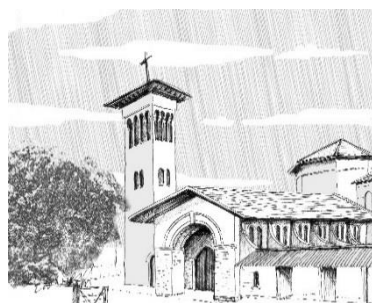


## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### 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](mailto: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

**This week: Open Tues- Fri 9am -3.30pm**  
**Closed on Monday**

Secretary: Barbara Tel: 0118 957 2149  
E: [englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Rep - Charlie McArthur**  
Contact via the Parish Office

This Sunday we hear the well-known Gospel passage of the Wedding Feast at Cana. We are told that this was the first of the signs given by Jesus. "He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him."

I want to highlight this Sunday the absolute necessity of prayer. Christians need to be people of prayer. Jesus himself spent many hours in prayer. In prayer we see the glory of God and we experience the power of God at work in our lives. There will be no renewal in our personal faith and no renewal of our parish without an absolute commitment on the part of all of us to daily prayer.

I am happy to welcome Fr. Gary Holmes to the parish this Sunday. Fr. Gary will give the homily at all Sunday Masses on a form of prayer very close to my own heart, Eucharistic Adoration. It is not in any sense the only form of prayer but for us Catholics, and for me as a priest, recognition and adoration of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament is a most profound and important form of prayer. The Eucharist, the Mass, is central to our lives. Time spent with Jesus truly and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament enhances and enriches our faith.

It has been my personal practice since my seminary days to spend an hour with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament every day. I have found that this practice has strengthened and supported me as a Christian and as a priest over the years. Fr. Gary will be inviting us to commit ourselves to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week. I encourage as many as possible to sign up for this one hour of prayer each week. You will find that it will transform your own life as well as the life of our parish.

I hope that we can build on our current provision in the parish of one hour of Eucharistic Adoration per week. When we adore Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, we adore the Father, through Christ, the perfect Adorer in Spirit and in Truth. In adoration we are representative of the whole Church adoring its Saviour. In adoration we aim to make our whole life and existence an act of adoration.

Please consider spending an hour with our Eucharistic Lord, for your own good, for the good of our parish and for the salvation of the world.

**Fr Michael**

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MISSION THIS WEEKEND

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

**HOLY HOUR at 6PM on 20<sup>th</sup> January**

- **Beginning with a talk about how to adore and the best way to use this hour.**
- **followed by Adoration and Benediction.**



### **ALPHA AT ENGLISH MARTYRS**

**Faith? Meaning? Life?**

BIG questions explored with new friends.  
Would you like the chance to grow together  
in knowing and loving Jesus?

**Why not try Alpha?**

Members of the Alpha Team will be outside after all  
Masses this weekend if you'd like to know more.

**Next taster session: 7pm-9pm**  
**Wednesday 6th February.**

*If you plan to come, returning the registration  
form would be a great help with catering and  
organisation.*

## 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.**

## CALLED AND GIFTED

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. The Called and Gifted process is an opportunity to start to recognise your spiritual gifts and begin to discern God's call. **Come and discover these gifts Saturday March 30th** at English Martyrs.

## YOU ARE INVITED to a CAFOD meeting

**on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February** from 7:15pm to 9pm at Christ the King Church Reading RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Also on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) or call 01252 329385



## THE CRAFT AFTERNOON

will take place as usual in Room 1 from 2 till 5pm on **Saturday 26th January.** Bring your craft and come along for all or some of the time, you will be welcome.

## FAITH IN POLITICS INTERNSHIP

For details see:

[www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)

Closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## BLESSED HUGH FARRINGDON PTA

### WINE TASTING & QUIZ EVENING

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm**

All proceeds raised are for New Minibus



## AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES

I want to invite you and all the engaged couples of our Diocese getting married in 2019, to a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast. For a special Blessing. It will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Booking forms will also be available at the back of the church from this weekend. For more information please contact Judith via the Parish Office

## BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to

**Victoria Altamirano Delgado** who was Baptised last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**EMMAUS** – Meetings this week are on;  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at 7.30am in Room 1  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** at 10.30am in Room 2

## CONGRATULATIONS AND A WARM WELCOME

to Heidi Craske who was received into the Catholic Church and confirmed at the 11.30am Mass last Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> January) and to her son, Jacob, who was baptised.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING DAY

**NEW DATE: SATURDAY. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 the 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.**

