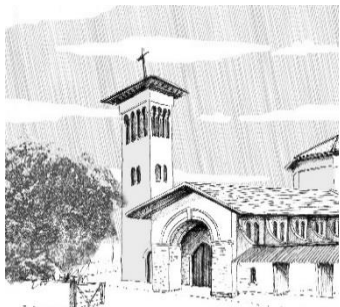


ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
27th /28th October 2018



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

Parish Clergy:

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Dennehy
mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain

Fr JP Lyttle
Mobile: 07391 896559
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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Parish Office
Open Mon- Fri 9am - 3.30pm

Secretary: Barbara Tel: 0118 957 2149
Email: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Safeguarding Rep - Charlie McArthur
Contact via the Parish Office

Evening of Praise and Worship

Friday 2nd November

In the Church

From 8.30 - 9.00pm.

Please join us!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

FOR SALE As part of the Church redecoration we are replacing the benches in the Bethlehem Chapel with chairs. These benches are ideal for Garden use (or indoors). Suggested Donation £100 each. Buyer Collects. See one in the Colonnade now. **ALSO** One Large Table currently in the Sacristy (approx. 8ft x 4ft). Solid but in need or love & attention. Photo available. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO
All proceeds to be used for further refurbishment of the Church

All Saints and All Souls

Thursday, 1st November is All Saints Day. It is a solemnity and a holy day of obligation, a day like Sunday when we need to be at Mass.

The gospel of Mass on All Saints Day is that of the Beatitudes, one of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. The Beatitudes

tell us what it means to be "blessed" and they are the ultimate blueprint for living the Christian life.

But what are saints? We literally put saints on pedestals and we venerate them. We see saints in stained glass, in wood and in marble. They are plaster figures we put on a shelf and decorate with flowers or adorn with halos. We see saints in holy cards and we venerate them in icons. But we highlight the saints for far more than decorative purposes. We do so because we want to be like them and we want to be with them.

All Saints Day is a part of our rich tradition of honouring those who have lived lives of faith, hope and love and now enjoy the presence of God. In honouring the saints, we recognise the gospel values they lived and the holiness of their earthly lives. We believe that they can assist us by their prayers as we make our pilgrimage in daily life, in the hope that we will join them at the heavenly banquet.

The Feast of All Saints is a call, a challenge to every one of us to dare to be a saint. We might think it mildly amusing that we could ever be saints. We might think that sainthood is a noble ambition, an ideal, but something we can never realistically expect to attain.

But the great truth about saints, something we so easily forget, is that they were just like us. Flesh and blood, strengths and weaknesses. There were people of appetites and longings, ambitions and disappointments, vanities and eccentricities. There were simple sinners just like the rest of us.

That was how they began. But that wasn't the whole story. The simple but reassuring fact is that nobody is born a saint. It's something you have to become.

All Saints Day beckons us to something beautiful. It reminds us of our great potential-the promise that lies within each of us. The promise of holiness. It is the promise that was fulfilled in the countless people we venerate as saints. They give us blessed hope because they assure us again and again: no one is born a saint. But everyone, by the grace of God, can become one.

Friday, 2nd November is All Souls Day when we remember our dearly departed loved ones. We pray for them in the hope that they will be granted a place amongst the blessed. We remember

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ON ALL SOULS DAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7PM

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died. At this time we particularly remember those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives.

Everyone is welcome to the Mass of Remembrance, where we particularly focus upon those who have died in the last year in this parish. Their families have been specially invited. During the Mass, the families will be invited to light a candle and bring a photo of their loved one, and the names of the dead will be read out.

If you have a friend or family member, who has died in the last year but not in the parish, you are invited to add their name to the list.

Please put the name in an envelope marked Mass of Remembrance and give it in to the parish office.

