

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

MARGARET JOAN SMITH the mother of parishioner Jeff Smith who died on 9th December 2018. Her Requiem Mass will take place at 12.15pm on Monday 7th January 2019 at St. James's Church Reading

ROY FISHER who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's Church, Upper Woolhampton on Thursday 10th January at 11.15am and afterwards at Henley Road Cemetery. **All welcome.**

MARIA HAYES, who died on Monday 17th December 2018. Funeral details to follow

MAURA DIBLEY who died recently in Ireland. Her funeral took place on 18th December. Maura formerly worked as Deputy Head of English Martyrs' School. A Memorial Mass will take place here at English Martyrs on Saturday 19th January at 11.00am

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING DAY – SAT. 26TH JANUARY 2019

Now the renovation works are almost finished, the Health & Safety team are busy behind the scenes to ensure we are fully compliant with Diocesan Regulations. New procedures will be introduced from January 2019, for all parish groups that use the church/parish centre on a regular basis, as well as external organisations. The Team will be in touch with group leaders in the coming weeks to complete the relevant paperwork and they are also happy to help with the completion of the paperwork. This training day will include fire training, basic first aid training, including the use of defibrillators. Can group leaders put this date in their diaries and also ensure a further two members of the group can attend either or both parts of the day (timetable to follow). 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.

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Most relationships face difficulties at some point. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information please call 0800 389 3801.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

If you are interested in **digital sound engineering**, or you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you! Independent of your faith and age, we have an opportunity in our church which we would like to share with you. Come and reach out. We look forward to hearing from you. Email Parish Office for further details.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The parents of any child wishing to start school in September 2019 should now be filling out their council application form and a new 2019/20 Supplementary Information Form. **These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by 15th January 2019**

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Fr Michael if you need your form signed

VOLUNTEER HANDYMAN

Did you respond to the previous parish appeal for a Handyman? If so, please could you contact the Parish office again? Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2019

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi are planning a pilgrimage to Poland in 2019 (5th- 11th June); the group, under the leadership of Father Stan, will be visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa (the Shrine of the Black Madonna), the Salt mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice (the home town of St. John Paul II), and other places of interest. For more information please contact Nancy Johnson (0118 9262315/ 07745 434888/e-mail nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com)

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

The parish is planning to visit Lourdes next year and plans to overlap with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, **the probable dates will be 25th July to 30th July.** All options are being explored and costs have to be confirmed. There will be an **INFORMATION MEETING on Thursday 17th January December at 7.00pm in The Hall.** Please come along if you would like more information. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage but unable to attend the meeting please contact the Parish Office so that your interest can be registered

Emmaus Meetings this week

Mon. 7th January at 7.30pm in Room 1
Weds 9th January at 10.30am in Room 2
Weds. 9th January at 7.30pm at a member's house

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

Saturday 12th January 2019
 See Noticeboard for more details of how you can join in fasting/abstinence/prayer

CONGRATULATIONS TO Bruce & Marisa Hayes

who celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on 30th December. They received a special Blessing during Mass on 23rd December

JOURNEY IN FAITH - Next meeting 8th January 2019 Contact the Parish Office for more details

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MISSION:

On **19-21 January**, Fr. Gary Holmes, Missionary of the Most Holy Eucharist, will preach at all the Masses. He will also give talks on Eucharistic Adoration with Q & A's and guided Holy Hours with Benediction.

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

CHURCH FLOWERS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Can you help with Flower
 arranging in the Church going
 forward.
 If yes please contact the Parish
 Office



FIRST COMMUNION 2019

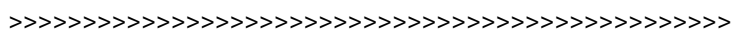
All Sessions are in the Parish
 Church 9.15am
 (prompt) – 10.30 am

8th Jan **PARENTS ONLY**
 (7.30pm in Parish Hall)
 12th Jan **SESSION 4**
 Our Parish Church
 26th Jan **SESSION 5**
 Vestments& Vessels,
 Sacraments

Details of future sessions to follow

JOB VACANCIES

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
 or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or via the following links:
www.ectg.com/adverts/201980.asp?Postcode=rg4%20h6ss&country=1&type=33&iref=110038
www.e-ctg.com/adverts/201979.asp?Postcode=rg4%205aa&country=1&type=34&iref=110003



CLERK TO GOVERNORS BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON

Flexible and reliable person, with good administrative skills
 required to support the Governing body
 £10.92 - £11.98 p/h – Approx. 400 hours per annum
 See Noticeboard for more details. Closing date 11th January 2019

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

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES

Are you getting married sometime in 2019 - either in a church in our diocese or in a church elsewhere, maybe even abroad? If you are: CONGRATULATIONS! Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes. I hope all your preparations and all the arrangements for the big day are going well.

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

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 11th 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 5TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 5th January 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th January 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> <i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord</i>	9.30 am	Kevin Commins RIP & Kathleen Gaughan RIP
	11.30 am	Jose Mantinan
	5.00 pm	Michael Lineham RIP
Monday 7th January 2019	9.30am	Domingos Rodrigues RIP
Tuesday 8th January 2019	9.30am	Luke Marren RIP
Wednesday 9th January 2019	9.30 am	David Dye RIP
Thursday 10th January 2019	9.30 am	Intentions of Anne O'Connor
	7.30 pm	Archbishop J H King RIP
Friday 11th January 2019	9.30am	James Gerald MacDonald RIP
Saturday 12th January 2019	11.00am	Jim Knox RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 12th January 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Chris Moran RIP
Sunday 13th January 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	11.30 am	Max Gabriel RIP
	5.00 pm	Ozzie D'Cruz RIP & Betty Grafton RIP

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>
6th Jan Aidan & Jane Dalglish 13th Jan Anthea Carroll, Gwen Price & Anne Rosario	Friday 11th January Group 3 after morning Mass	23rd December 2018 Envelopes £353.50 /Plate £855.17 30th December 2018 Envelopes £278.74 /Plate £867.68

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25-27 TH JAN 2019	'AQUINAS' FORMATION WEEKEND for young Women – See Noticeboard for more details
27 TH JAN 2019	HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
9 TH -10 TH FEB 2019	COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL – here at English Martyrs
17 TH FEBRUARY 2019	CATHOLIC WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE) See poster on Noticeboard – Inaugural Mass Sunday 17 th February at St Joseph's Basingstoke
30 TH MARCH 2019	CALLED & GIFTED Teaching Day - at English Martyrs (pre-register now with the Parish Office)
15 TH – 22 ND MAY 2019	PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – See Noticeboard for more details – ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT!
25 TH – 30 TH JULY 2019	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – Information Evening 17 th January – 7pm in Parish Hall

REPOSITORY: OPEN after 9.30 & 11.30am Masses Every Sunday