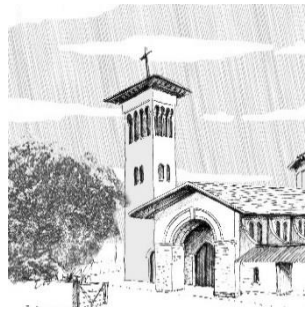


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# ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B  
22nd/23rd September 2018



A challenging statement from the Second Vatican Council tells us that peace is much more than the absence of war but the universal experience of justice and love. I was reminded of these words when I looked at the readings for this Sunday. In recent weeks St. James has been challenging us to put our faith into action. He says that faith without good works is a lifeless kind of faith.

This Sunday St. James identifies jealousy and ambition as the source of disharmony and wickedness. On the other hand, he says that the wisdom that comes down from God makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate, is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good. "Peacemakers," he says, "when they work for peace, sow the seeds which bear fruit in holiness."

Jesus, in the Gospel, uses the time he and the disciples are travelling along the road to teach them what it means to be one of his followers. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That is the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life.

Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in the pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others.

Are we sources of peace or division? As we seek to build our parish into a community of faithful followers of Jesus are we prepared to follow the way of Jesus which means dying to self or are we more interested in the jealousy and ambition that St. James says leads to disharmony?

Fr Michael

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RBH: 0118 322 7105

Sunday Mass 4.00pm at RBH Old Chapel  
by London Road entrance.  
All are welcome.

Assisting Priest: Fr Richard Maniak

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### CATHOLICS IN HEALTHCARE: BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE -

The Third Annual CMA Youth  
Conference - Saturday 29th September  
St Aloysius' Catholic Church, Euston,  
London 1:30pm - 5:30pm

The Catholic Medical Association invites all young (18-35yrs) Catholics in healthcare (doctors, nurses, medical students, nursing students, pharmacists etc) to the Third Annual CMA Youth Conference. Speakers and a panel will explore the meaning of the culture of life in relation to healthcare and how to live by that culture in our professional and personal lives.

More information on the Parish Noticeboard

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord uphold my life*

### HALF MARATHON

Parishioner **Seb Rodrigues** aged 16 is running at the Windsor Half Marathon on 30th September 2018 to raise money for English Martyrs Parish. To date he has raised a fantastic £574 of his £750 target

Please sponsor him at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/seb-rodrigues-1> Or via the Parish Office

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION -

1 year course at Douai Abbey beginning on Tue 25th Sept at 10.30am-4pm. See leaflet on Noticeboard. Also available from Parish Office

### CRAFT SALE TODAY

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star From Grayshott will be having a Craft Sale after each Mass.

### CRAFT AFTERNOON

The regular Craft Afternoon will be in Room 1 on Saturday 29th August at 2pm. Come along and bring your craft work!

### OUR PARISH VISION

English Martyrs is a welcoming community, inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. We are inspired to show God's love to the world with joy and hope

**CELEBRATE** is a conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike.  
**NEXT WEEKEND 29<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at ST.GEORGES CATHOLIC COLLEGE Leaside Way Southampton SO16 3DQ.** A limited number of adult tickets are available. The weekend should be inspirational in renewing your faith and will include: Teaching, Praise & Worship, Holy Mass, Seminars, Workshops, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry and Children's & Youth Ministry. See <https://www.celebrateconference.org> for more details

**ANNUAL DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS – On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Christ The King Church in Reading**  
Altar Servers – please pick up a flyer/permission slip from the Sacristy

**APF/MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS**, who save loose change for foreign missions, are due to have their box emptied during October. If this does not happen, please contact Paul Fanning via the Parish Office. Parishioners who are not box holders but wish to become one should also contact Paul Fanning

**SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.** A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on **Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester** (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. **Places are limited and bookings are now open** at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>. If you don't have the Internet ask at The Parish Office

**DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, - Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team.** Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. To Book: T: 01590 681874 or go to <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists>

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL**  
Congratulations on the **BEST EXAM RESULTS EVER** in the life of the school, in 'A' levels and GCSEs. All students exceeded their target grades. This marks a significant step in the schools progress compared to last year. Well done to students and staff.

