

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

23rd /24th February 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

64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB

PARISH CLERGY

PARISH PRIEST: CANON MICHAEL DENNEHY
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

PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: Barbara Poole
Tel: 0118 957 2149

THIS WEEK Open Tues - Fri 9am -3.30pm
E: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 246871

SAFEGUARDING REP - CHARLIE MCARTHUR

Contact via the Parish Office

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BS
T: 0118 937 5466

www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP
T: 0118 957 4730

<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/>

This Sunday we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip on the subject of healing. Healing is an important part of the ministry of Jesus as we hear in the Gospels and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church.

The gospel this Sunday challenges us to a generosity of spirit, particularly towards our enemies. We are invited to be compassionate as our Father in heaven is compassionate. The gospel reading concludes with this sentence, "Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

We have been richly and abundantly blessed by God. All that we are and all that we have is a gift of God. The US Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship expresses it this way, "Sacrificial Giving begins with the recognition that everything we have has been given to us by God..... Our time, our talents, our money, yes, even life itself. Sacrificial Giving is based on an understanding that "as Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."

Next Sunday a statement will be made available on our parish finances. Much has been achieved in recent months with the refurbishment of our Church. We now need to address our parish facilities, Parish Hall and meeting rooms, as we look to implementing our parish vision. A parish of almost 1000 practising Catholics needs better facilities and a greater number of activities if we are to enable the parish to grow, not only in number but also in individual discipleship.

I invite you this week to think about your financial contribution to our parish. When was the last time you increased your financial contribution to the parish? I invite you to think about planned giving by envelope, Standing Order or Direct Debit if you do not already give in a planned way. If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your contribution at no extra expense to yourself.

Addressing the subject of money and financial contributions to our parish is never particularly easy but it is necessary. But think of our forebears 100 years ago planning the construction of English Martyrs Church. We are the beneficiaries of their generosity. What will be our legacy to future generations?

Fr Michael

EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP - NEXT FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

At English Martyrs Church from 7.30 - 9.00pm.

There will also be the Rosary at 7pm

Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Can you help?

LIGHTING ASSISTANT

To learn about and help with the new Church Lighting
Training provided

VISUAL OPERATORS
funerals and midweek services

Training will be Provided.
Please contact the Parish office for more information

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE
THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Meetings are about 90 minutes, midweek, every 2 months in Chandlers Ford. If you can spare the time and are interested then please contact the Parish Office for more details

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 (at back of the church)
to the parish office

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March 2019

10.30am Service
at St Mark's Church,
Cranberry Road (Off the Oxford Road)
– See Poster for more info

Come – Everything is ready

CHAPLAINCY
AT READING UNIVERSITY

SPACE BLITZ:
DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN
IMPACTS OF WWII
BOMBING RAIDS:

The bombing of cities during the Second World War is still fiercely contested. Coinciding with the anniversary of the British raid on Dresden, historian Patrick Major and space scientist Chris Scott will explore two different impacts of Second World War bombing raids. Wednesday 27 February 19:30, doors 19:00 | G10, Palmer Building, Whiteknights campus. Admission free.

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
It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.
If you would like to come please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

***** STILL TIME TO BOOK*****
PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
2019

Thursday 25th July – Tuesday 30th July
Departing from Heathrow Airport
Half board accommodation in 3* 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.
Booking forms are available from the Parish Office.
Max 30 persons.
Return completed forms to Parish Office

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH – 22ND MAY 2019

Due to a cancellation there are 2 places available in a twin or double room. Cost £1360PP. Deposit £250PP. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs John & Michael. Contact St James: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 011189 574171 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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 **Fri 1st March at 10.30am in Room 2**

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

VOCATIONS

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

Thurs 19th- 27th September 2019.
See poster on the Noticeboard for more details.
Information sheet, booking form and flyer available from our Parish Office

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
TRAINING DAY

for Reading parishes on
Sat 2nd March at 9.30am—12.30pm at St James church.
Led by Fr John O'Shea and Anne Hogg.
Please complete an Application form (green) available at the back of the church) and **return this via Fr Michael or the Parish Office by Sunday 24th February**

CONGRATULATIONS

to Norman and Marina Hayde who are celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary on 25th February.
They will receive a 'Special Blessing' at 18.30pm Mass this Saturday 23rd February

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)

ENGLISH COMPOSER &
CONDUCTOR

JOHN RUTTER

Saturday 9th March 2019

St. Mary Magdalen
Wandsworth Common
SW17 7HP

10am – 5pm

Email

joinin@smmwandsworth

To register & for more info

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.

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PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP 2019

Fr Mark Hogan will be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from **Sun 28th July to Sat 3rd August**.

There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. 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 Mulkerns on 07764 761006 or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Marriage and Relationship Counselling with Marriage Care

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.

IN BRIEF....

10 th -18 th March 2019	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 2019	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 2019	Café Theologique – Jesus – The Lamb. Re-examining the imagery – starts 7.30pm at Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street RG1 2LR

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

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

TUES 26TH FEBRUARY 7.30 – 9PM
PARENTS ONLY

SAT 9TH MARCH SESSION 7
LITURGY OF THE WORD

SAT 16TH MARCH SESSION 8
GOSPEL AND CREED

Details of future sessions to follow

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION 2019

Preparation continues for all those already enrolled.

ALL DAY EVENT SAT 2ND MARCH - FLAME CONGRESS

SESSION 4 SUN 10TH MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM – Word of God

SESSION 5 SUN 17th MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM – Eucharist/Mass

SESSION 6 SUN 24th MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM – Called & Gifted Youth

Then: 10/03 17/03, 24/03 More dates to follow
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

- **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.

- **31st May: Feast of the Visitation – Mary**
- **28th June: Sports day in the Park (time : TBC)**

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 1st March
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

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

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>

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 23RD FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 23rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30 pm	Maureen Donohoe RIP
Sunday 24th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Responsorial Psalm: <i>The Lord is compassion and love</i>	9.30 am	Stanley Perera RIP
	11.30 am	Buhay Family, Thanksgiving
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 25th February	9.30am	Valencia Victoria de Araujo, Thanksgiving
Tuesday 26th February	9.30am	John Knollys RIP
Wednesday 27th February	9.30 am	Bridie O’Gorman RIP
Thursday 28th February	9.30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	7.30 pm	Susan Stankard RIP
Friday 1st March St. David, Patron Saint of Wales, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Martin & Eleanor Brennan Intention
Saturday 2nd March	11.00am	Sue Stankard RIP
Vigil Mass – Saturday 2nd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Joan Forbes RIP
Sunday 3rd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Paddy Kilbane RIP
	11.30 am	Jan Niec 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		

<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 17th FEBRUARY 2019</u>
24 th Feb George & Helen Nowacki 3 rd March Adam & Cathy Doberski	Friday 22 nd February Group 2 after morning Mass	Envelopes £275.00 / Plate £779.61

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A parishioner seeks accommodation from May for 3-4 days a week. He can offer you company, gardening, DIY and/or a modest rent in return. Please contact the Parish office in the first instance

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

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN is to be made a saint, following final approval by Pope Francis. His canonisation will probably be in Rome in October 2019

MOSQUE OPEN DAY – 3rd March 2019. This is a national initiative. If you would like to visit the ABU Bakr Islamic Centre in the Oxford Road then you can book a place using the following link.
<https://www.visitmymosque.org/find-my-mosque/?q=RG30+2EB#register>