

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)
27th/28th 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

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

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PARISH OFFICE

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BS T: 0118 937 5466
www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk

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Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP
T: 0118 957 4730
<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/>

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the theme of prayer. Jesus gives the disciples the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. St Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading we are presented with the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples noticed Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father. In the Our Father we pray that God's name will be recognised as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness and for deliverance.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

The teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Have a think about your prayer life this week. How much time do you commit to prayer each day? Do you pray with the belief that God really does want to answer your prayer?

Fr Michael

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). **Transport** 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

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.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SAFEGUARDING TRAINING</p> <p>St William of York church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT</p> <p>Child Protection Training Saturday 10th August 2019 – From 10.00am – 12.30pm (Trainer – Val Croughan)</p> <p>Child Protection Training Saturday 28th September 2019 – 10.00am – 12.30 pm (Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)</p> <p>Vulnerable Adult Training Saturday 28th September 2019 – 1.30pm – 4.00pm (Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)</p> <p>People who wish to attend will need to register with soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>marriage care are looking for qualified counsellors to provide support to couples in the local area. See the poster on the Noticeboard for more details or online at www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteer</p> |
| <p>RECENTLY DECEASED</p> <p>Please pay for the repose of the soul of </p> <p>Suzanne Goodin RIP who died Thursday 18th July 2019. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 1st August at 11.30am followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium</p> <p>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.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">COFFEE MORNINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After 9.30am Mass on Wednesday and Fridays in Room 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You will be most welcome!</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">THE NEXT CHILDRENS LITURGY is Sunday 4th August at 9.30am (Name Badge Sunday)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</p> <p>A warm welcome to:</p> <p>Carla Gabriela Vallejo Vallejo who was baptised on Thursday 24th July</p> <p>Joanna Louisa Vallejo Vallejo who was baptised on Thursday 24th July</p> <p>Kara Cipriano Kambli who is being baptised on Saturday 27th July at 1pm</p> <p>Aidan Francis Creehan who is being baptised on Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass</p> <p>Emmanuel Nunoo who is being baptised on Sunday 28th July at 1pm</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (2019)</p> | | |

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| 10 th August | AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF. See poster on Noticeboard for more details |
| 15 th September | Dr Simon Uttley – Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will be speaking at 9.30am & 11.30am Masses |
| 29 th September – 9 th October | 10 Days of Prayer - Reading UK. For more details see https://reading.10daysofprayer.info |

**EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST**

Here at English Martyrs Church
from 7.30 – 9.00pm.

There will also be the Rosary at 7pm
Please join us!

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 29th July at 7.30pm in Room 1
Wednesday 31st July at 10.30am in Room 2
Friday 2nd August at 10.30am in Room 2

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

ATHROS LIMITED

Athros is a charity in the Reading area offering help and support to those afflicted by Arthritis.

They are seeking a Trustee/Director
Please see the poster on the Noticeboard for more details

There are also some leaflets available from the Parish Office if you are interested in supporting this very worthwhile charity

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

Friday 16th August 2019 at 7pm

All Parishioners and Friends of

The Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church

are warmly invited to our Monthly Concert

ORGAN RECITAL by DAVID OLDFIELD

Free admission, with a retiring Collection for the Oratory Redevelopment Fund.

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>

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Charity Golf Day at Calcot Park Golf Club

Friday 13th September

12.00 (midday) start

18 holes of golf - £250 per team.

Carvery dinner. Wonderful prizes

Contact Anne Morris on 07888 999293 for more information



Raising funds for the Hibernian Society Lunch Club

OPPORTUNITY

TGS Eurogroup, a Catholic Salesian association from Venice, Italy, has been organising **Summer courses of English language in Great Britain** for the last 50 years and is now exploring the possibility of opening a new centre in Reading.

Are you interested in a part-time job to become **TGS Local Organiser** in charge of home stay accommodation in Reading? The candidate is expected to recruit host families to accommodate the students and to provide assistance to the group while they are in England. Anyone interested will be asked to send their CV to TGS office in Italy: they will be given a full job description and an interview may be arranged in early November.

Are you interested in this project but not available as a local organiser? You'll be always welcome to join the project as a prospective **TGS host family!**

Please ask Fr. Michael Dennehy (via the Parish Office) for more details or contact TGS Eurogroup directly by sending an email to info@tgseurogroup.it. Further information: www.tgseurogroup.it/en



**Duchess of Kent
Hospice**

CREAM TEA and Plant Sale

8th August 2019

Tickets £5 per person

See Noticeboard for more details

Tilehurst Fundraising Group

Summer Holidays

Whether you are away or have people visiting this summer. We wish ALL parishioners an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and a safe journey

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| <p align="center">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 align="center">PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS Sign up now! http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews</p> |
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| PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE | | SAT 27TH JULY TO SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2019 | |
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| <u>DAYS</u> | <u>TIMES</u> | <u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> | |
| Vigil Mass - Saturday 27th July 17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | John & Mary Nee RIP | |
| Sunday 28th July 17 TH 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 | |
| Monday 29th July St Martha, <i>memorial</i> | 9.30am | Miranda George Intention | |
| Tuesday 30th July | 9.30am | Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP | |
| Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola, <i>memorial</i> | 9.30 am | Maura Kelly Intention | |
| Thursday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori, <i>memorial</i> | 9.30 am | Intentions of Rosie & Andrew Hopkins | |
| | 10am to 9pm | Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | 11.30am | Requiem Mass for Suzanne Goodin RIP | |
| | 7.30pm | Intentions of the MacMahon Family | |
| Friday 2nd August | 6.30am | Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP | |
| | 9.30am | Mass of Thanksgiving | |
| | 10am to 9pm | Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | 7.30pm | First Friday: Praise and Worship | |
| Saturday 3rd August Our Lady on Saturday | 11.00am | Holy Souls RIP | |
| Vigil Mass - Saturday 3rd August 18 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Deceased members of the McAndrew & Clarke Families RIP | |
| SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 18 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.30 am | Jim Knox RIP | |
| | 11.30 am | People of the Parish | |
| | 5.00 pm | Constancio & Amalia Gomes | |
| 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. Divine Mercy Devotions resume in September | | | |

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| <p align="center"><u>COUNTERS</u></p> <p>28th July Anne Morris & Charlie McArthur 4th August Robert Clifton & Anne Hogg</p> | <p align="center"><u>CHURCH CLEANING</u></p> <p align="center">Friday 2nd August - Group 4 after morning Mass</p> | <p align="center"><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 21ST JULY</u></p> <p align="center">Envelopes £281.30 Plate £836.60</p> |
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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.