

## PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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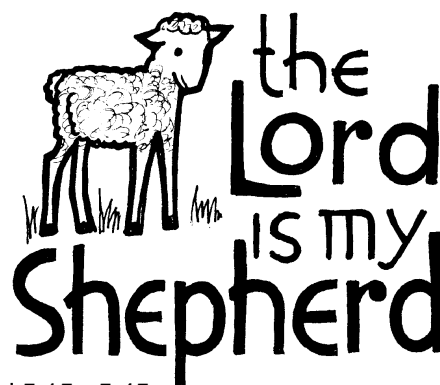
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### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Michael Shiel RIP
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	Intention of Ella Doll
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	In Honour of St Anne
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Morell
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	In Honour of Blessed Andrew Bertie
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	McClosky & Brown Families RIP
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Antoinetta Macari RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	John Mayock RIP



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £478 Dona: £165 Thank you for your generosity.

**This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)**

**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** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Marie Stovold, Win Coughlan, Edna Catley, Hilda Goldrick, Ruth Evans, Pamela Axworthy, Mary Lambrou, Stella Broadhead, Bernard Joyce, Mike Begley. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. 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.

**4. AN AMAZING CONCERT** was held last Sunday in the Barn, after the 10.30 Mass to raise funds for three of our young people who will be travelling to Lourdes - Emily as a Red Shirt, William as a Young Helper, and James as an Adult Helper. They thank you for your very kind donations that amounted to £816.86.

**5. COLLECTION FOR THE 'GATWICK DETAINEES'.** The Gatwick Detainees are people who have fled to Briton in the hope of finding safety. They are held in prison-like conditions and usually arrive with nothing at all. They are held in Gatwick until their case is heard. Teresa is organising a two-week collection of clothes for them which will start next weekend. There will be sacks available in the West Porch and the items needed are: MEN's (only) medium T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts and jogging bottoms. Also, large sweatshirts, hoodies and any second hand trainers. There is a real need for these items only. Thank you.

**6. CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING** will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

**7. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND** will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

**8. TO ALL WHO HOLD A DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.** This is the latest information from the Diocese. 'Please be aware that our online Safeguarding Training is changing. All volunteers must complete the CSSA Level 3 course which can be accessed via this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>.

Please see our new Safeguarding Training Poster (in the Front Porch). The CSSA Level 3 course is now the only training we are offering. The training has been piloted and has received positive feedback including:

*'It is Church related training. It is just one course with both Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults included. We no longer need consent from volunteers as they will enrol themselves for the training.'*

**9. GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD** will take place on Wednesday 26 June. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

**10. 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.

**11. 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: Rome has probably more church buildings – large and small – than any other city in Christendom and more priests also to celebrate the Eucharist in them. But as long ago as forty years the number of priests ordained for the diocese of Rome was extraordinarily low – only about four ordinations a year, to serve millions of people. Were it not for the hundreds of priests from all over the world who are posted to Roman monasteries and universities and seminaries, the faithful of Rome might feel very neglected as far as Sunday Masses are concerned.**

Their situation might be more like the one St Justin the Martyr wrote about in Rome around the year 160 describing the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. "On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place". We might think that this meant that practically the whole community managed to participate in the celebration but we have to remember that Sunday was not a day of leisure. Sunday was an ordinary working day and Christians were a persecuted minority. It was not until the Roman Emperors became Christian that Sundays became days of rest. Most people were not masters of their own time. Many were slaves even. People who could make it to the Christian gathering would be subject to denunciation and persecution if they were found out. St Justin in his description of the Sunday Eucharist goes on to mention that the consecrated bread – the Blessed Sacrament – was carried from the assembly to those who were unable to attend. And a large part of the Christian community might not be able to gather around the Eucharistic Table. Their only way to participate in the Sunday Eucharist was through their reception of Holy Communion.

Of course, the ideal is that we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. As St Peter reminds us, we are a Royal priesthood. We share in the priesthood of Christ and we offer all glory and honour to the Father in Christ and with Christ and through Christ. But what is to happen when Sunday Mass is not available in every parish? Should we all be expected to make every effort to travel to the nearest place where Sunday Mass is celebrated? But a parish is a community of worshipers, and it is important that we worship together. Shoppers are individuals and often travel some distance to get to their nearest Sainsbury's/Tesco's Supermarket but is this how we are meant to view our Sunday worship?

It could be argued that even when Sunday Mass cannot be celebrated regularly by our own local community we should gather as a community to worship together – as Catholic communities do in so many parts of the world and have been doing for many years. They celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and receive Holy Communion that had been consecrated at a previous Mass. The principal reason why the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle is that it can be offered to those who cannot present themselves at Mass. In so many parts of the Catholic world that is the situation. Though they cannot regularly celebrate Mass together they are not deprived of the Eucharist. Given the present discipline of the Church, we are being increasingly faced with a challenging future. But it is our right as a Christian community to be actively engaged in our parish as loving brothers and sisters in Christ, which the Eucharist strengthens us to do. St Paul tells us: 'We though many, are one body, because we partake on one bread'. Even when we cannot regularly gather for Mass we need not be deprived of the Eucharist.

The term 'Sunday Eucharist' has long been extended to include Saturday evening. This was largely in response to the changing conditions in our society. I wonder could the 'Sunday Eucharist' be further extended to include the whole weekend, starting on Friday night? In our Deanery this could be regarded as having taken place already. The prison at Ford has been having their weekly Mass on Friday afternoons for some years. The local priest serves two parishes, Littlehampton and Rustington – so he has extended his reach to cover a longer weekend.

In many mission lands Sunday Mass is celebrated on whatever day it is possible to gather the people around the altar. I know as little about the future as the next person but I do know that it will be different. What a shame it would be if it were the case that 'The hungry sheep look up and are not fed!'