

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 5TH 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.

A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY LIFE ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANA VITAE: „THE CHURCH'S SOLUTION TO THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION" IN READING.

All of us who are interested in Catholic answer to sexual revolution, on Teaching sexuality or would like to celebrate together 50 Anniversary of Humane Vitae are invited to Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Parish (338 Wokingham Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA) on **Saturday 6th October 2018**. The day starts at 9 am and finishes with Holy Mass at 3.30 pm. Amongst various speakers there is Caroline Farrow, a weekly columnist for the Catholic Universe newspaper in the UK and Ireland, a public speaker, journalist and commentator. Here is a link to the conference where you find programme of the day and biographies of the speakers: <https://humanaevitae.life/index.php/humanae-vitae-reading/>

COFFEE AFTER 11.30AM MASS

Starting from October's Name Badge Sunday next weekend, there will be refreshments after 11.30am Mass every Sunday. Any donations received will go towards the refurbishment fund for the church. Do stay and have a drink and a chat. Everybody welcome.

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

BOOKSTALL NEWS

During the month of October the focus on the CTS rack will naturally be on the Rosary. Check the rack for booklets on devotion to Our Blessed Lady and the Rosary in particular. Would the gentleman who recently bought a silver St Christopher medal and chain please come to the Bookstall after Sunday Morning Mass over the next couple of weeks, as he is owed some change

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 for details

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>

READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP - MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 13th October 2018 at 8.15am "Running the race and out contemporary calling" See Noticeboard for more info

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

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS REQUIRED. To count collection money each Sunday evening. If you are willing to help up to 4 times a year then please contact the Parish Office

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

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 school's progress compared to last year. Well done to students and staff.

CLEANER REQUIRED – ENGLISH MARTYRS

SCHOOL 11.25 hours per week after school, term time only plus some work during school holidays (overtime, by arrangement). £8.82 per hour. DBS check will be required for successful applicants. For more information, please contact the school office. admin@englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk 0118 9375466

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

**SATURDAY 6TH
OCTOBER 2018
NATIONAL
MASS FOR
ALTAR
SERVERS**
Westminster
Cathedral at
2:30pm. See
Noticeboard for
more info

5-7TH OCTOBER 2018
Formation Weekend for young women
Sisters of Mary Morning Star
See Poster on Noticeboard for more
details

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2018
A DAY WITH MARY
PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL
See Noticeboard for details

YOUTH

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 **7pm until 8.30pm** on **Friday 26 October**

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 Jan 2019 then 03/02, 10/02, 02/03, 10/03 17/03 and 24/03 and 28/04.**

Any questions, please contact Chris Burton by email EMconfirmation@outlook.com or tel: 07738 486465

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 Noticeboard
Contact Sr. Theodora on 07438 298642 or email englishmartyrsyouthchoir@gmail.com

ELEVATE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meets every fortnight. The next session is

Friday 5th October (then 19th)

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

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

2nd March 2019 at 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
or Poster on Notice Board for Details



UPCOMING SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES at English Martyrs Parish Centre on Sat 6th Oct 2018

Vulnerable Adult awareness: 10am-12.30pm **Child**

Protection awareness: 10am-12.30pm

Creating a Safe Environment 13.30-16.00pm

TO BOOK A PLACE ON ANY COURSE – Contact Soraya
T: 023 92 816396 or soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

THE THREE P'S AND A QUIZ

Do you like the idea of spending a relaxing Sunday afternoon in the company of friends and family, sharing good food together, engaging in a spot of friendly competition and the chance to win a fantastic prize or two? If the answer is a resounding 'Yes' then please join the Elevate Junior Youth Group team on **Sunday 21st October 2018 – 1pm to 3pm - Parish Hall.** Food, refreshments and entertainment will be provided – all are welcome. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend masses from this weekend – please see a member of the team before you leave. Family tickets are £5 and single tickets are £2. For more information, please contact either Patrizia Chessell or Milly Bakermault at

elevatejyg@englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk

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

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS
 Keep up to date with what's happening in the diocese via our weekly E-news. It has details of forthcoming events, photos of past events and videos of interest. Sign up now!
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 29TH SEPTEMBER TO SUN 7TH OCTOBER 2018

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 29th September 2018 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 30th September 2018 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart	9.30 am <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Maria Antonia Rodrigues RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Imelda Ward RIP
Monday 1st October 2018 St Teresa of the Child Jesus, memorial	9.30am	Gerard McDonagh RIP
Tuesday 2nd October 2018 NO 9.30am Mass today	11.00am	Requiem Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Grafton
Wednesday 3rd October 2018	9.30 am <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Bill O'Connor RIP
Thursday 4th October 2018 St Francis of Assisi, memorial	9.30 am	Gabriel Docherty RIP
	7.30 pm	Fr Philip Matthias RIP
Friday 5th October 2018	9.30 am <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Elizabeth Bailey RIP
Saturday 6th October 2018	11.00am	Andrew Maple RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 6th October 2018 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 7th October 2018 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Ficza Francisca Dias Intentions
	11.30 am	Thomas Gallagher RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30am – 12.30pm, Sun. 8.00–9.00am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am – 9.25am, Confessions: Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm		

<u>COUNTERS</u> 30 th September 2018 Stephen & Anne Hogg 7 th October 2018 Harry Mullin & Martin Wills	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> Friday 6PM During the redecoration works All help welcome!	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 23/09/2018</u> Envelopes £326.00 Plate £745.71 August 2018 S/O £ 2,148.00 D/D £1,736.00
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B BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to Kit Jack Gabriel who is being baptised this Sunday at 1pm

SECOND COLLECTION - There will be a second collection next weekend for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Please give generously

STOP PRES..... STOP PRESS..... **APPEAL FOR HELP** - Is there anyone with a car able to drive a load of aid for refugees to the Slough area on Friday morning 12th October ? If you might be able to help please contact Ann Davis via the Parish office for more details.