

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 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

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

#### PARISH CLERGY

**PARISH PRIEST: CANON MICHAEL DENNEHY**  
[mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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**

#### PARISH OFFICE

Secretary: **Barbara Poole**

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#### SAFEGUARDING REP. - CHARLIE MCARTHUR

Contact via the Parish Office

#### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

##### ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BS T: 0118 937 5466

[www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk](http://www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk)

##### BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP

T: 0118 957 4730

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

### 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.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost is Greek, and it means '50<sup>th</sup> day.' Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, marking the birth of the Church. It is believed that Mary, mother of Jesus, was also present. They had gathered in prayer in the Upper Room after the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

The descent of the Holy Spirit was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind that filled the room where the disciples were. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended on each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them. Another manifestation of the Holy Spirit was that the disciples were enabled to speak various languages. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading.

The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. We previously heard today's Gospel on the Second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. We were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, today's Gospel reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Let us pray on this feast of Pentecost for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. Pray that we might be agents of unity and reconciliation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Fr Michael**

**The Bookstall is open in Room 2 after 9.30am and 11.30am  
Cards & Gifts for First Holy Communion are available**

**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**

**CHILDRENS NEWSLETTERS**

**'LOOK'** AGE UP TO 7  
**'ICHTHUS'** AGE 7+  
**PLEASE PICK ONE UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

**YOUTH OF OUR PARISH****GLOW**

**'let your light shine'** Matthew: 5. 16

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
**NEXT MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**SPORTS DAY IN THE PARK**  
**Time - TBC**

**ELEVATE****JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

**"Exploring Faith Through Fun"**  
 Next Meeting Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 4.30-5.30pm  
 in the Parish Hall

**"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](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## THE NEXT

**CHILDRENS LITURGY**

is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am  
 (Name Badge Sunday)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please collect an updated  
**CONTACT DETAILS FORM**  
 from the Sacristy

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

**2pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
 In English Martyrs Church

**GOLF DAY IN AID OF CAFOD 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office.

For more information please contact Pat Murphy on [pfm190654@outlook.com](mailto:pfm190654@outlook.com)

**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?

If you would like to find out more then please contact Richard Kennedy via the Parish Office

**PASTORAL AREA DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in Reading Pastoral Area are invited to a day of recollection, **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**DIVINE UK RETREAT CENTRE UK**

Ramsgate

Runs One-Day (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month) and Three-Day Retreats (Fri-Sunday)  
 English and other languages

<http://divineuk.org/>

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES  
 MASS OF CELEBRATION**

**On 6<sup>th</sup> July at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke.**

"Invitations have now been sent out to all couples who have registered. If anybody has registered and not received an invitation, please contact your Parish Secretary who will forward your details to us."

**VOCATIONS**

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Is your gift of the Holy Spirit the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

To explore further, contact Fr John Cooke.

[vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

or call 01329 318869

## ENGLISH MARTYRS

**SUMMER FAIR & BBQ**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 3.00pm**

See poster on the noticeboard for more information

**THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

William Beasley  
 Matthew Beasley  
 Sidonie de Braganca  
 Elijah Kajuna

Who make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019**

**This year 28 Children are making their First Holy Communion.** They will receive the Sacrament for the first time at their usual Mass on 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

At this very special time for children and their families there will inevitably be extra people at services and special seating arrangements and there will also be more cars in the car park - so please take extra care.

**Your patience and assistance are appreciated**



## PENTECOST

### THIS WEEKEND

We will be celebrating Pentecost at the end of each Mass  
If you can bring food - Great.  
If not, we want you to come anyway.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN 40 DAYS OF LIFE CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Presentation on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
There is plenty of car parking space.  
The Presentation will be given by a Franciscan friar.  
This is a worldwide and unique opportunity to help parents who want to abort their babies and to save babies lives.



#### St Anthony of Padua Feast Day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm Mass

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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>

The Parish is also holding a  
**CREATION MASS**

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm

And a Petition will be available to sign later this month

#### CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September

A Catholic charismatic conference that occurs in Southampton just once a year  
It caters for ALL ages and is a “fulfilling and inspiring event”  
Spaces still available. Book at <https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton>

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#### OPEN AIR YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

2.00 – 4.30pm  
Prospect Park

MASS AND PICNIC IN THE PARK  
See posters for more information

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 14<sup>th</sup> June (10.30am-3pm) at St. Bede’s Basingstoke or Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (2pm-6.30pm) at St. Peter’s Winchester**  
Please book a place by emailing Grania at [gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
If you cannot attend either of these dates please email Clare at [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

<b>In Brief</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>New Testament Greek Beginners Study Day</b> – Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 See Noticeboard for more details
	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>“ON FIRE” Prayer &amp; Healing Service.</b> 5-7pm at St Josephs Church, Tilehurst
	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Mission Animation Evening</b> here at English martyrs Parish Hall at 7.30pm. See Noticeboard for more information.
	8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Healing Seminar 4. ‘HEALING FAMILIES’</b> at Douai Abbey – See Noticeboard for more details
	24-30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes</b> - See <a href="mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a> for more info.
	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</b> An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August <a href="http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk">www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk</a> See Poster on our Noticeboard for more details

**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 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> PENTECOST SUNDAY <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, And renew the face of the earth</i>	9.30 am	Joan Smith RIP
	11.30 am	Deceased members of the Alookaran Family RIP
	5.00 pm	Tony Walsh RIP
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Christine Lavelle Intention
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> St Barnabas, Apostle, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Bill O'Connor RIP
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30 am	Bernie & Pat McDonagh RIP
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, <i>feast</i> ~~ <b>St Anthony of Padua, feast</b>	9.30 am	Anna Severino RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Fr Alan Wright RIP
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.30am	Fr Charles Jeffries RIP
	9.30am	Anthony Walsh RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Francisco Vito De Araujo RIP
	3.00 - 4.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions</b>
<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.30pm	Nanda Perera RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.30 am	Romeo Suzara RIP & Marina Dizon RIP
	11.30 am	Kevin Conroy RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Sat. 11.30-12.30pm, Sun. 8am-9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am-9.25am Thurs & Fri 10.00am - 9.00pm (in the Baptistry) <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 - 4.45pm.		
<b>COUNTERS</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b> Aidan & Jane Dalgleish <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> Harry Mullin & Martin Wills	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Group 1 - after morning Mass</b>	<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Envelopes £264.10/Plate £856.30  <b>WORLD COMMUNICATIONS</b> Envelopes £98.30/Plate £183.30

**BAPTISMS - A WARM WELCOME to**

**Zacharius Ian Gardiner-Hayes** who will be baptised on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm.

**Charles Francis Nkansah** who will be baptised this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm.



**Congratulations:** to **Fr John O'Shea** of neighbouring St James' Parish, who celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Also, our own **Fr Michael Dennehy** who celebrates the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.