

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Ss PETER & PAUL
29th / 30th 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

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Registered Charity No. 246871

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

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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/>

OPEN AIR YOUTH & FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

30th June 2019

2.00 – 4.30PM

Prospect Park

MASS AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Bring a chair, blanket, picnic, food, drink
ALL ARE WELCOME

What wonderful celebrations of First Holy Communion we have had these last three Sundays. I want to thank the children, their parents and families for their commitment to the preparation process. I have been emphasising that reception of Communion involves being initiated into the Church and belonging to the community of faith. The community of faith gathers at Sunday Mass where the Lord is truly present as he said he would be (Mt 18:20).

Last summer some changes were initiated in First Holy Communion preparation that have contributed to the joyful celebrations we've had at Sunday Masses recently. Having reviewed how things have gone this year with the catechists, we wish to continue with the approach we adopted last summer. Essentially this involved admitting children of practising parents into preparation for First Holy Communion. By practising we mean those who are already committed to attending Sunday Mass.

In September I will again meet parents who wish to enrol a child in preparation for First Holy Communion. Last year these proved to be most helpful and worthwhile conversations when we discussed faith, Sunday Mass, prayer, God's will for each of us and other topics. The conversations are invitational in nature, inviting families to faith, to regular practice of faith at Sunday Mass, to prayer and belonging to the community of faith. This sense of belonging to enhanced through getting children and young people involved in some of the youth groups, Youth Choir, Elevate Junior Youth Group or GLOW Senior Youth Group. The invitation is to be involved in the community of faith. The door isn't closed to anyone.

We have another feast day this Sunday with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. These are two of the greatest and best known of all the saints. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock on which Christ would build His Church. Paul, previously known as Saul, was a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians until his conversion to faith in Jesus. They were both martyred for the faith in Rome.

Fr Michael

**NEXT WEEK 7TH JULY IS NAME BADGE SUNDAY
CHILDRENS LITURGY AT 9.30AM MASS**

**YOUTH OF
OUR PARISH**

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

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

GLOW "TWEETS"

What is God's purpose for me?
<https://youtu.be/o-GH0D5Allc>

**"DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP
28th July - 3rd August**

Fr Mark Hogan will be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, Berkshire. To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact Angela Mulkerns on 07764 761006 or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**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

THE NEXT

CHILDRENS LITURGY

is **Sunday 7th July** at 9.30am
(Name Badge Sunday)

CHILDRENS NEWSLETTERS

'LOOK'

AGE UP TO 7

'ICHTHUS'

AGE 7+

**PLEASE PICK ONE UP AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH**

ELEVATE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

"Exploring Faith Through Fun"

Next Meeting **Friday 25th July**
4.30-5.30pm
in the Parish Hall

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

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 1st July at 7.30pm in Room 1
Wednesday 3rd July at 10.30am in Room 2
Friday 5th July at 10.30am in Room 2

VOCATIONS

"On this rock I will build my Church".
Does a life of faithful prayer and teaching as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you?
To explore further, contact Fr John Cooke.
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or call 01329 318869

**Healing Seminar 4.
'HEALING FAMILIES'**

6th July 2019 at Douai Abbey -
See Noticeboard for more details

CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON

28th/29th 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>

**AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF.
10th August**

See poster on Noticeboard for more details

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,

a wonderfully diverse and happy school in South Reading, is looking for class teachers for Years 3 and 4 for September 2019. More details on the school website at www.christthekingreading.co.uk or telephone the school to speak to Mr Cosgrove: 0118 901 5434

6.30AM MASS EVERY FRIDAY

Followed by light breakfast.

All are welcome to attend

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of St Paul's School during the next academic year.

Were you there when we first opened our doors in 1969? We want to hear from anybody who knows details of the school's early days. If you remember anything about the origins / beginnings of St Paul's, we would love you to share your memories with us. Please email Rosie Chambers at rchambers@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk or telephone the school on 0118 942 2003.

We would be delighted to welcome visitors to our school to talk to our current pupils about the history of St Paul's.
If you would be willing to do this, please get in touch.

Are you a former pupil / member of St Paul's staff?

If so, please send me your favourite memory of St Paul's (in no more than 50 words) stating the decade of your attendance. These memories will be put together in a commemorative compilation.

We are hoping to organise an open evening in the spring term for past pupils / staff to visit the school. Further details to follow!

MISSION ANIMATION EVENING AT ENGLISH MARTYRS:

"Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month. Fr Kevin Hughes MHM (the Red Boxes) will give a presentation (one hour) about this initiative of Pope Francis on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm at the English Martyrs Parish Hall. A very warm Welcome to Local Secretaries of Missio.

All are welcome. Refreshments available from 7pm.



JOURNEY IN FAITH PARTY SUNDAY 21ST JULY

All current and former participants in the parish Journey in Faith group (RCIA) are warmly invited to an end of term celebration in the parish hall following the 5 pm Mass on Sunday 21st July. The group consists of recently baptised, received and confirmed Catholics, their sponsors, families, friends and catechists and also those who are currently on the journey towards baptism and confirmation.

Please feel welcome to come along if you are thinking of finding out more about the Catholic faith yourself or if you might like to know more about becoming a catechist or sponsor.

Journey in Faith meetings end on Tuesday 9th July and will recommence in September.

BOOKSTALL NEWS

On Saturday evening, 6th July, after 6.30pm Mass the Bookstall / repository will be open in Room 2. The Bookstall has Bibles, missals and other helpful books, beside many articles of devotion and cards.

GOLF DAY IN AID OF CAFOD 12TH JULY

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12th 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

LOST PROPERTY

If you find anything left behind in Church, give it to one of the priests or servers. They will label it and store it in the "Lost Property" cupboard in the sacristy.

If you are looking for something that you lost, ask a priest or server to open it for you. Valuable items (mobile phones, jewellery etc.) may be kept in the office and you will need to ask Barbara.

After 3 months, the articles will be disposed of.

PREPARING FOR 4TH JULY

Don't forget 4th July is not only USA Independence Day but the liturgical memorial of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati! 4th July was the day he died in 1925. Wanda Gawronska (his niece) usually reminds me at this time of the year to ask everyone to say the Rosary on that day in union with Bl. Pier Giorgio, praying for all our youth, for the poor and needy, for our schools and all who work in them, for our Diocese and for our own intentions.

Bishop Philip Egan

ENGLISH MARTYRS CAR PARK

All parking in the Car Park is entirely at your own risk.

One night recently, a car (parking overnight without permission) was broken into. Only change was stolen but the cost of repairing the window was significant for the owner.

Please make sure that you do not leave cash and valuables visible. Thank you

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Will be presented at all Masses this weekend
To all those young people confirmed on 1st June 2019
at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JP

On the 4th Anniversary of his Ordination
Wednesday 3rd July 2019

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pay for the repose of the soul of



Terence Morse RIP who died on Monday 13th May 2019.
Funeral details to be confirmed

Donald 'Don' Mann RIP who died Monday 10th June 2019.
His funeral took place on Thursday 27th June

DIVINE UK RETREAT CENTRE Ramsgate

Runs One-Day (1st Saturday of the month)
and

Three-Day Retreats (Fri-Sunday)
In English and other languages

See <http://divineuk.org/> for more information

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 29TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass - Saturday 29th June SS PETER & PAUL	6.30pm	Tony Walsh RIP
Sunday 30th June SS PETER & PAUL Responsorial Psalm: <i>The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.</i>	9.30 am	Buhay Family, Thanksgiving
	11.30 am	Deceased members of the Mangan & Mullins Families RIP
	2.00pm MASS IN THE PARK	Canon Peter Turbitt, Intention
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Tom Heneghan RIP
Tuesday 2nd July	9.30am	Kathleen Ryan RIP
Wednesday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle, <i>feast</i>	9.30 am	Joe & Marian Hickey RIP
Thursday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Ethel Cole RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Deceased Members of the Leddy Family
Friday 5th July	6.30am	Bridget Lowe Intention
	9.30am	Jim Kelly RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 6th July Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Intention of John McAndrew
	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass - Saturday 6th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Tom Heneghan RIP
Sunday 7th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Janet Banks Intention
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Manuel & Rosie Fernandes RIP
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.		

COUNTERS 30 th June Anthea Carroll, Gwen Price & Anna Rosario 7 th July Agatha Barc & Sue Sheppard	CHURCH CLEANING Friday 5 th July - Group 4 after morning Mass	WEEKLY COLLECTION 16TH JUNE Envelopes £267.50 Plate £892.71 DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION 16TH JUNE Envelopes £124.50 Plate £156.81
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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - 30TH JUNE 2019 is for ' PETERS PENCE'

Prayer to St Peter & Paul

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.