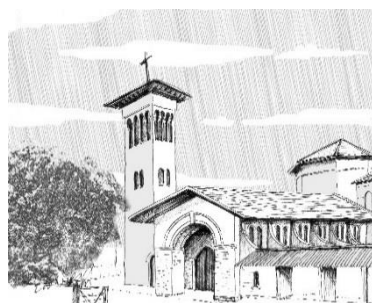


ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)
2nd /3rd March 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

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH CLERGY

PARISH PRIEST: CANON MICHAEL DENNEHY
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ASSISTANT PRIEST & HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm at RBH Old Chapel
by London Road entrance.
All are welcome.

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Registered Charity No. 246871

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BS
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Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP
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<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/>

The Season of Lent

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Mass will be celebrated with the distribution of ashes at 9:30am and 7:30pm. On the Fridays of Lent there will be a 6:30am Mass with Stations of the Cross at 9:00am and 7:00pm. Please take home a leaflet outlining all that is happening in our parish in the season of Lent. Throughout the season of Lent English Martyrs Parish will be in solidarity, through prayer and financial contributions, with our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon who are suffering oppression and discrimination at this time.

Update on English Martyrs Parish Finances

I hope that you are all aware of 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." Implementing this vision requires resourcing. Our Church, Hall and meeting rooms need to be inviting, welcoming, well-equipped and compliant with current regulations. The truth is that a parish our size needs more and better facilities. An update on our parish finances is being made available this Sunday. The total of our current and deposit bank accounts is £52,000 (£202,000 at 31 August 2018). We are expecting this to go down to zero at the end of February 2019 when the £305,000 church refurbishment project is completed. £19,000 will be drawn from our Living Our Faith money of £55,000 leaving £36,000. Taking out the refurbishment costs, income is greater than expenditure by just £18,000 for the year to 31 August 2018. It is time to start building up our reserves again to fund future developments.

I would like to personally thank you all for your current contributions. Average planned giving is currently £23 a month with 51% of parishioners contributing in this way. If 100 parishioners signed up to contribute £100 a month, this will generate £120,000 a year, and with gift aid this would be £150,000. This is more than double our current planned giving of £64,000. If parishioners who currently contribute £43,000 a year in the loose plate sign up to gift aid this would raise an additional 25% (£10,750) a year at no extra cost to the parish or the individual.

I have myself signed up for a contribution of £100 a month to our parish. With gift aid this amounts to £1,500 per year. I invite households who can to match this level of contribution or a sacrificial gift that is right for you. Thank you for your contribution to implementing our Parish Vision and for your generosity in so many ways.

Fr Michael

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the recent appeal by Fr. Gary for people to commit themselves to an hour of prayer each week in the presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, we are ready to begin. Beginning on Thursday March 7 and Friday March 8, there will be weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00am until 9:00pm. We will continue the practice of having Adoration for an hour before morning Mass. It is essential that those who have signed up commit themselves to a specific hour. I am grateful to those who have made this commitment to the prayer life of our parish.

Fr Michael

<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT These will be Stations of the Cross in the morning and evenings on Fridays in Lent. If you are in a parish group and would like to lead one of the Evening Services Please contact the Parish Office</p>	<p>SATURDAYS IN LENT 3PM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS & CONFESSIONS Here at the English Martyrs Church</p>	<p>TODAY MOSQUE OPEN DAY – 3rd March 2019. The Catholic community at English Martyrs & St James have been offered a guided tour of the AbuBakr Islamic Centre in Oxford Road as part of ‘Visit my Mosque day’. Please meet outside at 2.30pm.</p>
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<p>MONGOL 100 John Paul Matthews is Ice Skating 100 miles over a frozen Mongolian Lake on 6th March 2019 in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. John is the nephew of long time parishioner Mick McSoley who is receiving treatment at the Royal Marsden Please try and support this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, then go to https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mickandthemarsden OR you can donate via the Parish Office. Please clearly mark your envelope “MARSDEN”</p>		<p>EMMAUS GROUPS There are five Emmaus Groups here at English Martyrs to provide the opportunity for parishioners to get together in small groups to pray together and chat about the Sunday Bible readings. No expert knowledge required! Why not come along and see for yourself? This month’s meetings are on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in Room 2 Wednesday 6th March at 10.30am in Room 2 Saturday 9th March at 5.00pm in Room 2</p>
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<p>ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE, READING Seeks new Catholic Governors Ideally with experience in IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. For more details contact David Halle. chair@sjcr.org.uk</p>	<p>WANTED Volunteer DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140), in particular, for the Easter Vigil where the light in the church and the scriptures walk hand in hand</p>	
	<p>ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Has a Vacancy for a Classroom Teacher (Key Stage 1 or 2) Starting September 2019 (possibility of starting July 2019 for NQTs)</p>	<p>DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, National Shrine of Our Lady on Sat 15th June. Cost £15 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John O’Shea. Book via English Martyrs Parish Office.</p>


