

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

and

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st April 2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

A blessed Easter to you and to our entire parish family! A particularly warm welcome to you if you are visiting English Martyrs, maybe for the first time. I hope that you find that we are a warm and welcoming community, inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. This is our Parish Vision!

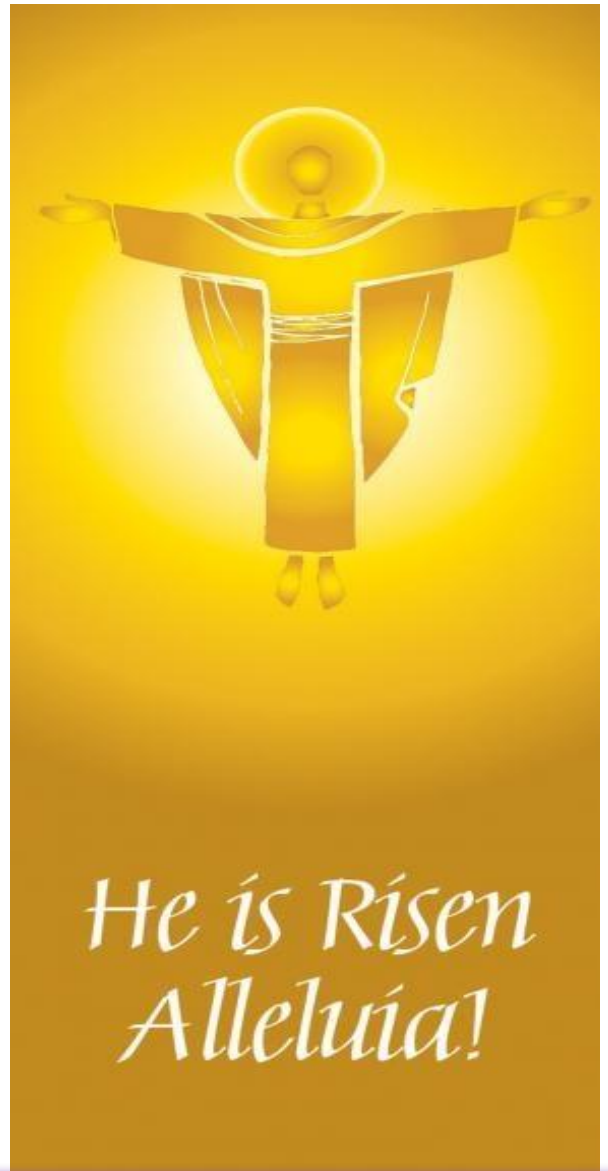
Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! This is the Good News that the Church proclaims to all humanity. The resurrection is the foundation of Christian joy and Christian hope. With the resurrection of Jesus, we know that he is truly Lord and Saviour of the world. The resurrection frees us from the fear of death.

At the beginning of Holy Week, we were horrified to see television pictures of a burning Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Crowds gathered in Paris as the flames enveloped the Cathedral. People wept, sang and prayed. As the dawn broke on the following morning it was clear that all was far from lost and some of the most valuable and precious artefacts in the Cathedral had been saved. Most importantly of all the structure of the building still stood. One of the striking pictures of the aftermath of the fire was the Cross that stood at the High Altar. In the midst of the charred rubble and destruction stood the most important Christian symbol of all, the Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who suffered, died and rose again. A vast amount of money has been pledged for the rebuilding project but let us not forget that the Church is the community of the followers of Jesus who believe that Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose again from the dead.

The resurrection challenges us not to remain in our tombs. We are to find strength and hope from the Risen Lord as we move forward in building a parish, a community of disciples, that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary. Only a parish that is alive and resurrected can attract people to the Lord and give hope to those who are desperately seeking something that they may not even be able to describe or express.

May the joy of the Risen Lord be in our hearts this Easter and may we be generous in sharing this joy with all who seek it.

