

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)
13th /14th April 2019

HOLY WEEK



The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

The Triduum is a single feast, the Paschal Mystery, celebrated over three days, and they are the three holiest days of the entire liturgical year. It is ironic, however, that feasts like the Assumption on August 15, All Saints Day on November 1, and the Immaculate Conception on December 8, are holy days of obligation while the three days of the Triduum are not. There is no Church law that requires attendance for the Triduum, but good laws only make compulsory what should be done anyway.

For example, God gave the Third Commandment, "Keep holy the Sabbath day" (Ex 20:8), which serves as the basis for the Sunday Mass obligation. We should want to go to Mass every Sunday. It is only right to give thanks for the many blessings that we receive over the course of the week, and if we do not nourish our faith regularly, minimally at least once a week, with God's holy Word and Holy Communion, it is likely that we will become spiritually malnourished and weaker in our faith. If there was no law, a devout disciple of Jesus would want to go to Mass every Sunday anyway because it is the right thing to do, but because so many are lax with their faith and fail to do what should be presumed, a law was established to make mandatory what Christians should eagerly and gladly do on their own.

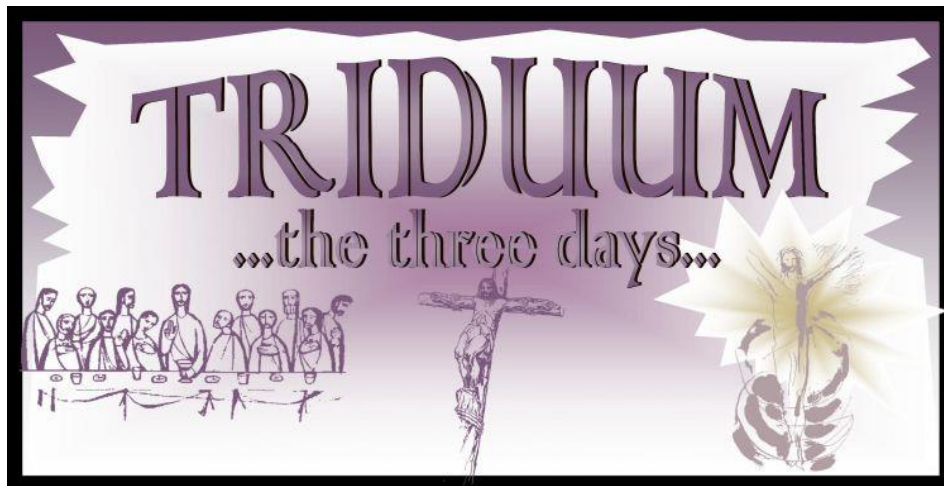
If there were ever three days that Christians should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Triduum. These days rank at the head of the liturgical calendar. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith, and they ought to be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The Jews have three high holy days, three pilgrimage feasts, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, and those who lived outside of Jerusalem made pilgrimage to the Temple to celebrate these solemn occasions. The three days of the Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we ought to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honour how the Lord Jesus laid down his life for us, his friends, for our salvation.

Please make it a top priority to go to church to celebrate the Triduum this year. Reserve the time. Rearrange your schedule if necessary. Take some personal time off from work. Suspend errands or jobs around the house. Drop everything. Plan to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. These days may be optional, but none are more important. **Enter into the mystery.**

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

HOLY WEEK



Maundy Thursday 18th April 8.00pm
The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday 19th April 3.00pm
Solemn Liturgy



Holy Saturday 20th April 9.00pm
Easter Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE 10AM

The Children's Liturgy group will be holding a Stations of the Cross service specifically aimed at children. All are welcome to attend (and even take part!). If children would like to take part, we would ask they arrive by 9.45am. Please do share with anyone you know that may want to attend, the more the merrier and there will be HOT CROSS BUNS and drinks after the service.

7.30pm
Stations of the Cross
 by Bishop Robert Barron
 (recorded)

BBC Radio 4 are producing a dramatized version of The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles this weekend.

Part 1 at **2.30 pm on Saturday 13th** and
part 2 on Sunday 14th at 3pm.
 The dramatist is the poet Michael Symmons Roberts. You can listen at a time that suits you on BBC IPlayer or BBC Sounds.

SWIENCONKI

The Blessing of Easter food in the Polish/ Eastern European tradition
 The food symbolises:

Eggs – Life & Christ's Resurrection

Bread – Jesus, **Lamb** - Christ

Salt - purification,

Butter – the goodness of Christ

Horseradish – bitter sacrifice of Christ

Ham/sausage - great joy & abundance

2.00PM ON EASTER SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

PASSOVER MEAL

Wednesday 17th April

7pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets on sale

this weekend after Mass
 or from the Parish Office

Adults £ 5.00

Child (5-11) £ 3.00

Family of 4 £12.00

Lenten Penitential Service

Monday 15th April

St James, Reading 7.30pm

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN LENT

Palm Sunday (2nd Collection) -

CAFOD Cyclone Appeal

Maundy Thursday - Poor of Bamenda

Good Friday - Holy Places

YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Give up INDIFFERENCE

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS;

A charity which aims at providing a good meal in schools for children in very poor countries.



PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Pick up a Collection Box today for your change
 - Make a cash donation (see flyer) PLUS
 - **You can fill a school bag or back pack with useful equipment and clothing for Children aged 4-12**
- ANY DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED**

EASTER MONDAY PARTY FOR THE HOMELESS AT CIRDIC (22ND APRIL)

For the second year running we would like to put on an

Easter lunch for the homeless in Reading

on Easter Monday 22nd April from 12 noon – 3.00pm

PLEASE COULD YOU HELP?HOW?

- ❖ with donations of Easter eggs to give to each person attending the lunch.
 - ❖ Volunteer to cook and serve on the day
 - ❖ Help to decorate the Hall and tables for the lunch for the day.
- ❖ - Donate food and drink. For More details contact Stephanie via the Parish Office or Please see the poster in the colonnade

GOOD FRIDAY (19TH APRIL) STEPS OF LOVE/PASSION WALK

We walk around the streets in Reading town centre on Good Friday morning, All to Meet at St James's Church - Organisers at 9.15am. Everyone else at 9.30am.

All youth under 18 years will be supervised by adults. Under 14's must have parental consent or be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up sheet available after Mass this weekend
 Adults are welcome to join in.

EMERGENCY IN BAMENDA

Thousands of people in our sister Diocese of Bamenda have been displaced by the ongoing crisis in the N.W. & S.W. areas of Cameroon and are in urgent need of help

The Archbishop of Bamenda has established *Ad Hoc* Committees in each of his parishes to dispense aid directly to those who need it most.

Please help the Portsmouth Diocese Bamenda Commission to help them!

Our friends in Bamenda have asked for

- 1) Our prayers;
- 2) Financial help for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee which has been set up to respond to the humanitarian need.

Our collection on Maundy Thursday will be donated to this cause

- 3) Increased international awareness and political pressure to call for a peaceful resolution to the troubles. You can write to your MP.

A letter template as well as more information is available at

<http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>

SVP AFTERNOON TEA

The SVP will be holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea this month on

Thursday 25th April

at 3pm in Room 1.

This is one week later than usual due to the 3rd Thursday being the start of the Easter Triduum.

Please come along for tea, cake and chat

We would be delighted to see you.

If you want to come and would like a lift, then please contact Stephen Hogg on 0118 9427646 or 07891 773379."

PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE PARISH THEIR FAITH AND PARTICIPATION AT MASS,

Meeting 7th May

at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Parents and Grandparents etc. Welcome!

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

SUNDAY 28th April

2.30PM - 3.30PM



Followed by Refreshments
in the Parish Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

Saturday 27th APRIL

11.00am - 1.00pm in the Church

Followed by a light lunch

PILGRIMAGE TO THE EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES & THE SPECIAL SAINTS OF ITALY

16TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER

Organised by the Parish of St Swithun in

Portsmouth - only 5 places left.

£980 based on 2 people sharing a room

See Poster on Noticeboard for more information

<http://stswithuns.org.uk/pilgrimage-sep-2019>

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

2PM

PROSPECT PARK

SAVE THE DATE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 10am until 9pm every Thursday and Friday.
(excluding Maundy Thursday & Good Friday)

Are you able to commit to an hour?

Please sign up in the Yellow Folder
at the back of church

*We will also continue the usual practice of having
Adoration for an hour before morning Mass.*

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?

Next week's meetings are on

Monday 15th April at 7.30pm in Room 1

Weds 17th April at 10.30am in Room 2

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady

Sat 15th June. Cost £16.

2 coaches for 100 people.

6.30am - 7.30pm approx.

Led by Fr John O'Shea.

Book via English Martyrs
Parish Office.

