

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

11th/12th 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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Sunday Mass 4.00pm at RBH
Old Chapel by London Road entrance.
All are welcome.

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

SVP Afternoon Tea

The SVP will be holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea this month on **Thursday 16th May** at 3pm in Room 1.

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 Pat Walsh on 0118 9597865 or 07760 221582.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We are invited to reflect on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep. In the Gospel Jesus speaks of the sheep who belong to him listening to his voice. The relationship between sheep and shepherd is based on trust and familiarity. The shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep trust the shepherd. They listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow his call.

The word of 'vocation' comes from the Latin word 'vocare,' meaning to call. All the baptised are called into the Lord's service. Each of us has a vocation, a God-given purpose that only you and I can fulfil. St. Paul reminds us that there are many acts of service to be done in the Church, the body of Christ. The grace of God and the gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to fulfil our God-given purpose.

The Church needs men and women who are ready and willing to respond to the call of God. God could bring about his kingdom by himself, but he gives us the privilege of responding to his call and of participating freely with him in bringing about his kingdom. The vocation of the laity is a vocation to the world. There are endless possibilities each day of witnessing to Christ and his life-giving gospel message in daily life.

The Church also needs men and women prepared to serve in the priesthood and the consecrated life. Despite challenges to faith in the modern world, men and women continue to respond to the call of God to a life of service in the priesthood and the consecrated life. "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." Mt 9:38. We are invited to pray particularly this Sunday that the many men and women whom God is calling will listen to his voice, so that the great work of bringing in the Lord's harvest may be fulfilled. To what task might God be calling you with this time? Pray for a generous spirit to respond to the call of God that his definite purpose for you might be fulfilled.

Fr Michael

Parish Youth – Easter Lenten Campaign

A big **THANK YOU** for all your help and participation with **STEPS OF LOVE/PASSION WALK** in Reading on Good Friday And the Easter Monday **'PARTY FOR THE HOMELESS'** at CIRDIC.

Thank you to all those who helped in any way – both the Youth AND those who supported them with donations of food, time (shopping, cooking, serving, washing up), money, easter eggs.

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.

CHILDREN IN THE PARISH

A group of parents, parishioners and children met this week to discuss ideas on how to involve children in the Parish and Masses and we have come up with some great suggestions. We now need a team to support with putting these into action and need volunteers to help. The planning meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to attend if you would like to get involved, or alternatively contact the Parish office for more information.

VOCATIONS

On this, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that the Lord of the harvest will send his labourers into His harvest inspiring young men and women to accept vocations to the consecrated life. We pray to the Lord.

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)

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

There are a limited number of

YOU ARE CALLED

prayer cards at the back of the church

Please help yourself.

The Bookstall/Repository is open in Room 2 after Sunday morning Masses.

We have various items /gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pay for the repose of the soul of



Michael 'Johnny' Patton RIP who died on Tuesday 23rd April. 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

Rose Doyle RIP who died on 25th April 2019. Her funeral Mass will take place at The English Martyrs Church on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 9.30am followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery.

Martin James Powell RIP who died on Monday 29th April. 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

Anna Severino RIP who died on Friday 3rd May. She will be received into The English Martyrs Church on Monday 20th May. Her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st May at 9.30am followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery.

Nicola Pierro RIP who died on Monday 22nd April 2019. His funeral will take place at The English Martyrs Church on Friday 24th May at 9.30am followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery.

Sheila Hawkins RIP who died on Wednesday 1st May. Her future Service will take place at The English Martyrs Church On Friday 24th May 2019 at 1pm followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Thursday 25th July to Tuesday 30th July

3 spaces have unexpectedly become available.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

Contact the Parish Office for more details

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.

THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

are hosting a **TEA DANCE** here in the Parish Hall
2-4.30PM on Sunday 23rd June 2019

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.

is recruiting teachers for September. Please see the school's website for further details:

<http://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

THE LIFE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO THANK all the parishioners who supported the Jumble Sale (last weekend) by: providing goods, attending and/or helping on the day. The money raised helps to fund the Bracknell Life House which provides a home for seven mothers and their babies.