25-27<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2019 'AQUINAS' FORMATION WEEKEND for young Women – See Noticeboard for more details

27<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2019 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

9<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2019 COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL – here at English Martyrs

17<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2019 CATHOLIC WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE)  
See poster on Noticeboard – Inaugural Mass Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at St Joseph's Basingstoke

5<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND. Led by Fr Stan of Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi.  
For more info please contact Nancy Johnson (0118 9262315/ [nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com](mailto:nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com))

### Parish Administrator Role (VACANCY)

#### Christ the King Church, Whitley

Part Time : 15 hours (3 days)

See Notice board for details

Closing Date 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### CONCERT AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH, EARLEY

by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of spiritually uplifting music and support this worthy cause. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available from OLOP Parish Office on 0118 9663711 or [earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:earley@portsmouthdiocese.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 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm

St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst RG31 5LN

(See Poster on the Noticeboard)

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Our Lady and St Anne, Caversham, RG4 5AB

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 3.00 pm

Our Lady of Peace. Earley, RG6 7DA

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

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

**STEPHEN COLEMAN** who died on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January. His Requiem Mass will take place at 1.30pm on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> January here at English Martyrs followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery

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

**MAUREEN PARKINS** who dies on 7<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral will take place at Henley Road Chapel at 12 midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**RICHARD OWENS** who died on 4<sup>th</sup> January. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30pm here at English Martyrs followed by Cremation at Reading Crematorium

**PAM MADDOCK** who died on 5<sup>th</sup> January. Her Requiem Mass will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10.30am followed by burial at Pangbourne Hill Cemetery at 12.00pm

**PATRICK REANEY** who died on 4<sup>th</sup> January. His funeral service will take place at 12.00pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Reading Crematorium (West Chapel)

### FIRST COMMUNION 2019

ALL SESSIONS ARE IN THE CHURCH  
9.15AM (PROMPT) - 10.30AM

**SAT 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY SESSION 5**  
VESTMENTS & VESSELS

**SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY SESSION 6**  
MASS INTO & PENITENTIAL RITES

**TUES 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30 - 9PM**  
PARENTS MEETING

Details of future sessions to follow

**YOUTH**

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Preparation continues for all those already enrolled. The dates are:

#### Session 1 SUN 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

3.15 - 4.45pm - Sacrament of Confirmation  
5.00pm Mass of Enrolment

#### Session 2 SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

3.15-4.45PM - Faith in what (with parents)

#### Session 3 SUN 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

3.15-4.45PM - Getting it Right

#### Session 4 SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH (ALL DAY) - FLAME CONGRESS

then. 10/03 17/03 (with parents), 24/03 & 28/04.

Contact Chris Burton [EMconfirmation@outlook.com](mailto:EMconfirmation@outlook.com)

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

#### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> January** : New Year, New Beginning
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> February**: Love of God, Love of Neighbour- Exploring God's Commandments. (Half term)?
- **March 5<sup>th</sup>: 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 19TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2019**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>Vigil Mass – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30 pm	Parish Priest Intentions
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples</i>	9.30 am	Buhay Family Thanksgiving
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Mr & Mrs Giran Intentions
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b> St Agnes, Martyr, memorial St Alban Roe (English Martyr)	9.30am	Fraser McKechnie Intentions
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b> St Vincent Sargossa, Martyr, memorial	9.30am	Vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Portsmouth
	1.30pm	Requiem Mass for Maria Hayes RIP
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019</b>	9.30 am	Manuel Xavier Do Rego RIP
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> St Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, memorial	9.30 am	Pam Maddock RIP
	7.30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>The Conversion of St Paul, feast day</b>	9.30am	The Devlin Family Intention
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> <b>St Timothy, Martyr &amp; St. Titus, memorial</b>	11.00am	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Vigil Mass – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Eugene Herbert RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Richard (Paddy) Dunne RIP
	11.30 am	Jim Knox RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<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>Rosary</b> Saturday 10.30am		
<b>COUNTERS</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Agatha Barc, Anne & Stephen Hogg <b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Teresa Ennis, Pauline Xavier & Alice Mascarenhas	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Group 1</b> after morning Mass	<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019</b> <b>Envelopes</b> £253.35 / <b>Plate</b> £955.94  <b>November 2018</b> <b>S/O</b> £ 2,093.00 and <b>D/D</b> £ 1573.00

**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](mailto:bsg@englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ANNUAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR CATHEDRAL IN PORTSMOUTH.**

Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

**PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN**