

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

20th / 21st 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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www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk

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Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP

T: 0118 957 4730

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

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel and which we heard last Sunday. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a woman named Martha." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalised person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

In their own ways both Martha and Mary are faithful disciples of Jesus, one listening to his word and the other performing service. It is this very difference that seems to be the source of the tension in the story. The text does not say that Martha wants to sit at the feet of Jesus; it states that she wants her sister to share in the responsibilities of service. Martha rebukes Jesus for his apparent indifference and then gives him directions for remedying the situation. Jesus says that Mary has chosen the better part. But what exactly is the better part that Mary chose? Is it reflection over action? Is it a choice of the things of God over basic human needs?

The story opens with a statement about hospitality. Martha welcomes Jesus into her house. Perhaps true hospitality is found in giving personal attention to the guest rather than being distracted from the person by the duties associated with hospitality. Last Sunday we saw that attention to the person in need is to be preferred over the fulfilment of one's responsibilities, regardless of how noble those responsibilities might be. But Jesus is also making a radical call to discipleship from which no one is excluded. Women are invited into full participation in the life of discipleship. Everyone is invited to intimacy with Jesus.

Fr Michael

ORDINATION OF 2 NEW PRIESTS

This Saturday two new priests are being ordained as priests of the Diocese at 11.00am in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Mohanraj Edward has been a student at Oscott, and

Johnpromise Umeozuru at Wonersh

Please keep them in your prayers. You are welcome to attend or you can follow online

<https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>

Summer Holidays

As our schools break up for the summer holidays, we wish all staff and students very happy and restful summer.

Whether you are away or have people visiting this summer.

We wish ALL parishioners an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and a safe journey

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.

FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp 19th – 23rd August

Location: Sway, The New Forest (Hampshire)
Age range: 10 - 25 years
Catering: Fully catered
Cost £105

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)

A coach will be organised from English Martyrs to travel to and from the Camp

To Book go to www.FanningtheFlame.co.uk

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

YOUTH OF OUR PARISH

GLOW 'let your light shine'

Matthew: 5. 16

GLOW "TWEETS"

What is God's purpose for me?

<https://youtu.be/o-GH0D5AILc>

Next meeting date: September

THE NEXT

CHILDRENS LITURGY

is **Sunday 4th 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 date : September

What is on this Summer?

ATTEND RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL 15th – 18th 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

- 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 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

THE 9TH ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE

will take place on Saturday 27th July, please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114.

Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer-cards can be found on

www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE DETAILS

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF. 10th August

See poster on Noticeboard for more details

KNIT FOR PEACE – Occasional transport needed.

On Wednesday 10th July a load of knitted goods was taken to Knit for Peace for distribution to refugees. The load included 11 adult size blankets, 3 medium size blankets and 29 suitable for use for babies or as knee blankets, besides a few items of clothing for children or babies. This brings the total since January this year to 17 adult size blankets, 3 medium size, and 40 small, as well as 98 other items of clothing. We know that blankets are particularly welcome but clothes, especially for older children and adults are also needed. At present we can only accept hand knitted or crocheted items.

Since we began this project in 2015 we have sent at least 200 double bed, 80 single and 420 cot or pram size blankets.

We know that not only parishioners but friends from the wider community have built up this total and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed.

We need a small team of volunteers who could drive to London, Hampstead, occasionally to deliver a load.

If you could help please contact Ann Davis via the Office.

FAMILY CONCERT

28th 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

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.

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.

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

CRAFT AFTERNOON

The regular Craft Afternoon will be held in Room 1 on **Saturday 27th July** from 2 till 5pm. Come along, bring your project and enjoy the chat.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pay for the repose of the soul of **Terence Morse RIP** who died on Monday 13th May 2019. His body will be received into the church on Tuesday 6th August at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 7th August at 9.30am followed by committal at Reading Crematorium.



SAVE THE DATE

10 DAYS OF PRAYER – 2019 – READING UK

29th September – 9th October

For more details see

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

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

Saturday 27th July at 5.00pm in Room 2

Monday 29th July at 7.30pm in Room 1

Wednesday 31st July at 10.30am in Room 2

CAFOD Update meeting 4th September



You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4th 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 or phone 01252 329385

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>

The **ORATORY SCHOOL** Woodcote Nr Reading
Co-educational Catholic School

OPEN DAY

28th September 2019

See Poster on Noticeboard for more details

<p>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</p>	<p>PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS Sign up now! http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews</p>
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PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE		SAT 20TH July TO SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2019
<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass - Saturday 20th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 21st July 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
Monday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Fr Michael Purbrick RIP
Tuesday 23rd July St. Bridget of Sweden, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Canon Richard Meyer RIP
Wednesday 24th July	9.30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 25th July St James, Apostle, <i>feast</i>	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 26th July Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, <i>memorial</i>	6.30am	Fidelia Oti RIP
	9.30am	Fidelia Oti RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 27th July Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions
Vigil Mass - Saturday 28th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	John & Mary Nee RIP
Sunday 28th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Peter Renkin RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Deceased members of the McCormack & Martland Families RIP
<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)</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 - 4.45pm.</p>		

<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 14TH JULY</u>
21st July Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick 28th July Anne Morris & Charlie McArthur	Friday 26th July - Group 3 after morning Mass	Envelopes £245.00 Plate £713.96 <u>APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA</u> Envelopes £ 169.10 Plate £366.60

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.