

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

6TH Sunday of Easter (Year C)
25th/26th 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/>

CHILDREN IN THE PARISH

A couple of weeks ago, a group of parents, parishioners and children met 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.

On Wednesday last I returned at the end of a week-long pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There were fifty of us pilgrims. We began in Jerusalem and ended the first full day with an unforgettable visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Our Palestinian Catholic guide organised a special welcome for our group. Franciscan priests and monks sang vespers as we entered the church which commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. We were given special access to the place known as the tomb of Jesus. It was a deeply moving experience.

On this sixth Sunday of Easter we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Philip. The Bishop addresses the topic of the word of God. God speaks to us when His word is proclaimed. It is important therefore that the word of God is proclaimed well and that the gathered assembly at Mass listens attentively. If the word of God is to speak to our minds and hearts, we need to be open and receptive to what God is telling us.

The great privilege of being in the Holy Land is being able to visit the various sites where the living God interacted with His people in times past and these interactions are recorded in the Bible. It is our faith that God acted in and through the sacred writers of the biblical texts. Inspiration should be seen as an extraordinary action of the Holy Spirit in the mind and heart of those involved in the production of the Scriptures. It is important for us to remember that God speaks to us today when the word of God is proclaimed at Mass. God wishes to speak to our minds and hearts. An experience of pilgrimage can make open and receptive to what God wants to say to us, but God can speak to us in any place and at any time through his word. It is important for us to read the word of God, particularly the Sunday readings. This prayer is associated with St Bede. "I pray you, good Jesus, there's you have graciously granted me to take in with delight the words that give knowledge of you, so you would grant me in your kindness to come at last to you, the source of all wisdom, and to stand forever before your face."

Fr Michael

ALTAR SERVERS

Please collect an updated CONTACT DETAILS FORM from the Sacristy

HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Parish is looking to set up Hospitality as a Ministry and looking for volunteer members to set up and organise this important ministry.

The first meeting will be held **on Monday 10 June 2019 at 6.00pm** in the English Martyrs Parish Hall.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – THURSDAY 30TH MAY – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 7th June 4.30-5.30pm
in the Parish Hall

GLOW

'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16

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

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

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

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

First Hold Communions
Weekends of 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd June

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION 2019

Saturday 1st June (morning) CONFIRMATION DAY

VOCATIONS

"Whoever loves me will keep my word."
Are you called to bring the word of
Christ to his flock?
To explore further, contact
Fr John Cooke.
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or call 01329 318869

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.

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

Saturday 8th June 2019 at 12 noon

All Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory are warmly invited to the
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
of Brother Andrew Wagstaff, Cong. Orat.

By the Rt Rev'd Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.
Followed by Reception in our Catholic Institute Hall. First Masses: Solemn
Mass in the Ordinary Form at 10.30am on Sunday 9th June Solemn Mass in the
Extraordinary Form at 12.15pm on Saturday 29th June.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

There will be no meeting next week, May 28th,
because of Half Term.

The Journey in Faith group meets weekly on Tuesday
evenings from 6.45 – 8.15 pm in Room 2 in the Parish Centre.
We are a mixture of active parishioners, new Catholics, adults
preparing to be baptised or confirmed and people simply
seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It is an
informal group where we explore the Catholic Faith together;
we always include a time of getting to know the scripture
readings for the following Sunday.
If you, or anyone you know would like to know more about
the group, please contact one of our parish priests or the
Parish Office.

**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

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

CAFOD - THE TIME IS NOW!

"The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an
immense pile of filth" Pope Francis.
In his encyclical Laudato Si' Care for our Common Home Pope
Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor
and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our
planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the
time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the
Time is Now Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to
sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

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 meetings are on
Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in Room 1
Wednesday 5th June at 10.30am in Room 2
Friday 7th June at 10.30am in Room 2
Saturday 8th June in Room 2

**Evening of Praise & Worship
PENTECOST VIGIL**

“wait for the gift my father promises..... the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:4)

Friday 7th June 2019

Rosary at 7pm
Praise & Worship at 7.30pm
*You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and
you will be my witness (Acts 1:8)*

Come and See

Here at English Martyrs Church

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN
CHILDREN

**40 DAYS OF LIFE CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER
2019**

Presentation on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 8.15am in
the Carl Barton Room at the church of
Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi
338 Wokingham Road, Earley RG6 7DA

THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

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

**The Bookstall/Repository is open in Room 2 after
Sunday morning Masses.
We have various items /gifts for First Holy Communion
and Confirmation**

**YOUTH & FAMILY MASS
SUNDAY 30TH JUNE
2PM
PROSPECT PARK**

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Are you able to help keep the Church beautiful?

Can you give approx 1 hour on Friday morning every 4th
week?

As the holiday season approaches **MORE HELP IS NEEDED.**
Please contact the Parish Office.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seeks **CLERK TO GOVERNORS**

See Noticeboard or

[www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk/news-
events/vacancies](http://www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk/news-events/vacancies)

“DON BOSCO” BOYS CAMP

-Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2019

Fr Mark Hogan will be leading a camp for boys of secondary school
age at St. Cassian’s, Kintbury, Berkshire. There will be plenty of
sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys
will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place
within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including
daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £210 (part
bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to
reserve a place, please contact Angela Mulkerns on 07764 761006
or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**DIVINE MERCY HOUR
SATURDAY 3PM - 4PM**



- Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- Litany of Healing the Soul
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Opportunity for Confession
- Litany of Thanksgiving

Veneration of Image at the close of the hour

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.***

**Registration for REQUIRED DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY for all those involved with prayer ministry in any way.
PRAYING WITH OTHERS.**

Prayer ministry is part of our service to others, praying with another person for a variety of needs. We wish to encourage
simple praying with each other, and doing it in a way that takes particular care of those who may be vulnerable.
We have therefore developed a new diocese operating policy which explains how to set up and run a parish prayer group,
and how to pray for people at, for example, the end of mass or at an Alpha Holy Spirit Day.
Our wish is that everyone who currently prays with another needs to go on our short training course to be able to continue
in this ministry. We have organised two initial dates:
Friday 14th June (10.30am-3pm) at St. Bede’s Basingstoke or Saturday 22nd June (2pm-6.30pm) at St. Peter’s Winchester
Please book a place by emailing Grania at gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
If you cannot attend either of these dates please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

in brief	8 th June	Healing Seminar 3. ‘GIFT & GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT’ at Douai Abbey – See Noticeboard for more details
	15 th June	New Testament Greek Beginners Study Day – Sat. 15 th June 2019 See Noticeboard for more details
	22 nd June	“ON FIRE” Prayer & Healing Service. 5-7pm at St Josephs Church, Tilehurst
	27 th June	7.30pm – Creation Mass here at English Martyrs “Campaigns: Climate: Common Home” (CAFOD)
	24-30 th July	Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes - See lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more info.
	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

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 25TH MAY TO SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Saturday 25th May - VIGIL MASS – 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th May VIGIL MASS – 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Responsorial Psalm: <i>Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.</i>	9.30 am	Jim Knox RIP
	11.30 am	Brian Kiernan RIP
	5.00 pm	Reg & Helen Whitbread RIP
	6.15pm	Stations of the Resurrection
Monday 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury, <i>feast</i>	9am to 10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00am	Reginald Singleton RIP
Tuesday 28th May Of the 6 th Week of Easter	9.30am	Charles Voisin RIP, Mary Voisin RIP, Lionel Clarke RIP & Donna Munro RIP
Wednesday 29th May of the 6 th Week of Easter	9.30 am	Miranda George Intentions
Thursday 30th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Saint Luke Kirby (English Martyr)	6.30am	Fr. Alexander Fraser RIP
	9.30 am	Germino do Rego Intention
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Lemchi Amaechi, Thanksgiving.
Friday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	6.30am	Rose Doyle RIP
	9.30am	Terry McGlade, Thanksgiving
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 1st June St Justin, <i>Memorial</i>	11.00am	Andrzej Pogorski RIP
	3.00 – 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass – Saturday 1st June 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd June 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30 am	Peter Sheppard RIP
	11.30 am	Kathleen Gaughan RIP & Kevin Commins RIP
	5.00 pm	Kate Knollys RIP
	6.15pm	Stations of the Resurrection

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Tues-Fri. 8.25am–9.25am
MONDAY 27TH MAY 9am - 10am, 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>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 19TH MAY</u>
26 th May Adam & Cathy Doberski	Friday 31st May Group 3 - after morning Mass	Envelopes £197.71/Plate £773.81
2 nd June Maurice Fleming & Paula Garcia		

BAPTISMS - A WARM WELCOME to

Nancy Annmarie McDonagh who will be baptised this Saturday 25th May 2019 at 12.30;

Ivo Mattner who will be baptised this on Saturday 25th May 2019 at 2pm

Andrew Heneghan who will be baptised this Sunday 26th May at 1pm



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (2ND JUNE 2019) FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Edmund Paul