them. But the Old Testament also speaks of how Gabriel appeared to the prophet Daniel to explain his heavenly visions. Gabriel is the angel of God's strength.

Why is there a question mark in the name of Michael? (Who is like God?) This is a reference to the ancient serpent who promised the first man that he would be like God if he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. The name of Michael reminds us of our tendency to focus on ourselves and our own importance. This is the temptation that draws so many to believe that God impedes their freedom and so, they seek to rid themselves of him.

The story of Raphael (God's Remedy) is found in the Old Testament book of Tobit. He helps to bring healing and comfort to Tobit and Sarah. Raphael heals the blindness of Tobit, reminding us of the spiritual blindness that prevents us from seeing God's power and presence in creation and in our own.