

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

4th/5th May 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

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PARISH CLERGY

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ASSISTANT PRIEST & HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

FR JP LYTTLE - Mobile: 07391 896559
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm at RBH
Old Chapel by London Road entrance.
All are welcome.

ASSISTING PRIEST: FR RICHARD MANIAK

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Open Mon - Fri 9am - 3.30pm

CLOSED MONDAY 6TH MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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

A Big 'Thank you'...

Fr Michael, Fr JP, & Fr Richard would all like to express their sincere thanks for your generosity in the Easter offering and all the lovely cards and gifts - please know they were all gratefully received. 'Thank you'.

Prayer for Sri Lankan Christians

We continue to hear from the Acts of the Apostles in this Easter season as we continue the joyful celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The name of the Risen Lord is proclaimed, a great number come to faith in him and the Church grows exponentially. This Sunday we are told that the apostles left the presence of the Sanhedrin, glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name of Jesus. Rejection and martyrdom have characterised the Church through the centuries right up to Easter Sunday when many of our brothers and sisters in Christ were slaughtered in bomb attacks in Sri Lanka. Let us keep our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world in prayer at this time but especially those in Sri Lanka.

Stations of the Resurrection

We are all familiar with Stations of the Cross, particularly in the season of Lent. But there appears to be something of an imbalance when as Catholics we pull out all the stops for of the season of Lent and approach the Easter season with less intensity when in fact it is a most wonderfully joy-filled time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. With that in mind we thought we would offer Stations of the Resurrection each Sunday evening of the Easter season at 6:15 PM. Having meditated upon the suffering and death of the Lord in Lent and Holy Week, we now meditate upon the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his abiding presence with us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning in the season of Lent, on Thursdays and Fridays, we've been having adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It has been a joy to see so many people coming to pray. We now wish to continue throughout the season of Easter and beyond on Thursdays and Fridays. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament requires two people to be present throughout. I encourage anyone who can sign up for one hour either on Thursday or Friday each week so that we can ensure that we always have at least two people present. This is a great blessing for our parish. Please consider giving one hour to the Lord each week. Pray for our parish and that we will be faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Lord. People who pray attract other people to prayer. I invite you to help this initiative to grow so that all we do is rooted in prayer.

Fr Michael

ACCOMODATION WANTED

In the week beginning 17th June 2019 Blessed Hugh Faringdon have invited the Sion Community to run a Mission in the school. We are still looking for accommodation for three team leaders in the local area from the 15th to 21st of June. They do not have to be accommodated together - can be individually or in pairs. If you are able to help please contact Chris Ferreira on c.ferreira@hughfaringdon.org. Or after 9.30 Mass Sundays. Thankyou.

"Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic are saying the **Rosary on the bank of River Thames together with Divine Mercy on May 12th**. We will meet at our church carpark at 2.30pm and leave for Thames Valley Park Boat club carpark. The Rosary walk will begin at 3.00pm from the Boat Club. Please contact OLOP's Parish Office if you are interested in joining."

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

Saturday, 11th May: 5 - 7 pm



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*

Come and See Evening for men and women



Are you a single man or a single woman? Is your Catholic Faith important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest or a sister and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood or religious life?

We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests and sisters from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood and religious life is about and to ask any questions you have.

Sunday 26th May at 6:30 pm.

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

2PM

**PROSPECT PARK
(BRING A PICNIC)**

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.

VOCATIONS

"Were not our hearts burning within us, ..." Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

RECEPTION CLASS PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

- for children from 4-11 (plus a Nursery Class from 3 years old).

We have a few Reception Class places left for September. Please get in touch to find out more if you are looking for a place for your child - we would love to show you round our lovely school.

admin@englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk T: 0118 9375466

VISIT OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA WITH THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCISCO

On 25 May 2019 at 10 am to 5 pm the World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to St. Joseph's Centre, Montfort Missionaries, 8 Lyndhurst road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7DU.

Contacts: Fr Des Connolly: fatherdes@icloud.com Oliver Abasolo: 07782 661922

ENGAGE BEFRIENDING

is looking for new volunteers!

Do you have a spare hour during the week?

Isolated, older people are waiting for someone to visit them to provide company and friendship.

We would love to welcome you on our team!

Please email

engage@themustardtree.org.uk

for more information.

SWIENCONKI

The Eastern European Traditional Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday raised **£421.16**

This will be used for Church Restoration. Thank you for your generosity

PARISH PRAYER MEETING

'COME, TASTE & SEE, that the LORD IS GOOD

An Evening of Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession & Scripture Reading

Tuesday 14th May

8 -9.30pm

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pay for the repose of the soul of



Michael John Patton who died on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. His funeral Mass will take place at The English Martyrs Church on Monday 13th May at 11.00am followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery

Martin James Powell who died on Monday 29th April 2019. His funeral Mass will take place at The English Martyrs Church on Monday 20th May 2019 at 9.30am followed by committal at Reading Crematorium

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 6th May at 7.30pm in Room 1

Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm in Room 1

Friday 10th May at 10.30am in Room 2

Saturday 11th May at 5.00pm at a member's home.