EXAM SEASON IS HERE

Please pray for all those preparing to sit exams in schools, colleges and universities across the Diocese. As we journey through Eastertide to the Feast of Pentecost, ask the Holy Spirit to help them:

Let us pray for our school, college and university students: that the Holy Spirit will guide their minds and quieten their hearts throughout this exam season. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PASTORAL AREA DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in Reading Pastoral Area are invited to a day of recollection, Saturday 6th July 2019, 10.30am-3.00pm (registration from 10.00am), St Dominic Savio Primary School, Western Avenue, Woodley. Attendees must complete an application form via English Martyrs Parish Office.

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ENGAGE BEFRIENING 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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - MASS OF CELEBRATION. On 6th July.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? at St Bede’s Church in Basingstoke.
 See Noticeboard for more details

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? The next meeting is on **Friday 24th May at 10.30am in Room 2**

VACANCIES - CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Reading,

is recruiting teachers for September. Please see the school’s website for further details: <http://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

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| IN BRIEF | 14 th May 2019 | ‘COME, TASTE & SEE, that the LORD IS GOOD’ An Evening of Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession & Scripture Reading. 8-9.30pm at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church |
| | 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” See Noticeboard for more information |
| | 24-30 th July | Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes - See lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more info. |
| | 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 dbcamps@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.

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 24th 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 18th May Session 11 – Liturgy of the Eucharist/
 The Last Supper. Receiving the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 8th June Session 12 – Bringing it all together & Review

GLOW

‘let your light shine’ Matthew: 5. 16

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
NEXT MEETING 28TH JUNE
SPORTS DAY IN THE PARK
Time - TBC

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 11TH MAY TO SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019

| <u>DAYS</u> | <u>TIMES</u> | <u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> |
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| Saturday 11th May - VIGIL MASS - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY | 6.30 pm | Anne Tudor RIP |
| Sunday 12th May VIGIL MASS - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY Responsorial Psalm: <i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i> | 9.30 am | Kitty Fitzgerald RIP |
| | 11.30 am | People of the Parish |
| | 5.00 pm | Vincenzo Severino RIP & Anna Severino RIP |
| | 6.15pm | Stations of the Resurrection |
| Monday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima | 9.30am | Eugene Sheehan RIP |
| | 11.00am | REQUIEM MASS for Michael 'Johnny' Patton RIP |
| Tuesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle, <i>feast</i> | 9.30am | REQUIEM MASS for Rose Doyle RIP |
| Wednesday 15th May of the 4 th Week of Easter | 9.30 am | Anne Tudor RIP |
| Thursday 16th May of the 4 th Week of Easter | 9.30 am | Fr James McAuley Intention |
| | 10am to 9pm | Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 7.30 pm | Brendan Reynolds RIP |
| Friday 17th May of the 4 th Week of Easter | 6.30am | Richard & Sally Daniels Intentions |
| | 9.30am | Mick Burke RIP |
| | 10am to 9pm | Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday 18th May of the 4 th Week of Easter | 11.00am | Kathleen Golden RIP |
| | 3.00 – 4.00pm | Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions |
| Vigil Mass – Saturday 18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.30pm | Lucy & Patrick McGullion RIP |
| Sunday 19th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.30 am | Mario & Clare Mischzuck RIP |
| | 11.30 am | Margaret Clancey RIP |
| | 5.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| | 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 5TH MAY</u> |
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| 12th May Robert Clifton & Gavin Knight | Envelopes £322.20/Plate £1011.24 |
| 19th May George & Helen Nowacki | |
| CHURCH CLEANING - Friday 17th April Group 1 - after morning Mass | March Direct Debits & Standing Orders D/D £ 1528.00 S/O £ 2270.00 |

BAPTISMS - A WARM WELCOME to

Lura Therese Benvindo Monteiro Dos Reis & Theo Tatenda Tapera who will
 both be Baptised this Sunday 12th May at the 11.30am Mass



Georgia LaPierre who will be baptised this Sunday 12th May at 1pm

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