<p>RITE OF ELECTION Janet Banks (mother of Millie Bakermault) is preparing to be Confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. Next Saturday, she will go to the Rite of Election in Portsmouth Cathedral where she will be welcomed by Bishop Philip, along with all those in our diocese who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Church. Please pray for them and for Janet as they begin their final time of preparation during Lent. You are invited to add your promise to pray for Janet in the book which will be available in the church from this weekend.</p>	<p>VOCATIONS “Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,” Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869</p>	<p>PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN “DON BOSCO” BOYS CAMP 2019 at St. Cassian’s, Kintbury, from Sun 28th July to Sat 3rd August. The cost of the camp is £210 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact Angela Mulkerens on 07764 761006 or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p>
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<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF</p>	
<p>BRIDIE O’GORMAN who died on 19th February. Her Requiem funeral will take place here at English Martyrs Church at 11.30am on Thursday 14th March 2019 followed by committal at Reading Crematorium (South Chapel) at 1.00pm</p>	
<p>BARBARA HUGHES who died on 19th February. Her funeral service will take place at 1.45pm at Henley Road Cemetery (South Chapel) followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.15pm</p>	

<p> CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP Saturday March 30th at English Martyrs. To book please see website http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted/book-now.php or hand in a completed blue form (find at back of the church) to the parish office</p>	<p>**** STILL TIME TO BOOK**** PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Thursday 25th July – Tuesday 30th July Half board accommodation in 3* hotel Close to the sanctuary Costs approximately £460 (max) Booking forms are available from the Parish Office. Max 30 persons.</p>
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<p>THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY ST PATRICK'S SUPPER At Reading Irish Centre Food & Lively Irish Music Friday 15th March 8pm – 11pm Entrance by ticket only £20 each from Anne Morris (T: 07888 997293)</p>	<p>ENGLISH COMPOSER & CONDUCTOR JOHN RUTTER Saturday 9th March 2019 St. Mary Magdalen Wandsworth Common SW17 7HP 10am – 5pm To register & for more info, Email joinin@smmwandsworth.org.uk</p>	<p>CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat? Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church next week and give whatever you can or you can donate online at https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day Thank you.</p>
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SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS - Saturday 6th July 2019.
 Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. Please see Noticeboard or Contact the Parish Office to register

<p>SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY</p>  <p>The Youth of our parish are hosting a PANCAKE EVENING ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH AT 6.30PM</p> <p>EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND</p>	<p>FUND RAISING FOR THE PARISH BUILDING WORK . The 11.30 am tea and refreshments after mass has raised £250 that will go towards the building works at English Martyr's. Thank you to everyone that has supported this cause.</p> <p>HOST FAMILY REQUIRED for an Italian boy aged 13 who is keen to visit England for a couple of weeks over the summer and improve his English language skills. Possible opportunity for a return visit. Please contact the parish office if this of interest</p> <p>Volunteer VISUAL OPERATORS for funerals and midweek services needed. Training will be Provided. Please contact the Parish office for more information</p>
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DATES FOR YUR DIARY	10 th -18 th March	Mill Hill Missionaries NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH. Mass at St Joseph's Church Maidenhead . See Noticeboard for more details on how you can be involved
	17 th March	Sage Reading Half Marathon taking place. This event will affect access to the Church by Car for morning masses. More information to follow closer to the event
	25 th March	Café Theologique – Jesus – The Lamb. Re-examining the imagery – starts 7.30pm at Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street RG1 2LR
	28 th March	Anointing of the Sick at St Joseph's at 1.30pm. Organised by SVP. Refreshments afterwards If you require help with Transport contact Jack Ewins on 07734 499190
	10 th August	Aylesford Pilgrimage for the deaf. See poster on Noticeboard for more details
	19 th -27 th September	CAMINO PILGRIMAGE. See poster on the Noticeboard for more details. Information sheet, booking form and flyer available from English Martyrs Parish Office. Closing date: 7th March 2019

