

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MISSION:

NEXT WEEKEND - 19-21 January,

Fr. Gary Holmes, Missionary of the Most Holy Eucharist, will preach at all the Masses.

**At 6pm on Sunday 21st January there will be a Holy Hour
Fr. Gary will talk about how to adore and the best way to use this hour
followed by Adoration and Benediction.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING DAY

NEW DATE: SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY 2019

This training day will include fire training, basic first aid training, including the use of defibrillators. Can Group Leaders please put this date in their diaries and also ensure a further two members of the group can attend.

Over the coming weeks a member of the team will be speaking at the end of each mass so if you have any questions, please talk to them then, or you have any work experience of being involved with Health and Safety matters it would be great if you could consider joining this small but proactive team.

SVP AFTERNOON TEA

The SVP are holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea this

Thursday 17th January at 3pm in Room 1.
Please come along for tea, cake and chat.
We would be delighted to see you.

If you want to come and would like a lift, then please contact Stephen Hogg on 9427646 or 07891 773379."

ROBERT BARRON ON THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS

An opportunity to watch Bishop Robert Barron's talk explaining the meaning of each stage of the Mass, especially when we gather as a parish community to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. This inspiring 60 minute talk was given at the Adoremus conference in Liverpool last year. It will be shown **over two evenings** in the parish hall **Thursdays 24th and 31st January from 8 - 9pm.** we will watch the first half of the talk on 24th and the second half on 31st Each 30 minute session will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to reflect together on what we have heard. All are welcome.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Council Application Form and a new 2019/20 Supplementary Information Form need to be returned to the Council and School by **Monday 15th January**

**SUPPER CLUB & CABARET
18th January 2019**

Organised by the Hibernian Society
All are welcome!
Tickets £10 each and include a 3 course meal
Reading Irish Centre 8PM
Music by Simon Mayer & Hilary James
Entrance by Ticket only. Contact Anne Morris

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES

I write because I want to meet you. I want to give you a special blessing here at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. I want to invite you and all the engaged couples of our Diocese getting married in 2019, to a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast. It will be on Saturday 16th February 2019 at 9.15 am (prompt) in the Cathedral Centre (Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, PO1 3HG)

Please see the Noticeboard for the full version of this invitation which has more Information and RSVP details

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

Thursday 25th July - Tuesday 30th July

Departing from Heathrow Airport
Half board accommodation in three star hotel
Close to the sanctuary
Costs approximately £460 (max)

We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. This will allow us to support the youth of our parish and also of the Diocese. This is an exciting opportunity to join a busy group and experience their pilgrimage. Invites will be sent to the youth of our parish to encourage them to join the Youth Pilgrimage. It is hoped that we can do some fundraising to reduce the costs, in the coming months.

An information meeting is arranged for Thursday 17th January at 7pm, in the Parish Centre. Booking forms will be available at that time. If you are unable to attend the meeting please note booking forms will also be available at the back of the church from this weekend. For more information please contact Judith on 07830 144 165 (eve/w'ends)

EMMAUS

Are meeting this week on

**Friday 18th January
At 10.30am in Room 2**

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND A WARM WELCOME**

to Heidi Craske who will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed at the 11.30am Mass this Sunday (13th January) and to her son, Jacob, who will be baptised.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported **CIRDIC** and the homeless with the donation of socks and underwear during Advent. These were very much appreciated

Parish Administrator Role (VACANCY)

Christ the King Church, Whitley
Part Time : 15 hours (3 days)
See Notice board for details
Closing Date 28th January 2019

VACANCY

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading is seeking a new Executive Headteacher and a new Head of School. For more information please contact Jacqueline Campbell on bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

MARIA HAYES, who died on Monday 17th December 2018. A requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 22nd January at 12.45pm here at English Martyrs followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.15pm

MAURA DIBLEY who died recently in Ireland. Her funeral took place on 18th December. Maura formerly worked as Deputy Head of English Martyrs' School. There is a Memorial Mass here at English Martyrs on Sat. 19th January at 11am

STEPHEN COLEMAN who died on Friday 4th January. A requiem Mass will take place on Tues 29th January 2019 at 1.30pm here at English Martyrs followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery

LAURENCE GALLAGHER who died on 23rd December 2018. His funeral will take place at Reading crematorium (west chapel) at 12 midday on 31st January

MAUREEN PARKINS who dies on 7th February. Her funeral will take place at Henley Road Chapel at 12 midday on Friday 8th February 2019

RICHARD OWENS who died recently. His requiem Mass will be on Friday 1st February at 1.30pm here at English Martyrs followed by Cremation at Reading Crematorium

PAM MADDOCK who died recently. Funeral details to follow

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The time surrounding a death is one of the most painful and stressful times in a person's life. The support of the Parish community at this time can provide practical help, emotional support and prayer. A Bereavement Support Group has been active here for the past 2 years, with a group of trained volunteers. Group members attend funerals, send out condolence cards, and offer visits if required. The group meets monthly to offer prayer for those who have died. Visits can also be offered to parishioners who have experienced past bereavements or whose loved ones have died in a different place. We welcome new volunteers to join our group. If you are a good listener, and think that you might be able to attend funerals and visit people in their homes, come to attend one of our monthly meetings or chat with current volunteers. Training is required as well as DBS clearance and Safeguarding training. We welcome parishioners of different cultures and languages as customs around death vary greatly. The group can be contacted through the Parish office or at bsg@englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be three services in the Reading area during this week
Organised by Churches Together in reading

Sunday 20th January at 6.30 pm

St Catherine's Church,
Wittenham Avenue, Tilehurst RG31 5LN

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Church of Our Lady and St Anne,
2 South View Avenue, Caversham, RG4 5AB

Sunday 27th January 2019 at 3.00 pm

Church of Our Lady of Peace.
338 Wokingham Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA

"maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3)

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

All Sessions are in the Church
9.15am (prompt) – 10.30 am

12th Jan SESSION 4
Our Parish Church
26th Jan SESSION 5
Vestments & Vessels,
Sacraments
9th Feb Session 6
Mass Intro &
Penitential rites
Details of future sessions to follow

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION

Preparation continues for all those already enrolled, First Session is on **Sun 27 January**

3.15pm – 4.45pm
Sacrament of Confirmation
Followed at 5pm by
Mass of Enrolment

Then
Sun 3rd February 3.15-4.45pm
Faith in what (with parents)

Sun 10th February 3.15 – 4.45pm
Getting it Right

Sat 2nd March (All Day)
FLAME CONGRESS

then. 10/03 17/03 (with parents),
24/03 & 28/04.
Contact Chris Burton
EMconfirmation@outlook.com

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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

- **Fri 25th January** : New Year, New Beginning
- **Fri 22nd February**: Love of God, Love of Neighbour- Exploring God's Commandments. (Half term)?
- **March 5th**: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake evening) - Kicking off the Youth Lenten Campaign.

We will be supporting MARY'S MEAL a charity that works to provide school meals, bags and writing materials to encourage children in very poor countries to get access to education.

Plus much more to follow

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

ELEVATE

Parish JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
"Exploring Faith Through Fun"
Next Meeting 25th January
4.30-5.30pm in the Parish Hall

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

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 12TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Sat 12th January 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.30 pm	Chris Moran RIP
Sunday 13th January 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> <i>The Lord will bless his people with peace</i>	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	11.30 am	Max Gabriel RIP
	5.00 pm	Ozzie D’Cruz RIP & Betty Grafton RIP
Monday 14th January 2019	9.30am	Pam Maddock RIP
Tuesday 15th January 2019	9.30am	Jim Knox RIP
Wednesday 16th January 2019	9.30 am	Paul Forester RIP
Thursday 17th January 2019 St Anthony of Egypt, memorial	9.30 am	Tony Flint RIP
	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday 18th January 2019	9.30am	Mrs Mary Priest Intention
Saturday 19th January 2019 Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	MEMORIAL MASS for Maura Dibley RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 19th January 2019 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Parish Priest Intentions
Sunday 20th January 2019 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Buhay Family Thanksgiving
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Mr & Mrs Giran Intentions
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		
<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u>
13th Jan Anthea Carroll, Gwen Price & Anne Rosario 20th Jan Agatha Barc & Sue Sheppard	Friday 18th January Group 4 after morning Mass	6TH JANUARY 2019 Envelopes £348.00 /Plate £961.24

25-27 TH JAN 2019	‘AQUINAS’ FORMATION WEEKEND for young Women – See Noticeboard for more details	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
27 TH JAN 2019	HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY	
9 TH -10 TH FEB 2019	COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL – here at English Martyrs	
17 TH FEB 2019	CATHOLIC WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE) See poster on Noticeboard – Inaugural Mass Sunday 17 th February at St Joseph’s Basingstoke	
18 th Feb 2019	CAFOD MEETING 7.15 – 9pm at Christ the King Church & 5 th March 7.15 – 9pm at St Josephs Newbury. More information to follow. LET FAST DAY IS 15TH MARCH 2019	
30 th MARCH 2019	CALLED & GIFTED TEACHING DAY - at English Martyrs (pre-register now with the Parish Office)	
5 TH -11 TH JUNE 2019	PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND. Led by Fr Stan of Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. For more information please contact Nancy Johnson (0118 9262315/ 07745 434888/e-mail nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com)	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (20TH JANUARY) - IN AID OF THE CATHEDRAL

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