**ENGAGE BEFRIENDING** is a befriending service for older people who are lonely or isolated. Our befrienders visit once a week or fortnight for an hour or so to provide company and have a chat. We have several older people waiting in the Tilehurst Road area. Are you interested in becoming a befriender?  
Email: [shelley.challenger@themustardtree.org](mailto:shelley.challenger@themustardtree.org) for details

### EMMAUS GROUPS

There are five Emmaus Groups here at English Martyrs to provide the opportunity for parishioners to get together in small groups to pray together and chat about the Sunday Bible readings. No expert knowledge required! Why not come along and see for yourself? This week's meeting is on **Saturday 29th September at 5pm in Room 2**

If you want to know more, contact Richard Kennedy at [rk1500@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rk1500@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone on 941 6015

### BOOKSTALL NOTICE

**CHRISTMAS CRIB** – Christmas is approaching and if you are looking to buy a Crib this year please come to the Bookstall/Repository in Room 2 after morning Mass this weekend to look at the catalogue and place an order

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF BETTY GRAFTON** who died on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Her Requiem Funeral Mass will take place here at **English Martyrs on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 11.00am**

### UPCOMING SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

These include

**Vulnerable Adult awareness:** ☐ Sat. 6th October (10am-12.30pm) – English Martyrs Parish Centre

**Child Protection awareness:** ☐ Sat 6th October (10am-12.30pm) – English Martyrs Parish Centre

**Creating a Safe Environment** ☐ Sat 6th October (13.30-16.00pm) – English Martyrs Parish Centre R

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON ANY COURSE** – Contact Soraya T: 023 92 816396 or [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.



### YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A plan is underway to make **National Youth Sunday, 25th November 2018** even more exciting for our youth. There is plan for an under-15 male and female football game between parishes in Reading pastoral area. **We need volunteers (including First Aider(s) to help with planning the logistics. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help us.** A planning meeting will be held in the near future

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/19

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin in the autumn. The programme has 5 evening sessions for parents alone and 14 sessions on Saturday mornings when parents and children will work together.

Our greatest desire in preparing children for First Holy Communion is to enable them and their families to have an encounter with Christ in the celebration of the Sunday Mass. We want to do all that we can to welcome and support 'inactive Catholics' who want their children to make First Holy Communion. This may take a little longer. We wish to help these parents and their children to have a sense of belonging to our parish community.

We propose the following arrangements;

1. Only children of practising parents will be admitted to preparation for First Holy Communion. By 'practising' is meant those who attend either 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or 9.30am Mass or 11.30am Mass or 5.00pm Mass on Sunday here at English Martyrs.
2. Children will receive First Holy Communion at the Mass they normally attend over a few Sundays in June 2019.
3. **Parents wishing to enrol a child in First Holy Communion will need to make an appointment to see me before September 28<sup>th</sup> 2018, begin the conversation and agree on the arrangements going forward. Please contact the Parish Office**
4. Parents who are not yet familiar to me as parish priest will be invited to take an active step in exploring the own faith as adults, by joining small groups of parents and attending Sunday Mass.



## FUTURE EVENTS

### COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN

Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood?

We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

**Sunday 21 October at 7pm.**

### READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.15am**

"Running the race and out contemporary calling"  
See Noticeboard for more details

### "ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

**At St Joseph's, Tilehurst. Saturday, 6th October from 5 - 7pm.**

See Poster on the Noticeboard for more details

### 'What no eye has seen'

*12 sessions - with excerpts from writings - starting October 2018 at Douai Abbey 2.15pm on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month*

See Noticeboard for more details

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

**Are you interested in getting together regularly, with people your own age, for fun, games, food and a chance to explore our faith in Jesus, the essence of the sacraments and some of the more challenging issues in our world?**

Issues such as the role of social media, environmental issues, the role of the Church in the world, If the answer to any of these questions is "YES" and you are 12 or over, parental/guardian is online at <https://goo.gl/forms/i21cv1xCfU6t34Ir2>  
Join us at 7 pm until 8.30pm.

on **Friday 28 September**

### ELEVATE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meets every fortnight. The next session is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October (then 19<sup>th</sup>) 4:30pm to 5:30pm at English Martyrs Parish Hall.**

The youth group is exciting and helps children of primary school age to grow in faith through fun based activities. **New members are welcome.**

Flyers with subsequent dates and sign up forms are at the back of the Church.