There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

DEVOTION OF THE ROSARY. October is the month of the Rosary and will be said after each weekday 9.30am Mass

***The CTS rack sells booklets on devotion to Our Blessed Lady and the Rosary ***

CONGRATULATIONS

ELSA & PAUL MARQUES ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

They will receive a Blessing at 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 27th October

ANSELMO & MARIA DE ARAUJO-RICARDO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

They will receive a blessing at 9.30am Mass on Sunday 28th October.

Everyone is cordially invited to join them in the church hall after Mass for refreshments

EMMAUS GROUPS - The meetings this week are on:

- **Monday 29th October at 7.30pm in Room 1**
- **Friday 2nd November at 10.30am in Room 2**
- **Saturday 3rd November at 5.00pm in Room 2**

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1-7th November. Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet from the table in the Colonnade or contact Your Catholic Legacy on 0207095 5370 or visit www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.

Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church). See the diocesan e-News or Parish Noticeboard for more information

Places are limited. Book at

<https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk> No internet? ask at The Parish Office

SINGING UPLIFTING MUSIC AT MASS -

TRAINING DAY. Saturday 3rd November 11am – 4pm. at St James Church All welcome! See Noticeboard in the colonnade for more details

ADORATION: CAN YOU FIND AN HOUR IN YOUR WEEK TO SPEND WITH THE LORD? **Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi** are holding an extended period of Adoration **from Friday 11am – Saturday 8am every week.** Please see Poster on Noticeboard or contact the Parish Office at Our Lady of Peace.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO.

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass at **St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 2.00pm to be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan.** The service will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of Saint Oscar Romero. Saint Oscar Romero, was canonised on Sunday 14 October 2018 in Rome. Saint Romero is known as a modern saint who stood up for the oppressed. Please see Noticeboard for more information.

THE NEWMAN COLLOQUIUM – IN PURSUIT OF

TRUTH – A new monthly initiative aimed at bringing prominent Catholics into a dialogue with one another in pursuit of the Truth. Open to all Catholics who might be interested

Sat 24/11/2018 15.45pm – 17.45pm – My Life, His Work: Fr Jeremy Reflects..... See Noticeboard for more detail

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE -THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Meetings are about 90 minutes, midweek, every 2 months in Chandlers Ford. If you can spare the time and are interested then please contact the Parish Office for more details

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Wed 15th-

22nd May 2019. In the Footsteps of Jesus, visiting the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea & more. Cost: £1360pp. 50 places. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to St James, Reading on 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A trip of a lifetime - experience the land of the Old Testament and that of Jesus & his disciples. Applications to be in ASAP. See Poster on noticeboard. **Info evening Fri 16th Nov at 7.30pm at St James.**

BOOKSTALL NEWS - Christmas cards and other Christmas items are now on sale in Room 2 after Sunday morning Masses. On the weekends of 17-18 Nov and 24-

25 November the Bookstall/Repository will be open after ALL Masses

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

ROSE BAPTISTE who died Thursday 11th October. Requiem Funeral Mass here at English Martyrs on Friday 9th November 2018 at 11am followed by internment at Henley Road Cemetery as 12.45am
MARGARET GLAVINA who died on Sunday 14th October 2018. Funeral Service to be held at Reading Crematorium (West Chapel) at 12.00pm on Friday 2nd November 2018
JASON EVERTS who died on Wednesday 10th October 2018. Funeral Service to be held at Reading Crematorium (South Chapel) at 3.15pm on Friday 2nd November 2018

LADY PARISHIONER SEEKS ACCOMMODATION, preferably in English Martyrs Parish. Anything considered.

