



PARISH ADVENT WREATH

This year, we would like to invite parishioners to light the candle for the parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of mass each Sunday in Advent and to carry the candle in the entrance procession. Offers are welcome from individuals or groups, but this role may particularly appeal to families with children. The Welcomers will help you to sign up for one of the four Advent Sundays at the Mass you normally attend. (or contact the Parish Office)

VLASTA PROPILKOVA IS BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH, CONFIRMED AND MAKING HER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY 18th November at 9.30am Mass. Please keep her in your prayers

MEMORIAL MASS FOR GREGORY NANNAYAKKARA -THIS SUNDAY 16TH November at 11.30am .
EVERYONE is invited to share in some refreshment after Mass in the Parish Hall

2019 CALENDAR - THE HANDS OF TIME. Hands tell the story of life – of laughter, of longing and of love. Cost £5 each – all proceeds to the Hibernian Society. Anne Morris is selling these after each Sunday Mass this weekend OR order via Parish Office

REPOSITORY - Christmas cards and other Christmas items are on sale in **Room 2** after Saturday Vigil and **all Sunday Masses this weekend (17/18th November)** and next weekend (24/25th November)

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – the true spirit of Christmas Giving

Give a gift that will change a life . There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries . Catalogues are available at the back of the church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

The regular CRAFT AFTERNOON will take place on **Saturday 24th November** in Room 1 of the Parish Centre. Come along any time between 2 and 5pm. Please note this will be a regular Craft and Chat Session

ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 21st November 2018 – See poster in Colonnade for details on how to book a time.



BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to Obinna Ezekwem Duck who will be Baptised this Sunday 18th November at 1pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ROBERTA MURTAGH

who died Sunday 4th November. A Requiem Funeral Mass will take place at 11.30am on Friday 29th November followed by committal at Reading Crematorium (South Chapel) at 1pm

VACANCIES

- **TEACHER OF THE FUTURE – Open Day 22nd November 2018 9am at St Paul's Catholic School.**
- **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** – 25-30 hours per week at St John Bosco, Woodley. Closes midday 19th November

See Noticeboard for more details

VOLUNTEERS?

THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP

Can you spare 90 minutes, midweek, once every 2 months in Chandlers Ford. We need a Parish Representative to attend Fellowship meetings. An Awareness of Health & Safety preferable We want to make our Church as inclusive as possible. Can you help?

CHURCH CLEANERS

Can you spare about an hour once a month to be part of our CHURCH CLEANING TEAM?
We could really do with your help to keep our Church looking beautiful. Please let the Parish Office know

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

24 th November 2018	THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO. Starts 2pm - In Portsmouth Cathedral - See Poster on Noticeboard for details
24 th November 2018	THE NEWMAN COLLOQUIUM – IN PURSUIT OF TRUTH 15.45–17.45pm - See Noticeboard
8 TH DECEMBER 2018	ENGLISH MARTYRS CHRISTMAS FAIR 11am-1.30pm See Noticeboard for more details
25-27 TH JAN 2019	'AQUINAS' FORMATION WEEKEND for young Women – See Noticeboard for more details
15 TH – 22 ND MAY 2019	PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – See Noticeboard for more details
25th – 30th July 2019	Parish/Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (More details to follow)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We run a Liturgy of the Word for children on the first Sunday of each month during the 9.30am Mass, which usually coincides with Name Badge Sunday. The children are invited to gather at the Altar at the start of the Mass and process back during the Offertory. During this session, leaders and helpers (who are DBS checked) guide the children through the Gospel to help them understand the Word of the Lord in an age-appropriate way. This is done in a variety of ways, from discussion to acting, from games to singing and often arts & crafts. No pre-registration is needed for our monthly sessions; all children of primary school age are welcome and encouraged to attend. We would ask that an adult accompanies any children who have not yet started school for safe-guarding purposes. Volunteers are always welcome to join the team to either lead or assist with the supervision of the children. For more information or to get involved, contact the Parish Office who will put you in touch with Catherine Bond, the Children's Liturgy Coordinator.