For further details, contact Patrizia Chessel on 07740547922 or Milly Bakermault on 07810251145 or email [elevateyouthgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:elevateyouthgroup@btinternet.com)

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CONTINUES – for all

those already enrolled, with a programme of monthly activities organised by the Senior Youth Group on the last Friday of each month. Candidates are expected to attend all the dates .

Full details to follow but the sessions are on: 27<sup>th</sup> January.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February,

2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

28<sup>th</sup> April

Any questions, please contact Chris Burton 07768486465 or email

[EMconfirmation@outlook.com](mailto:EMconfirmation@outlook.com)

## YOUTH

### ENGLISH MARTYRS YOUTH CHOIR

'Singing Together as One Voice'

**Every Monday 4 – 5.15pm**  
at English Martyr's Church.  
Age 7+ (School Years 3-13) welcome.

**Choir sings:  
Every Sunday at 5pm Mass**  
See our Poster on the

### FLAME

### CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

at the SSE Arena, Wembley  
12 noon – 5.30pm.

For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) accompanied by parish youth

leaders and priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Parents meeting in Feb. Booking forms available from the back of the church.

**Closing date 30.09.18.**

For details see [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame) or Poster on Notice Board for Details

On admission to **Royal Berkshire Hospital** all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".  
**Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle** Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

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<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>

**PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 22nd to SUN 30th SEPTEMBER 2018**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>Vigil Mass – Saturday 22nd September 2018</b> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 23rd September 2018</b> 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>The Lord upholds my life</i>	9.30 am	John Marchant RIP
	11.30 am	Mary Chinew Aneke RIP
	5.00 pm	Kathleen Gaughan RIP
<b>Monday 24th September 2018</b> Our Lady of Walsingham, memorial	9.30am	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th September 2018</b>	9.30 am	Chandrika Nanayakkara and all the Family Intention
<b>Wednesday 26th September 2018</b>	9.30 am	Fr Richard Intention
<b>Thursday 27th September 2018</b> St Vincent de Paul, memorial	9.30 am	Kathleen Tedstone RIP
	7.30 pm	Romeo Suzara RIP
<b>Friday 28th September 2018</b> St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, memorial	9.30 am	Richard Moroney RIP
<b>Saturday 29nd September 2018</b> The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, feast	11.00am	John & Pat Tilly-Ryce RIP
<b>Vigil Mass – Sat 30th September 2018</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
<b>Sunday 30th September 2018</b> 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Maria Antonia Rodrigues RIP
	11.30 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	5.00 pm	Imelda Ward RIP
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Sat. 11.30am – 12.30pm, Sun. 8.00–9.00am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am – 9.25am, <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm		

<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b> 23rd September 2018 Maurice Fleming & Paula Garzia 30th September 2018 Stephen & Anne Hogg	<b><u>CHURCH CLEANING</u></b> Friday 6PM During the redecoration works All help welcome!	<b><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 16/09/2018</u></b> Envelopes £314.90 Plate £841.06  <b><u>HOME MISSION SUNDAY 16/09/2018</u></b> Envelopes £118.50 Plate £206.99
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**BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME** to  
 Niamh Lilian Barnard-McIntyre who is being Baptised this Saturday 22nd September at 1pm

<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b> every month <b>DIVINE MERCY</b> <b>HOLY HOUR</b> at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. All are welcome. <b>Please join us on</b> <b>7th October 2018</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> every month <b>Evening of Praise</b> <b>and Worship</b> At English Martyrs Please join us next on <b>Friday 5th October</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER 2018</b> <b>NATIONAL MASS</b> <b>FOR ALTAR</b> <b>SERVERS</b> Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. See Noticeboard for more info	<b>5-7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018</b> <b>Formation Weekend</b> for young women <b>Sisters of Mary Morning Star</b> See Poster on Noticeboard for more details  <b>SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018</b> <b>A DAY WITH MARY</b> <b>PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL</b> See Noticeboard for details
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