

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6th / 7th July 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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Old Chapel by London Road entrance.
All are welcome.

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Following the wonderful feast days of Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and Saints Peter and Paul over the last four Sundays, we return this Sunday to Ordinary Time. We will have the green vestments of Ordinary Time at Sunday Mass until we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church's year before the beginning of Advent.

Ordinary Time sounds rather uninspiring but as we know in daily life it is precisely in the ordinary and mundane that the extraordinary and exceptional often happens. On this Fourteenth Sunday for example the readings remind us of what God is offering us and how we can make others aware of what God is offering through the missionary activity of the Church. "Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you." The consoling words from Isaiah.

In the Gospel reading Jesus is sending out disciples. We are familiar with the sending of the twelve but here he sends out seventy-two. He sends them ahead of himself and in pairs. This act of sending by Jesus is very important. It emphasises the missionary nature of the Church. It emphasises that each of us who are baptised and confirmed are similarly sent to announce the good news that the kingdom of God is very near. Our parish is to be a place of missionary activity in which each of us is sent to work collaboratively in the missionary work of making our parish vision a reality: **"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 Gospel this Sunday reminds us that we are sent out like 'lambs among wolves.' We will not always get a friendly response. We are to travel light, unencumbered by material things and we are to rely on hospitality. We are to bring peace to all whom we meet ('shalom' – abundance of life) flowing like a river. Christianity is comforting but not comfortable. It requires work. It requires effort. Do we value what God is offering us to the extent that we are willing to make others aware his offer?

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

**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-GH0D5AILc>

"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 4th August** 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 19th July**
4.30-5.30pm
in the Parish Hall

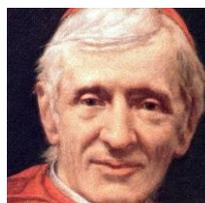
EMMAUS GROUPS

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 19th July at 10.30am in Room 2



Date set for Newman Canonisation

Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on **Sunday 13th October 2019** alongside 4 others. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a

saint by the Roman Catholic Church. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and soon became the leader of the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He founded the Oratory in England and was later made a cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral. Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century.

The cause for his sainthood was opened in 1958 and he was declared Venerable by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1991 after his life of 'heroic virtue' was recognised. Pope Benedict XVI declared him Blessed in Cofton Park near Birmingham in September 2010, as part of his historic visit to Britain.

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

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!

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF.

10th August

See poster on Noticeboard for more details

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

**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.

**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

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.

6.30AM MASS EVERY FRIDAY

Followed by light breakfast.

All are welcome to attend

THE MASS IN THE PARK

And isn't life so full of special moments
As those that we shared on Sunday in Prospect Park!
A gathering to celebrate an Open Air Youth and Family Mass
Led by Father JP
With the Youth Choir leading us in song!

The weather set fair
As we gathered under the oak trees
The leaves rustling in the gentle breeze
Allowing the dappled light to fall on this sacred space;
The meeting of Heaven and Earth

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

'Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation'

The crows is gathered, many in number
The music begins
And there you are Lord,
Your presence fills my inner being
Your Spirit enters my soul
I am enveloped in a sense of awe and wonder
And I am at one with you.

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>

SEA SUNDAY : 14TH JULY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

And so, with the Spirit amongst us
And the glory of creation surrounding us
The mass continued
As we celebrated the love between us
And the true sense of the Divine enveloping us all.

Thank you Lord, for the Mass in the park

A parishioner

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YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS LAST SUNDAY

This was a very special event.
There is so much planning and work that goes into organizing an event like this

Thank you to all those who helped in any way

PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE

SAT 6TH July TO SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
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
Monday 8th July	9.30am	Mary Glynn RIP
Tuesday 9th July	9.30am	Terence John Morse RIP
Wednesday 10th July	9.30 am	Bernie McDonagh RIP
Thursday 11th July St. Benedict, Founder, Patron of Europe, <i>feast</i>	9.30 am	Fr. Peter Codd Intentions
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Lucy McSharry, Intention
Friday 12th July	6.30am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	9.30am	Anna Severino RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 13th July Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Stefancikova Family Intention
	3.00 – 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass – Saturday 13th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <u>SEA SUNDAY</u>	6.30pm	Anne Tudor RIP
Sunday 14th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <u>SEA SUNDAY</u>	9.30 am	John Manning RIP
	11.30 am	Tony Walsh RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<p>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.</p>		

<p><u>COUNTERS</u></p> <p>7th July Agatha Barc & Sue Sheppard</p> <p>14th July Teresa Ennis & Pauline Xavier</p>	<p><u>CHURCH CLEANING</u></p> <p>Friday 12th July - Group 1 after morning Mass</p>	<p><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 23RD JUNE</u></p> <p>Envelopes £306.40 Plate £1019.41</p> <p><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 30TH JUNE</u></p> <p>Envelopes £216.50 Plate £854.48</p>
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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – 14TH JULY 2019 IS FOR ' APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA'

JULY - THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

We have now entered the high summer month of July, a month in which we honour the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. St. John XXIII especially wanted us to have a vibrant devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, the price of our redemption, and the pledge of our salvation and eternal life. When we receive Holy Communion from the chalice during this month, let us pray that the Lord will wash away all our sins and forgive and convert those who bring bloodshed and violence to our world. Sometimes, sadly, I have heard people refer to Holy Communion from the chalice as “receiving the wine” - a terrible mistake! Let’s never refer to ‘wine’ but only to the Precious Blood.