In brief	29 th April	CAFÉ THEOLOGIQUE - "Faith in the Shadow of Grenfell" Rev Dr Mike Long minister to the Methodist church next door to Grenfell reflects on the tragedy and the churches' response - starts 7.30pm at Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street RG1 2LR
	29 th April	BROWN SCAPULAR: Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi, Earley have successfully started our preparation to receive Brown Scapular this summer. Enrolment into brown scapula commits us to a greater devotion to Mary in the Service of the church. Meet 29 th April at 7.10pm at Dominic Barberi Room. For more information please ring 0118 9663711
	30 th April	Pastoral Care Course. 10 Tuesday eves starting April 30 th , St Nicolas Church, Earley. Cost: £40. More info and booking on Eventbrite: https://tinyurl.com/yxnk47ed or see Noticeboard for more details
	11 th May	March for Life UK is happening in London. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets on our Noticeboard
	25 th -26 th May	BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - Wiston House, West Sussex - Tickets on sale now at https://bigchurchdayout.com/south - Flyers available in the Colonnade and see Noticeboard
	July 2019	Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24th - 30th July £475 lourdes@portsmoutdiocese.org.uk
	6 th July	SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - MASS OF CELEBRATION. Are you celebrating a 25 th , 30 th , 40 th , 50 th , 60 th or Anniversary over 60 years? at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. Please see Noticeboard

FIRST COMMUNION 2019 TUESDAY 30TH APRIL - PARENTS ONLY MEETING 7.30 - 9.00pm	CONFIRMATION 2019 Preparation continues for all those already enrolled. 27TH-28TH APRIL Youth Retreat at Cold Ash	YOUTH GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16 SENIOR YOUTH GROUP	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 <hr/> ELEVATE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP "Exploring Faith Through Fun" Next Meeting 3 rd May 4.30-5.30pm in the Parish Hall
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<p align="center">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 align="center">PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS Sign up now! http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews</p>
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PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE	SAT 13TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019
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<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord Vigil Mass - Saturday 13 th April	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord Sunday 14 th April Responsorial Psalm: <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>	9.30 am	Mary Fahy RIP (20 th Anniversary)
	11.30 am	Andrew & Sean Morris RIP
	5.00 pm	Tim, Jack & Mary Guidera RIP
Monday 15th April of HOLY WEEK	9.30am	Maria Vitoria Fernandes RIP
Tuesday 16th April of HOLY WEEK	9.30am	Brian Kiernan RIP
Wednesday 17th April of HOLY WEEK	9.30 am	Francisco Vito De Araujo RIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday 18 th April Evening Mass of the Lords Supper Followed by 'Watching ' until midnight	8.00 pm	Electa Balchin Intention Easter Triduum
GOOD FRIDAY Friday 19 th April	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm SOLEMN LITURGY	Solemn Liturgy Easter Triduum
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross by Bishop Robert Barron
HOLY SATURDAY Saturday 21 st April Refreshments after the Vigil in the Parish Hall	9.00am	Office of Readings
	2.00pm	Swienconki (Blessing of Food)
	VIGIL 9.00pm	Eleanor Cox's Intentions Easter Triduum
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Sunday 22 nd April	9.30 am	Ella Bartolome THANKSGIVING
	11.30 am	Peggy Feeley RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sun. 8am-9am, Mon-Weds -8.25am - 9.25am

<p align="center">COUNTERS</p> <p>14th April Angela Barc, Sue Sheppard & Charlie McArthur</p> <p>28th April Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick</p>	<p align="center">CHURCH CLEANING</p> <p align="center">Friday 19th April</p> <p align="center">Group 1</p> <p align="center">after the Children's Stations of the Cross</p>	<p align="center">WEEKLY COLLECTION 7th April</p> <p align="center">Envelopes £321.00/Plate £863.22</p>
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<p align="center">EASTER CARDS</p> <p>The Repository has a good selection available after both Sunday Morning Masses - in Room 2</p>	<p align="center">EASTER OFFERING</p> <p align="center">Your Offering on Easter Sunday is a personal gift to the Clergy of the Parish and represents a large share of their income for the year. They rely on your generosity.</p> <p align="center">Yellow envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take one home this weekend These also allow you to Gift Aid your gift (if you are a tax payer)</p>
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<p>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB Registered Charity No. 246871</p> <p>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</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE Tel: 0118 957 2149 Open Mon - Fri 9am -3.30pm Secretary: Barbara Poole E: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk</p> <p>SAFEGUARDING REP - CHARLIE MCARTHUR Contact via the Parish Office</p> <p>OUR PARISH SCHOOLS <u>ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BS www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP https://www.hughfaringdon.org/</p>	
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