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

Meeting 7th May

at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

As a Parish, we are looking at how to extend a warm and welcoming approach towards children of all ages - so we can invite, encourage and support them in their journey of faith. There will be a meeting to explore this on Tuesday 7th May (time/room) and we would welcome as many attendees as possible so we can share thoughts and ideas.

If you are not able to attend, however have ideas then please do let us know by emailing the Parish office.



**YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN
Supported by the Parish,
the Youth raised £669 & 24 Backpacks**

Mary's Meals said

"Thank you, This will feed 50 children for a year in a place of education. The Backpacks which were also donated will be sent on to one of the countries in which we are working. The joy which the children who receive these gifts is wonderful to see, they are so delighted!"

YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU

to all those who came along to the Lent Breakfast on Friday mornings. Not only did we create a wonderful sense of community, but donations came to:

£148.75

This money has been donated to our brothers and sisters in Bamenda (via Diocesan website) who are suffering the effects of political unrest and social injustice.

IN BRIEF	11 th May	Healing Seminars. Session 1. Healing of Memories. Led by Fr Nicholas Broadbridge OSB at Douai Abbey. This is the first of four lectures. See the Noticeboard for more information
	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
	20 th May	CAFÉ THEOLOGIQUE - "Recycling Old Wineskins? Reading the Old Testament in Cultural Context" Robin Baker, Professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern at the University of Winchester explores how to deal with the trickier parts of Jewish-Christian Scriptures.
	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 or Contact the Parish Office to register
	24 th 30 th July	Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes See lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more details
	28 th July to 3 rd August	PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN. "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP 2019 at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. For more info, please contact Angela Mulkerns on 07764 761006 or email bcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
	10 th August	AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF. See poster on Noticeboard for more details
	19 th – 23 rd August	FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp 19th – 23rd August www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk See Poster on our Noticeboard for more details
	28 th & 29 th September	2019 CELEBRATE CONFERENCE is in Southampton. See website for more info https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton

CONFIRMATION 2019

Preparation continues for all those already enrolled.

Wednesday 8th May 7.30 – 9.00pm Parents Session
(including Mass at 7.30pm)

Sunday 19th May 5pm Mass RITE OF ELECTION
6-7pm Session 7 Rehearsal

Saturday 1st June (morning) CONFIRMATION DAY

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 at 5pm Mass

ELEVATE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

"Exploring Faith Through Fun"
Next Meeting Friday 101th May 4.30-5.30pm
in the Parish Hall

YOUTH

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

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

Sat 11th May – Sacrament of Reconciliation before FHC

Sat 18th May - Session 11 – Liturgy of the Eucharist/
The Last Supper. Receiving the Blessed Sacrament

GLOW

'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

7pm – 8.30pm in the parish hall

NEXT MEETING 31ST MAY
FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY

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

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PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE SAT 4TH MAY TO SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Saturday 4th May - FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS ~~ Vigil Mass - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30 pm	Thomas, Seb & Aidan Intentions
Sunday 5th May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Responsorial Psalm: <i>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</i>	9.30 am	Teresa Baruela Intention
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass (Private Intention)
	6.15pm	Stations of the Resurrection
Monday 6th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Isabelle Todd & Family Intention
Tuesday 7th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	9.30am	Dermot Walsh Intention
Wednesday 8th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	9.30 am	Brian Kiernan RIP
Thursday 9th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	9.30 am	Robbie Robinson RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Eugene Sheehan RIP
Friday 10th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	6.30am	Susi Santhanam, Recovery & Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Francisco Vito de Araujo RIP & Helena Lourenco RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 11th May of the 3rd Week of Easter	11.00am	David Knight. Recovery & Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass - Saturday 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday	6.30pm	Anne Tudor RIP
Sunday 12th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday	9.30 am	Kitty Fitzgerald RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Vincenzo Severino RIP
	6.15pm	Stations of the Resurrection

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30-12.30pm, Sun. 8am-9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am-9.25am
 Thurs & Fri 10.00am - 9.00pm (in the Baptistry)

Confessions: Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 - 4.45pm.

Rosary Saturday 10.30am and after every weekday morning Mass in May

<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 28TH APRIL</u>
5th May Anne Morris & Charlie McArthur	Envelopes £260.00/Plate £966.67
12th May Robert Clifton & Gavin Knight	HOLY PLACES (GOOD FRIDAY) Envelopes £177.00 / Plate £943.78
CHURCH CLEANING Friday 10th April Group 4 after morning Mass	BAMENDA COLLECTION (MAUNDY THURSDAY) £564.39
	CAFOD CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL (Palm Sunday) £1363.21
Thank you for your generosity.	

BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to
 Arthur Aloysius Phidelis Dismas who will be Baptised this Sunday 5th May during the 5.00pm Mass



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Sunday 12th May is for the Clergy Training Fund