*Fr Michael*

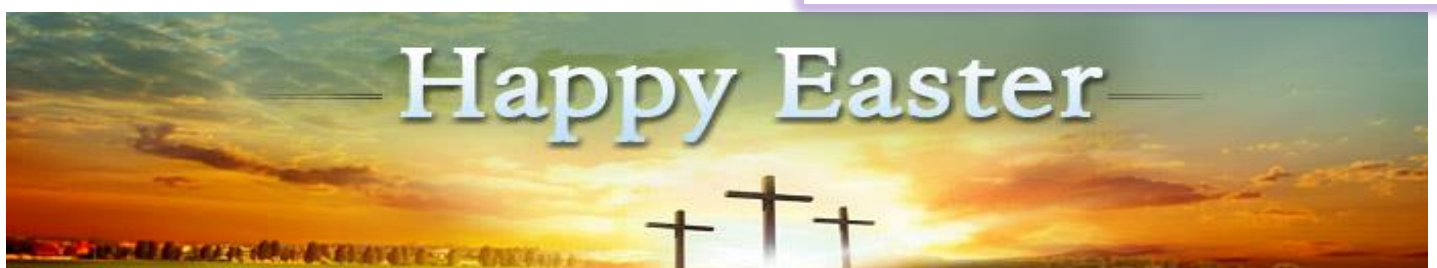


A huge  
**Thank you**

to all who have given their time and energy to help make our Holy Week & Easter Masses and Services so special.

May the light of the Resurrected Christ restore us with its resplendent joy.

Easter blessing from  
Fr Michael, Fr JP and Fr Richard



# EASTERTIDE

## YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN Give up INDIFFERENCE

### EASTER MONDAY PARTY FOR THE HOMELESS AT CIRDIC

22ND APRIL

12 noon – 3.00pm

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTEERS

Who have given donations of Cash, Easter Eggs, Food, Drink and your Time

## STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

EVERY SUNDAY at 6pm

(after 5pm Mass)

For 7 weeks taking us up to Pentecost

14 Stations reflecting the Resurrection will be erected in the Church Grounds

All Welcome!

### 6.30am Mass every Friday until Pentecost

Are you able to volunteer to help with refreshments / light breakfast ?

### EASTER OFFERING

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.

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)

### Evening of PRAISE & WORSHIP

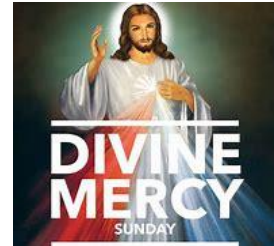
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

7.00pm Rosary

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7.30pm Praise & Worship  
Exposition  
Scripture reading & Reflection  
Intercessory prayers  
Benediction.

In the Church



**DIVINE MERCY HOUR**  
**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2.30PM – 3.30PM**

Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall

### THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB  
Registered Charity No. 246871



#### PARISH CLERGY

PARISH PRIEST: CANON MICHAEL DENNEHY

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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 Tel: 0118 957 2149

Open Mon - Fri 9am-3.30pm Secretary: Barbara Poole E:

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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED**  
**UNTIL TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

SAFEGUARDING REP - CHARLIE MCARTHUR

Contact via the Parish Office

#### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Dee Road,  
Reading RG30 4BS [www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk](http://www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk)

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL Fawley  
Road, Reading RG30 3EP <https://www.hughfaringdon.org/>

### CRAFT AFTERNOON

is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April in  
Room 1 drop in any time  
between 2 and 5.

### ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

has a few

Reception Class places  
left for September 2019

Contact the School on  
01189 375466 for more info

### CONGRATULATIONS and a warm welcome to

JANET BANKS

who was Confirmed  
and Received into the Catholic Church

and

MICHAEL KARASINSKI

Who was confirmed

at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April



### BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to

Eleanor Maria Wlasek who will be baptised on Easter Sunday at 4.15pm

Laura Pawlik who will be baptised on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am

Wiktor Marcin Osiewicz who will be baptised on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at  
11.30am Mass

Elsie Joan Evelyn Taylor who will be baptised on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm

Katharine May Duldulao who will be baptised on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at  
5.00pm Mass

Alaura Chiedza Madeleine Millin who will be baptised on  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm Mass

### COUNTERS

28<sup>th</sup> April Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch  
& Norma Dick

5<sup>th</sup> May Anne Morris & Charlie McArthur

### CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Group 2 10.30am start

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Group 3 after 9.30am Mass

### WEEKLY COLLECTION 14<sup>th</sup> April

Envelopes £260.00/Plate £966.67

February 2019

D/D £ 1,558.00 S/O £2,118.00

**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

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE EUCHARISTIC 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>