<p>FIRST COMMUNION 2019 ALL SESSIONS ARE IN THE CHURCH 9.15AM (PROMPT) – 10.30AM</p> <p>SAT 9TH MARCH SESSION 7 LITURGY OF THE WORD</p> <p>SAT 16TH MARCH SESSION 8 GOSPEL AND CREED</p> <p>SAT 30TH MARCH SESSION 9 PRAYER</p> <p>Details of future sessions to follow</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CONFIRMATION 2019</p> <p>Preparation continues for all those already enrolled.</p> <p>SESSION 4 SUN 10TH MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM – Word of God</p> <p>SESSION 5 SUN 17TH MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM - Eucharist/Mass</p> <p>SESSION 6 SUN 24TH MARCH 3.15 - 4.45PM – Called & Gifted Youth</p> <p>Then: 26-28th April (Retreat) More dates to follow Contact Chris Burton EMconfirmation@outlook.com</p>
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<p>GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16 SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 5th: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake evening) ***** SEE OUR ADVERT ABOVE ***** 31st May: Feast of the Visitation – Mary 28th June: Sports day in the Park (time : TBC) <p>Plus much more to follow</p>	<p>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</p> <hr/> <p>ELEVATE Parish JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP "Exploring Faith Through Fun" Next Meeting 15th March 4.30-5.30pm in the Parish Hall</p>
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<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This week there is an article about the Health & Safety Training Day last weekend here at English Martyrs</p>
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PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 2ND MARCH TO SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 2nd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30 pm	Joan Forbes RIP
Sunday 3rd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> <i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</i>	9.30 am	Paddy Kilbane RIP
	11.30 am	Jan Niec RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 4th March St. Casimir, Memorial	9.30am	Miranda George Intentions
Tuesday 5th March	9.30am	Rosemary Emms RIP
Wednesday 6th March ASH WEDNESDAY	LENT	
	9.30 am	Ellen Gerrity Intentions
	7.30pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 7th March Ss Perpetua & Felicity, <i>Memorial</i>	9.30 am	Livingston Family Intention
	10.00am – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the Baptistry
	7.30 pm	Susan Stankard RIP
Friday 8th March St John of God, <i>Memorial</i>	6.30am**	Rachel Mphoso RIP
	9.00am	Stations of the Cross
	9.30am	Ryan Flood RIP
	10.00am – 9.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Baptistry
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9th March St Frances of Rome, <i>Feast</i>	11.00am	Bridie O’Gorman RIP
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass – Saturday 9th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Livingston Family and their Intentions
Sunday 10th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30 am	Pam Maddock RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Bridget Mc Donald RIP
<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Mon-Thurs. 8.25am–9.25am and Fri 8.00am – 8.55am</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm Rosary Saturday 10.30am</p>		

**There will be breakfast after 6.30am Mass on Fridays during Lent

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COUNTERS</u></p> <p>3rd March Adam & Cathy Doberski</p> <p>10th March Maurice Fleming & Paula Garcia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHURCH CLEANING</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 8th March Group 3 after morning Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 24th FEBRUARY 2019</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes £261.00 /Plate £960.44</p>
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YOUTH CHARITY EVENTS

Tea & Coffee Charity Event Sunday 17th March

which is Reading half marathon day

Please support us with donations or a cake on the day. More information to follow



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