Please call Geraldine on 07769 233501

VACANCIES

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS (BHF) - A flexible and reliable person, with good administration skills. **Closes 30/10/2018**

RECEPTIONIST (BHF) – Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 12pm. Term Time Only. **Closes 02/11/2018**

NIGHT SHELTER COORDINATOR – Part Time Seasonal Work. **Closes 02/11/2018**

See Noticeboard in colonnade for more information or ask at Parish Office

ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL		
<u>OPEN MORNING</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS FAIR</u>	<u>REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR</u>
Wednesday 21st November 2018 – See poster in Colonnade for details on how to book a time.	Saturday 8th December 11am-1.30pm (see Poster in Colonnade for more details or if you would like a stall	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW OR SEE POSTER ON NOTICEBOARD

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON – SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 01189574730
If you want a Supplementary form to be signed by a parish Priest the contact the Parish Office on Mon 29/10/18

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, 03/02, 10/02, 02/03, 10/03 17/03 and 24/03 & 28/04.** Any questions, please contact Chris Burton by email EMconfirmation@outlook.com or tel: 0118 957 2149

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

2nd 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 £23 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 10.11.2018** For details see www.cymfed.org.uk/flame or Poster on Notice Board

YOUTH

GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5.14
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

If you are 12 or over, **JOIN US at 7pm until 8.30pm on Friday 23 November**
Theme: Save the Planet
 parental/guardian form is online at <https://goo.gl/forms/i21cv1xCfU6t34Ir2>,

GLOW "TWEETS"

Know the Diocesan Youth Patron Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
<https://youtu.be/baSOH7EJlaM>

YOUTH SUNDAY WITH BISHOP PHILIP

November 25th 2018 ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH. 17.00 Adoration and Confessions 18.00 Mass, 19.00 Food, Social and Talks. Young Adults aged 16-35 Tickets from Eventbrite

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 0118 957 2149 or email englishmartyrsyouthchoir@gmail.com

ELEVATE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP "Exploring Faith Through Fun"

Meets every fortnight. The next session is **Friday 2nd November (then 16th Nov) 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.** See our Flyers and Registration forms are at the back of the Church.

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

30th October 2018 7.30pm – Parents Only - Meeting in Parish Hall
 All Sessions are 9.15am (prompt) – 10.30am in Parish Church
 3rd Nov 2018 Session 1) Reconciliation
 17th Nov 2018 Session 2) Prodigal Son/Forgiving
 8th Dec 2018 Session 3) Father
 Details of future sessions to follow

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. Learn more about troubles in Bamenda (plus other stories)
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

LITURGY GROUP MINUTES - are available on our website.
www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk/links/4584715453
 Please take time to have a browse

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 27TH OCTOBER TO SUN 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 27th October 2018 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 28th October 2018 30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Responsorial Psalm: <i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i>	9.30 am <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Joseph Bangura RIP
	11.30 am <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Lesley Willis RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 29th October 2018	9.30am	Elizabeth ,Thanksgiving
Tuesday 30th October 2018 Blessed Winchester Martyrs, Memorial	9.30am	Anselmo & Maria de Araujo- Ricardo Thanksgiving
Wednesday 31st October 2018	9.30 am	Mary O'Neill RIP
Thursday 1st November 2018 ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	9.30 am	Valentim do Rego Intentions
	7.30 pm	Cristal Thomas' Intentions
Friday 2nd November 2018 ALL SOULS DAY	9.30 am	Daniel Webb Intentions
	7.00 pm	MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
	8.30 – 9.00pm	Praise and Worship
Saturday 3rd November 2018 Blessed John Body, Martyr. Memorial	11.00am	Eileen Drake RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 3rd November 2018 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	McCormack & Martland Deceased
Sunday 4th November 2018 31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Perera & Janaratne Families RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Betty Smythe Intention & Thanksgiving

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
Rosary during October: Mon-Fri after 9.30am Mass, Saturday 10.30am

<u>COUNTERS</u> 28 th Oct Harry Mullin & Sue Sheppard 4 th Nov Teresa Ennis, Pauline Xavier & Alice Mascarenhas	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> Friday 6PM During the redecoration works All help welcome!	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 21/10/2018</u> Envelopes £ 367.00 Plate £904.88 <u>WORLD MISSIONS</u> Envelopes £132.50 Plate £318.16
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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR: BAMENDA .

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES - Contact the Parish Office for booking details:
VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS: Saturday 3rd November (1.30-4.0pm)
CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS: Saturday 3rd November (10am-4pm) both at St Edward's Windsor