

Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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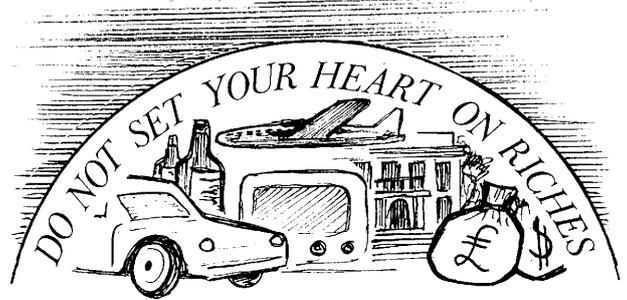
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Margaret Birch RIP
Sunday	31 st	8.15 am	Hilda Hanley RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	1 st	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	2 nd	9.30 am	Jim White RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Souls – Special Intention
Thursday	4 th	9.30 am	Lottie-Mae RIP
Friday	5 th	9.30 am	Nicholas Murphy RIP
Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Norma Markham RIP
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Patrick Haugh RIP



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; St. Paul to Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48.

COLLECTIONS: Church: £406 + Digital Collection: £65 Thank you for your generosity.

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, 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: Deacon Pat Moloney, Brenda Allen, Douglas Kirkby, Doris Smith, Roger Stubbs, Kathleen Winsall, John Flood, Eileen Scott, Rosemary Brown, David Dandeker, Christopher Hatton. *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. FATHER JOHN SAYS: Very many thanks to everyone for making my Jubilee celebration so special last weekend. The Mass was beautiful and the reception afterwards was quite unexpected! Thank you too for your prayers, cards and good wishes.

5. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Bishop Richard, is now in Lourdes. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they will you.

6. TRAIDCRAFT will be on sale in the Barn after all Masses this weekend

7. HAVE YOUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED? If so and your loved one has recovered but is on the list in Item 1 please let Anne in the Office know so that the name can be removed – 01903 242624

8. YOUNG ADULTS DAY AT THE SEASIDE with Fr Stephen Ortiger will take place on Saturday 20 August from 11am - 3pm. The day will start with Mass at Our lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

9. HAPPY BAGS have returned and are available in both porches for the use of young people during Mass. Please help yourself and return them to the porches at the end of Mass.

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

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11. THE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2022 will be held on Saturday 8th October from 11.30 am – 2.00 pm in Arundel Cathedral. Are you celebrating an anniversary with a particular significance for you this year? Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11.30am followed by a small drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. The venue is wheelchair friendly.

12. 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: When I was a boy, I used to look up at the sky much more than I do now and wonder what was going on up there. The stars looked much brighter then. It was not just that my eyes were functioning better. At the time and place where I grew up rural electrification had not appeared on the scene. Living out in the country there was not a village to be seen from my home. The scattered houses around could only be faintly identified at night by the dim lights of oil lamps shining through their windows.

Now the night scene is very different and I fear the sky has not the same fascination for most people as it once had but recent developments will hopefully change all that. The awe and majesty of the skies is being revealed to us as never before. The first pictures from the James Webb Space telescope, the most powerful ever built, have come back to us. It was launched on Christmas Day. It needed to be folded up so that it could fit in a rocket and it has successfully reached the stage where it enables us to peer further back into space and into time and gain a greater grasp of the wonders of the universe. Something incredible is being revealed to us about how the visible world came into being and the Webb telescope has so much more to show us in the coming years. It can see backwards into time to just after the Big Bang by looking at galaxies that are so far away that the light has taken many millions of years to get to its telescopes. We are seeing these galaxies as they were 13 billion light years ago. That is less than a billion years after the Big Bang. It will tell astronomers a lot more about the formation years of the universe. It is a major advance on what the Hubble telescope was doing 18 years ago.

The image that got greatest publicity was a shot of a tiny area of sky (a really tiny area) which shows that the region is crammed full of galaxies – hundreds of them. And the experts tell us that this image, spectacular as it is, is not all that beautiful. The image given us by the James Webb telescope of the Carina Nebula are, by contrast, staggering – a gorgeous, rich-coloured curtain of dust and gas left over from the final explosion of a massive star. Webb is more than a million kilometres from earth. Construction began in 2004 and 10,000 scientists were involved and the telescope cost \$10 billion. Whether it is worth it is a matter of opinion. It certainly displays the incredible ingenuity of a group of gifted astronomers and astrophysicists from all over the world – including Ireland. What it displays, most of all, is the intelligence of the mighty power who is at 'work' in all creation. It is difficult to understand how anyone could argue that such immense order and beauty had come about by chance. The problem is that we human beings have great difficulty in relating to the vast universe of which we are part. We seem determined to go on despoiling our home, destroying the very environment we need to sustain us. The words of Joni Mitchell's song from about 50 years ago seem far more relevant now:

*'Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.'*

Central to an understanding of the universe story is our place within it. The story of the universe over billions of years is our sacred story. The story we have to tell and that we celebrate above all in the Eucharist is that we belong together. When we suffer, we suffer together. When we worship, we worship as one. To celebrate the Eucharist is to gather all of life together as represented in the fruit of the plants of the earth. 'Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer... we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the earth, fruit of the vine, and work of human hands. They will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.' That reverence is directed towards every creature. Our survival from day to day is dependant on plants. The Eucharist is our awareness of the thanks we owe to the giver of all gifts and of all life.

Addressing the Father in in Eucharistic Prayer II we say of Jesus that he is 'your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer'. This makes it clear that Creation and Redemption are to be seen as two great movements of God's love towards us from the beginning. The story of creation is about a journey of over 13 billion years and we are part of that story. All living beings are companions with us on this adventure and all creatures are interdependent. Human beings need insects of all kinds for our continued existence. Other creatures depend on us for their survival and we have failed so many of them as the loss of bio-diversity makes clear. We have all been swept along on the same evolutionary adventure as all other species. It is important to be aware of this. It doesn't lessen our human dignity but it should lead us to pay due respect to all creatures whose origins in stardust is similar to ours.

St Thomas Aquinas, perhaps the greatest theologian of all time, said about a thousand years ago: 'Since God's goodness could not be adequately represented by one creature alone, he produced many and diverse creatures so that what was wanting to one in the manifestation of divine goodness might be supplied by another. Because goodness, which in God is single and undifferentiated in creatures, is reflected into myriad hues of being'.

*May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.*

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