

# PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way 24.03.2024

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Gary King RIP
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Simon & Maria Ash Golden Wedding Anniversary
		10.30 am	The Parish
		<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Veronica Hutchings RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Peggy Gallagher RIP



<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper – Intention of Teresa Boyle</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am 3.00 pm 7.00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross – for children Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 pm	<b>The Solemn Vigil of Easter – The Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March	8.15 am 10.30 am	<b>Mass – Bobby Cullis RIP Mass – Fred Carruthers RIP</b>

**NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON HOLY SATURDAY**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 10:34, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

*Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be the usual collection for the Holy Places  
Easter Saturday at 2.00 pm in the Barn – The Blessing of Baskets for the Polish Community*

**THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS TO  
FATHER LIAM (GIFT AIDED)**

**COLLECTIONS: Church: £526 Digital Collection: £77 Thank you for your generosity.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Peter Honiball, Richard Wells, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Sarah Johnstone, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Bernard Nutland, Donna Jackson, Maithe Bennett, William Clarke, Joyce Sims, Therese Mekui, Daisy Kinch, Maureen Sullivan, Raymond Earl, Stephen Paris, Edith De la Bertauche, Lillian Corry, Alice Hudson, Mary McGoohan, Dennis Hale. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE EASTER MASSES** are your personal gift to Father Liam. (Gift Aid applies). If you are not Gift Aiding, special Easter Offering envelopes are in the Porch. If you will be away for Easter you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards

**4. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ABORTION LAW:** There are postcards in both porches to complete and post to your MP asking them to vote in support of the amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to lower the abortion time limit for the unborn child from 24 weeks down to 22 weeks. Please write the name of your MP and post to House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

**5. PRAYER PARTNERS** are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**6. TWELVE VOLUNTEERS** for the Washing of the Feet ceremony on Holy Thursday are required. Please put your name on one of the lists in either Porch

**7. ST PATRICK'S ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY'** last Saturday evening raised £953 for the Parish Project. Many thanks to all those who helped and donated. The Hospice in Kalingalinga will be most grateful for this donation.

**8. EASTER POSTERS** have once again been supplied by our local Knights of St Columba. If you would like to display one in a prominent window of your home, as an act of witness at Easter, they are available in the porches.

**9. ROSARY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND** will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is on April 13<sup>th</sup> Please put the date in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for peace.

**10 KRISSIE WHITE RIP:** Requiem Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd April at St Michael's, High Salvington

**11. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX** is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese.

**12. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER** is an exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of the Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker (including Bishop Richard Moth and Father Graham Ricketts) and small group discussions and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April 2024 and will run to the 23rd May. See poster in church porches The Promise Of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, so please book now using the link below to avoid disappointment. You can find more information on the course and book your place here: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father>

**13. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

**14. TURNING TIDES:** Everyday items are always needed: Coffee, Sugar, Long-life Milk, Carton juice - large and small, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals. Many thanks to all who are able to help.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: The Gospel reading of the Passion that is proclaimed on Good Friday** every year is from John's gospel. On Palm Sunday the Gospel of the Passion is either from Matthew, Mark or Luke. This year it is from Mark. Each of these Gospels recount the main events of the public life of Jesus. They give us an account of his deeds and words and they focus on his death and resurrection as the events which give meaning to his whole life. It is through his death and resurrection that Christ's identity as the Son of God is revealed.

Mark is the first to put before us in written form a narrative of the words and deeds of Jesus. But the earliest proclamation of the Gospel was by word of mouth. This was what Christ told his followers to do. No writing of Jesus has come down to us, but his words have continually been changing the face of the earth. Mark opens his written account of Jesus by saying that 'this is the good news of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God'. In today's account of his death, Mark tells us that the true identity of Jesus is recognised by the Roman centurion when he says 'This is truly the Son of God'.

Mark makes no attempt to conceal the weakness of the apostles. As the crucifixion approaches they all 'deserted him and fled'. The women now take the place of the men. They follow Jesus to the cross. Mark tells us that when John the Baptist had been beheaded, his disciples had stayed loyal to him and buried his body in a tomb. One of the embarrassing memories included in all four gospels is that the body of Jesus was buried by Joseph of Arimathea, who appears in all the four gospels for the first time, after the death of Jesus. He takes courage to do what the apostles of Jesus fail to do. He publicly associated himself with the crucified Jesus. If the members of the Sanhedrin found Jesus guilty, and worthy of death, why does Joseph, a respected member of that Council, approach Pilate for permission to bury the body of Jesus?

Mark is telling us how the pagan centurion responded to Jesus after his death by confessing to his divinity. He had overseen the execution of Jesus and then comes to believe that he is the Son of God. Joseph was a secret disciple of Jesus. Mark says that he was awaiting the Kingdom of God – a pious Jew who lived in expectation of the fulfilment of Israel's messianic hopes. Mark tells us the Joseph 'bought a linen cloth and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock'. Matthew tells us that it was Joseph's 'own new tomb which had been hewn in the rock'. John tells us that Nicodemus, who had previously come to Jesus by night, helped Joseph to bury the body of Jesus.

When someone was sentenced to crucifixion a tablet detailing the charge was made as a warning to others. The tablet was sometimes hung around the neck of the convicted man or paraded before him on the way to execution and then fixed to the cross. The four gospels mention that the written charge against Jesus was 'King of the Jews' though the wording is slightly different in each account. This is the only recorded thing written in his lifetime and it emphasises that it was as Messiah that Jesus was executed. All four gospels mention that there were two criminals crucified alongside Jesus. Only Luke portrays one of them in a favourable light.

Not a whisper of support of Jesus is heard in Mark's account of the crucifixion – apart from the presence of the women. Mark, paints a picture of unrelieved wretchedness. The first disciples were too distressed by these events to ever think of referring to that day as Good Friday. But Paul tells us to glory in the victorious death of Jesus.