



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.*

27TH JANUARY 2019 IS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

When we remember all those "Torn from Home".

ROBERT BARRON ON THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS

The Second part of this inspiring 60 minute talk
explaining the meaning of each stage of the Mass
will be shown on **31st January from 8 – 9pm.**
The 30 minute recording will be followed by
refreshments and an opportunity to reflect
together on what we have heard.

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
week's meeting is on

Fri. 1st February at 10.30am in Room 2.

If you want to know more, contact Richard
Kennedy via the Parish Office

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CAFOD MEETING

- **Monday 18th February** from 7:15pm to 9pm at
Christ the King Church Reading RG2 8NR
- **Tuesday 5th March** from 7:15pm to 9pm at
St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP

Everyone is welcome! email portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385



FAITH IN POLITICS INTERNSHIP

For details see:

www.faithinpolitics.org.uk

Closing date is 28th February 2019

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED IN 2019

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

BLESSED HUGH FARRINGDON PTA WINE TASTING & QUIZ EVENING Thursday 31st January at 7pm

All proceeds raised are for New Minibus
See Poster on Noticeboard for more details



BAPTISM CELEBRATION SUNDAY 17th February at 3PM

There will be a short service followed
by Refreshments

If you or your children were baptised
in the last year or so (or you know
someone who was - then please pick
up a flyer or see Noticeboard/website
*Please let the Parish Office know if you
are coming for catering purposes*

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.
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

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 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.

9 TH -10 TH Feb 2019	COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL – here at English Martyrs
9 TH Feb 2019	'The Role of the Family in Building a Culture of Life' RETREAT See Noticeboard for details
9 TH Feb 2019	Reading Churches Men's Group MEN'S BREAKFAST – See poster on Noticeboard for more details
16 th Feb 2019	"ON FIRE!" Prayer & Healing Service. 5-7pm at St Joseph's Tilehurst
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
24 TH Feb 2019	The Hibernian Society are hosting a TEA DANCE here in the Parish Hall – more info to follow
1 st March 2019	2019 World Day of Prayer – Service at St Mark's Church Cranberry Road – See Poster for more info
5 TH -11 TH 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)

VACANCIES

1. **Parish Administrator at Christ the King Church, Whitley.** Part Time : 15 hours (3 days)
Closing Date : 28th January 2019
 2. Parish Administrator at St John Bosco Woodley.
25-30 hours (per week) neg. each weekday desirable
Closing date; 12th February 2019
- See Notice board for details**

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 9th 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.

FREE INFORMAL ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS

If English is not your first language, you are invited to join free informal classes to improve your understanding, speaking, reading and writing of English. The classes include conversation, and exercises in grammar etc. They take place weekly during school hours at the English Martyrs Parish Centre in Liebenrood Road. **All are welcome, regardless of religion or nationality.**

DARMOWE NIEFORMALNE LEKCJE ANGIELSKIEGO DLA DOROSŁYCH

Jeśli angielski nie jest Twoim pierwszym językiem, możesz się dołączyć do bezpłatnego nieformalnego kursu, aby poprawić zrozumienie, mówienie, czytanie i pisanie po angielsku. Zajęcia obejmują rozmowy i ćwiczenia z gramatyki itp. Odbywają się co tydzień w czasie semestru szkolnego w sali parafialnej kościoła English Martyrs w Liebenrood Road. Wszyscy są mile widziani bez względu na religię lub narodowość.

For more details: petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

STEPHEN COLEMAN who died on Friday 4th January. His Requiem Mass will take place at 1.30pm on Tues 29th January here at English Martyrs followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery at 3pm

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 January. Her funeral will take place at Henley Road Chapel at 12 midday on Friday 8th February 2019

RICHARD OWENS who died on 4th January. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 1st February at 1.30pm here at English Martyrs followed by Cremation at Reading Crematorium (South chapel) at 3.15pm

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

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

SAT 9TH FEBRUARY SESSION 6
MASS INTO & PENITENTIAL RITES

TUES 26TH FEBRUARY 7.30 - 9PM
PARENTS MEETING

SAT 9TH MARCH SESSION 7
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Details of future sessions to follow

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION 2019

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

Session 1 SUN 27th JANUARY
3.15 - 4.45pm - **Sacrament of Confirmation**
5.00pm **Mass of Enrolment**

Session 2 SUN 3rd FEBRUARY
3.15-4.45PM - **Faith in what (with parents)**

Session 3 SUN 10th FEBRUARY
3.15-4.45PM - **Getting it Right**

Session 4 SAT 2ND MARCH (ALL DAY) - FLAME CONGRESS

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

- **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 CONTACT DETAILS

The English Martyrs Catholic Church
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Registered Charity No. 246871

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 26TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Sat 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30 pm	Eugene Herbert RIP
Sunday 27th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Responsorial Psalm: <i>Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.</i>	9.30 am	Richard (Paddy) Dunne RIP
	11.30 am	Jim Knox RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish Mass of Enrolment of Youth Confirmation candidates
Monday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas, memorial	9.30am	Moira Husbands RIP
Tuesday 29th January	9.30am	Holy Souls RIP
	1.30pm	Requiem Mass for Stephen Coleman RIP
Wednesday 30th January No 9.30am Mass. Adoration 8.25 – 9.25am	10.30 am	Requiem Mass for Pamela Maddock RIP
Thursday 31st January St John Bosco, memorial	9.30 am	Pam Maddock RIP
	7.30 pm	Maureen O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 1st February St. Henry Morse (English Martyr)	9.30am	Holy Souls RIP
	1.30pm	Requiem Mass for Richard Owens RIP
Saturday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11.00am	Louis Fearn's RIP
Vigil Mass – Sat 2nd February FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd February FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Jim Knox RIP
	11.30 am	John Walsh RIP
	5.00 pm	Billy Delaney RIP & Carol Welch 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		

COUNTERS

27th Jan Teresa Ennis, Pauline Xavier &
Alice Mascarenhas

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 1st February
Group 2
after morning Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION 20th JANUARY 2019

Envelopes £259.65 / **Plate** £870.28

3rd Feb Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick

BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to

Zavier Chege who was baptised on Sunday 20th January 2019.

Yaron Newton who is being baptised on Sunday 27th January in the 11.30am Mass

Izaiah Phillip who is being baptised on Sunday 27th January at 1pm

Professional married couple are looking for a double room or a studio flat/1 bedroom flat to rent for up to a year, from March/April . Please contact Jopaul on 07466 224725