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
**Parents and Grandparents etc. Welcome!**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
 11.00am – 1.00pm in the Church  
 Followed by a light lunch

**YOUTH & FAMILY MASS**  
**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**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  
**Friday 26th April at 10.30am in Room 2**  
**Weds. 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am in Room 2**

**DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**  
 National Shrine of Our Lady  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>CAFÉ THEOLOGIQUE</b> – "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 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BROWN SCAPULAR:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.10pm at Dominic Barberi Room. For more information please ring 0118 9663711
	30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Pastoral Care Course.</b> 10 Tuesday eves starting April 30 <sup>th</sup> , St Nicolas Church, Earley. Cost: £40. More info and booking on Eventbrite: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yxnk47ed">https://tinyurl.com/yxnk47ed</a> or see Noticeboard
	11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>March for Life UK</b> is happening in London. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. <b>March starts 2pm</b> (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets on our Noticeboard
	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BIG CHURCH DAY OUT</b> – Wiston House, West Sussex – Tickets on sale now at <a href="https://bigchurchdayout.com/south">https://bigchurchdayout.com/south</a> - Flyers available in the Colonnade and see Noticeboard
	July 2019	<b>Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July £475</b> <a href="mailto:lourdes@portsmoutdiocese.org.uk">lourdes@portsmoutdiocese.org.uk</a>
	6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - MASS OF CELEBRATION.</b> Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60 <sup>th</sup> or Anniversary over 60 years? at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. Please see Noticeboard
	10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF.</b> See poster on Noticeboard for more details
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <a href="http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk">www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk</a> See Poster on Noticeboard in the Colonnade for more details	

**FIRST COMMUNION 2019**  
 ALL SESSIONS ARE IN THE CHURCH  
**TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL -**  
 PARENTS ONLY MEETING 7.30-9.00pm  
 9.15AM (PROMPT) – 10.30AM  
**SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SESSION 10**  
**SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY –** Sacrament of Reconciliation before FHC  
 Details of future sessions to follow

**CONFIRMATION 2019**  
 Preparation continues for all those already enrolled.  
**27<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**Youth Retreat at Cold Ash**  
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**May 8<sup>th</sup> - Parents Session**  
 7.30 – 9.00pm

**GLOW**  
**'let your light shine'**  
**Matthew: 5. 16**  
**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
**Next Meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**YOUTH**

**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**

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**ELEVATE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
 "Exploring Faith Through Fun"  
**Next Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April, then 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
 4.30-5.30pm in the Parish Hall  
 Sings every Sunday at 5pm Mass

**PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019 TO SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

<b>DAYS</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> <i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad</i>	9.30 am	Ella Bartolome THANKSGIVING
	11.30 am	Peggy Feeley RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Kate Knollys RIP
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	9.30am	Louis Fearnas RIP
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	9.30 am	Brian Kiernan RIP
<b>THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER Followed by</b> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Anne Tudor
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Bridie O’Gorman
<b>FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30am	Patrick Mattete RIP
	9.30am	Mick Burke RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Vigil Mass – Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Charles Gallagher RIP
	6.30pm	John Knox RIP
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> of Divine Mercy Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> <i>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.</i>	9.30 am	Jim Rafter RIP
	11.30 am	Patrick Boyhan RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April St Catherine of Siena, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Paul William Knight RIP
<b>TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April St George , Patron of England (transferred), <i>Solemnity</i>	9.30am	Brian Kiernan RIP
<b>Rosary Devotions during May.</b> In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Rosary will be said every weekday morning after 9.30 Mass and at 10.30am before Mass on Saturdays		
<b>WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May St Joseph the Worker, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Anne Tudor RIP
<b>THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Departed Soul of Romeo Suzara RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Sue Ferreira RIP
<b>FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Ss Philip & James, Apostles, <i>feast</i>	6.30am	Canon John Bailey RIP
	9.30am	Eileen Crabtree RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535 – 1680), feast</b> Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Christine George Intentions
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Vigil Mass – Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Thomas, Seb & Aidan Intentions
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Teresa Baruela Intention
	11.30am	People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Thanksgiving Mass (private Intention)
	6.00pm	Stations of the Resurrection
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am–9.25am Thursday & Friday 10.00am – 9.00pm (in the Baptistry)		
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm <b>Rosary</b> Saturday 10.30am		

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 is for the Clergy Training Fund**