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTERS

We are pleased to now be able to offer newsletters for children at each Mass. One is intended to help guide children through the Mass in an easy-to-understand way and the other contains puzzles and activities linked to the Gospel and readings. **Please do make sure your children collect them from a Welcomer, or from the back of the Church!**

EMMAUS GROUPS - Meetings this week are on

- **Wednesday 21st November at 10.30am in Room 2**
- **Monday 26th November at 7.30pm in Room 1**
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If you want to know more, contact Richard Kennedy at rk1500@hotmail.co.uk or telephone on 941 6015

CANCELLED *** CURRY & QUIZ EVENING on 24th November - Now early 2019 ***** CANCELLED**

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING - Saturday 24th November 2018

Christ the King Church Hall, Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 8NR

Child Protection Training 10.00-12.30pm Vulnerable Adult Training 1.30-4.00pm

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 16-35
Tickets from Eventbrite

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

All Sessions are 9.15am (prompt) - 10.30am in Parish Church
8th Dec 2018 Session 3) Prodigal Son/Forgiving/Father
9th Dec 2018 Presentation of Missals at your usual Mass
15th Dec 2018 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Details of future sessions to follow

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 .

First Session is on **27 Jan 2019**, and then 10/02, 02/03, 10/03 17/03, 24/03 & 28/04.

Any questions, please contact Chris Burton by email EMconfirmation@outlook.com or tel: 0118 957 2149

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

GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16

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/i21cv1xCfU6t34lr2>,

GLOW "TWEETS"

What is the meaning of life?

What is the purpose of life?

The meaning of any work of art can only be fully understood if viewed through the lens of the artist. God, our creator has fully revealed his purpose in Jesus - to be one with him in Christ. (Ephesians 1:9-10)
An active relationship with God makes life meaningful.

YOUTH

ELEVATE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

"Exploring Faith Through Fun"

Meets every fortnight. The next session is

Friday 30th November (then 14th Dec)

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 & Registration forms are at the back of the Church.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 21st December

7 - 9 pm in the Parish Hall

Collect your invitation from your Group Leader
RSVP to the Parish Office



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

English Martyrs Website
www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk
Please take time to have a browse

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 17TH NOVEMBER TO SUN 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

DAYS	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Vigil Mass – Saturday 17th November 2018 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Peter Cox RIP
Sunday 18th November 2018 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Responsorial Psalm: <i>Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you</i>	9.30 am	John Tucker Bangura RIP
	11.30 am <i>Refreshments afterwards</i>	Memorial Mass for Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
	5.00 pm	Erric Harrk Hadren 16th Birthday Thanksgiving
Monday 19th November 2018	9.30am	Bunlod Inthamon RIP
Tuesday 20th November 2018	9.30am	Mary Mathias RIP
Wednesday 21st November 2018 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (memorial)	9.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Thursday 22nd November 2018 St Cecilia (memorial)	9.30 am	Fr Thomas Foley RIP
	7.30 pm	Danny Curtin RIP
Friday 23rd November 2018	9.30am	Mary O'Donahue RIP
Saturday 24th November 2018 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (memorial)	11.00am	Paddy Kilbane RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 24th November 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.30 pm	John Knox RIP
Sunday 25th November 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.30 am	Saluzinho Fernanades RIP
	11.30 am	Deceased Members of the Kelly Family 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 Rosary Saturday 10.30am		

COUNTERS
18th Nov Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick
25th Nov Robert Clifton & Gavin Knight

CHURCH CLEANING
23th November - Group 4
after morning Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION 11/11/2018
Envelopes £ 415.60 /Plate £946.63

ON A JOURNEY IN YOUR FAITH?

Are you an adult thinking about being baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church ?

A group of people like yourself and several active parishioners of English Martyrs meet informally on Tuesday evenings each week to explore the Catholic faith together and get to know Jesus through talking about the Sunday Readings. If this might interest you, why not talk to one of our priests or contact the Parish Office on 0118 9572149 or

englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk