

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### SEA SUNDAY



### 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**  
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#### 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**  
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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/>

We will all be familiar with this Sunday's Gospel passage. It is the story known as the Good Samaritan. The story flows from an encounter between Jesus and a lawyer who wishes to know what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds to that question with another question, 'What is written in the law?' The lawyer responds correctly in identifying love of God and love of neighbour as necessary for the observance of the law and therefore for inheriting eternal life. Jesus replies, 'You have answered right, do this and life is yours.' His reply highlights the need not only of knowing the right thing to do but doing it.

'And who is my neighbour?' asks the lawyer. Jesus tells the well-known story of the man on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell into the hands of brigands. He is robbed, beaten and left for dead. A Priest and a Levite pass by on the other side of the road. Priests and Levites were temple personnel, conscious of their ritual purity. They are caught in a dilemma. Even if they wanted to help the man on the road, he may have been dead, and they would incur ceremonial defilement by touching him. Should they fulfil their social obligations to another human being, or should they protect their cultic purity so they might fulfil their ritual obligations? They chose the latter. On the other hand, the Samaritan, who was considered unclean, was moved with compassion. He loves and demonstrates it through works. He goes out of his way to meet the needs of this stranger. He cleans his wounds; he soothes them with oil; he puts the man on his own animal and walks beside him to the nearest inn; he cares for the man; and he pays for the care provided. In response to Jesus' question the lawyer identifies a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands as the one who took pity on him. And Jesus says to the lawyer, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Through various media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. What the parable challenges us about is how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. Do we allow preconceived ideas or prejudice to get in the way of a loving response?

**Fr Michael**

### SEA SUNDAY : 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

This Sunday is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency.

It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit

[www.aposleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.aposleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**YOUTH OF  
OUR PARISH**

**FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION  
An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Location: Sway, The New Forest (Hampshire)  
Age range: 10 - 25 years  
Catering: Fully catered

Accommodation: Camping - please bring your own tent if possible.  
Facilities: Showers and toilets provided around the campsite.  
Music Ministry: Led by Steve Szymanski (Crossbeam, OneHope Project)

To Book go to [www.FanningtheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningtheFlame.co.uk)

*MASS - TEACHING - CRAFTS - WORKSHOPS - SPORTS - HORSE RIDING - CONFESSION  
DRAMAS - ADORATION - TALKS - GREAT FOOD - Q&A - MUSIC  
TEAM ACTIVITIES - FAITH - FUN - FELLOWSHIP*

**GLOW 'let your light shine'**

Matthew: 5. 16

**GLOW "TWEETS"**

What is God's purpose for me?  
<https://youtu.be/o-GHOD5ALLc>

Next Meeting  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

7pm - 8.30pm  
(Planning for next year)

THE NEXT

**CHILDRENS LITURGY**

is **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** at 9.30am  
(Name Badge Sunday)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
4.30-5.30pm  
in the Parish Hall

**ATTEND RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL  
15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Up to 10 bursaries are available for Catholic young people aged 12 to 18 from the Reading parishes to attend RISE Theatre's Summer School at St Cassian's in Kintbury. Normally £265 (incl. accommodation & meals) the bursaries will enable young people to go for just £65.

For an application form please email Michele at [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk) - to qualify, applicants will need to briefly outline why they would benefit from a bursary and obtain a supporting signature from their parish priest or headteacher. See [www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school) about how the summer school is a great opportunity for young people with a passion for drama, music & art to explore their faith in a creative way.

**"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)

**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

**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.

What is on this Summer?

### FAMILY CONCERT

28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

3pm – 5.30pm (approx.)

£5 per family

Includes afternoon tea

Reading Irish Centre, Chatham Street, Reading

*There will also be a 10 minute Pantomime*

### SVP AFTERNOON TEA

The SVP will be holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea this month on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** 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 Stephen Hogg on 0118 9427646 or 07891 773379.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

St William of York church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT

#### Child Protection Training

Saturday 10th August 2019 – From 10.00am – 12.30pm

(Trainer – Val Croughan)

#### Child Protection Training

Saturday 28th September 2019 – 10.00am – 12.30 pm

(Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)

#### Vulnerable Adult Training

Saturday 28th September 2019 – 1.30pm – 4.00pm

(Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)

People who wish to attend will need to register with [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### JOURNEY IN FAITH PARTY SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### Journey in Faith meetings recommence in September.

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.

### Could you help us bring in funds for a new English Martyrs Parish Centre?

Do you have experience of applying for grants from trusts?

Could you help bring in the money we need for the next stage of English Martyrs' refurbishment, as an individual or part of a team?

In line with our vision, we want English Martyrs to be a truly welcoming parish – a community hub with more activities for young and old, showing God's love to the people around us and making the most of our great location and premises. In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to be like the Good Samaritan: as a parish we have so much opportunity to help our neighbours, working in partnership with others, but we need a building and facilities that are fit for purpose. And that requires a lot of money!

There are trusts and foundations that give capital grants to community projects, including those in churches, but finding and applying to them is quite a specialised task. If you could offer any experience and time to help us do this, please contact Fr Michael through the parish office. Thank you.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pay for the repose of the soul of **Terence Morse RIP** who died on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Funeral details to be confirmed



### AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF.

10<sup>th</sup> August

See poster on 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 meetings are on

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.30am in Room 2

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at 5.00pm in Room 2

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm in Room 1

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** at 10.30am in Room 2

### CAFOD Update meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September



You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 7:15 to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE.

Nikki Evans CAFOD's programme officer for Bolivia will be speaking about our work there and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01252 329385

### 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>

10 Days

of Prayer

- 2019 -  
READING, UK

### SAVE THE DATE

29<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October

For details see

<https://reading.10daysofprayer.info>

<p><b>ON ADMISSION TO ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL</b>  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".  <b>Hospital Chaplain – Fr JP Lyttle</b>  Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105</p>	<p><b>PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS</b>  Sign up now!  <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews">http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews</a></p>
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<b>PARISH MASS &amp; SERVICES TIMETABLE</b>		<b>SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> July TO SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2019</b>
<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>Vigil Mass – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b><u>SEA SUNDAY</u></b>	6.30pm	Anne Tudor RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b><u>SEA SUNDAY</u></b>	9.30 am	John Manning RIP
	11.30 am	Tony Walsh RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Swithun. <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Bill & Joy Reilly, Thanksgiving (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Intentions of Carmelite Sisters
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> St Bonaventure, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Afric Clery RIP
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Deceased members of the MacMahon Family RIP
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6.30am	Archbishop J H King RIP
	9.30am	Anne Doyle RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	3.00 – 4.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy</b> Devotions and Confessions
<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Nicola Pierro RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Francis Sebastian Carvalho RIP
<p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am–9.25am  Thurs &amp; Fri 10.00am – 9.00pm (in the Baptistry)  <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm.</p>		

<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>	<b><u>CHURCH CLEANING</u></b>	<b><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY</u></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b> Teresa Ennis & Pauline Xavier  <b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b> Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Group 2</b> after morning Mass	Envelopes £357.00 Plate £1081.73  <b><u>PLANNED GIVING MAY 2019</u></b> D/D £ 1,823, S/O £2,186

**THE PASSAGE - for the homeless**  
"Please support the excellent work which **The Passage** does for homeless people in Central London, by attending **The Passage annual Garden Party** in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on **Friday 19 July, from 6.00 to 8.00pm**. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196>  
This popular event makes a valuable contribution to our fundraising programme which provides a substantial part of our income, without which our work could not continue. We depend on the support of parishes and their parishioners, to make a success of our fundraising events and look forward to welcoming as many parishioners as possible to what has always proved to be a very enjoyable occasion

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK – 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 IS FOR ' APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA'**