

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YR C)

3rd/4th August 2019

NAME BADGE 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

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Registered Charity No. 246871

PARISH CLERGY

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Sunday Mass 4.00pm at RBH

Old Chapel by London Road entrance.

All are welcome.

ASSISTING PRIEST: FR RICHARD MANIAK

PARISH OFFICE

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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
From 12TH-15TH AUGUST

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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The Bible and Church teaching tell us that one day we will face judgement. Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel gives us that well-known judgement scene where judgement is dispensed on loving or not loving the least of the brothers and sisters.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgement. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgement that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgement, life really consists of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how you might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many good things stored up for years of eating, drinking and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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

**LAST CHANCE
TO BOOK!**

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.

<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 pray for the repose of the soul of</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>Rita Belletty RIP, parishioner at St John Bosco parish. Rita was very well known for her work & commitment to CAFOD and Justice and Peace issues in the Reading area. Rita was instrumental in achieving the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award for her parish. Her Funeral Mass has been provisionally arranged for Fri 16th August at St John Bosco – TBC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COFFEE MORNINGS</p> <p>After 9.30am Mass on Wednesday and Fridays in Room 1 You will be most welcome!</p>	<p>CAFOD Update meeting 4th September </p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>EMMAUS GROUPS</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 12th August at 7.30pm in Room 1 Wednesday 14th August at 10.30am in Room 2 Friday 16th August at 10.30am in Room 2</p>

St John Vianney - Patron of Priests – Message from Bishop Philip Egan

This Sunday, 4th August, we would normally celebrate the Memorial of St. John Vianney, often called the "Curé D'Ars." Please pray for your priest on that day. Please say a prayer for me too as it is the 35th anniversary of my ordination to the sacred priesthood, so for me it is always a special day.

St. John Vianney lived from 1786 to 1859. He spent the whole of his priestly life in a tiny village called Ars, near Lyons France, which, bit by bit, through his preaching, his prayer, his holiness, his hard work he completely transformed. He lived an extremely ascetical life: he fasted every day on a piece of dry bread and a boiled potato. He was totally dedicated and worked hard, especially for the young. After saying Mass and the Divine Office, he spent the rest of the day in confessions, people queuing from the night before to see him. The secret of his life, as he so often said, was a deep, personal-passionate love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. St. John Vianney was the master of a good phrase. He summed it all up like this: the priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. So please pray for your priests and please pray for vocations to all states of life and ministry in the Church. John Vianney once said: What use would a house be filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? Our prayer today is the one the Cure said when he first arrived in his new parish in Ars: Lord, grant me the conversion of my parish: I am willing to suffer whatever you wish for my entire life. As a priest and bishop, I find that prayer scary, but I know I must somehow make it my own. So please pray for me, as I do for you.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

is this **Sunday 4th August** at 9.30am
(Name Badge Sunday)

Special 'Children's Newsletters'
are available at the back of the Church

ENGLISH MARTYRS YOUTH CHOIR

'Singing Together as One Voice'
Every Monday 4 – 5.15pm at English Martyr's Church
INCLUDING DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Age 7+ (School Years 3-13) welcome.
Choir sings: Every Sunday at 5pm Mass

BOOKSTALL/REPOSITORY

The Repository is open after 6.30pm, 9.30am and
11.30am masses this weekend.

In Room 2

All Parishioners and Friends of
The Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church
are warmly invited to our Monthly Concert
ORGAN RECITAL by DAVID OLDFIELD
Friday 16th August 2019 at 7pm
Free admission, with a retiring Collection for the
Oratory Redevelopment Fund.



Duchess of Kent

Hospice

CREAM TEA and Plant Sale

8th August 2019

2-4pm

Tickets £5 per person

See Noticeboard for more details

Tilehurst Fundraising Group

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A warm welcome to **Sianhia Christelle Cubilla** who is being
baptised on Saturday 3rd August at 1pm

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

ARTHROS LIMITED

Arthros 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*

TALK – THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

You are invited to a talk by Fr Marcin on “The Fathers of the Church”
on **Tuesday 6th August 7.30pm** at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic
Barberi Church.

'Fathers of the Church' were ancient and influential Christian
theologians and writers. Father Marcin is a professor of the Catholic
University in Lublin, a member of the North American Patristic
Society, a member of Patristic Commission of Polish Bishop
Conference, a member of European Society of Catholic Theology and
a member International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP). He
has written many articles and books related to the patristic period.
One of them is a very interesting book: *Eschatology of the time of
persecutions in the writings of Tertullian and Cyprian*”.

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 997293 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 English Martyrs Parish Office on T: 01189572149 or E:

englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details or contact TGS Eurogroup directly by sending an email to info@tgseurogroup.it. Further information: www.tgseurogroup.it/en

SOS FOR CIRDIC

The **Reading Drop In Centre** has almost run out of tinned meats and fish for the morning sandwiches.

If you could drop off some tins in the Colonnade this weekend, it would be very gratefully received.

Corned beef, ham, tuna etc are all favourites. Many thanks.

CAN YOU HELP?

Part of a small wall (under the fence) has collapsed – possibly due to tree roots. Do you have experience in brick laying? Could you help us to repair this?

Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

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 3RD AUGUST 2019 TO SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
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 CHILDRENS LITURGY	Jim Knox RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Constancio & Amalia Gomes
Monday 5th August	9.30am	Olavo Do Rego RIP
Tuesday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Private Intentions of Nigel George
Wednesday 7th August	9.30 am	Requiem Mass for Terence Morse RIP
Thursday 8th August St Dominic, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Moira Husbands RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Prabath Perera's Intentions
Friday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, <i>feast</i>	6.30am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	9.30am	Private Intentions of Diney & Lindy George
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10th August St Laurence, <i>feast</i>	11.00am	Bernie McDonagh RIP
Vigil Mass - Saturday 10th August 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th August 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Gerry Cantillon RIP
	11.30 am	Ralph Mascarenhas RIP
	5.00 pm	Hamerston Family Intention & Edwin Cubilla 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) Confessions: Saturday 5.30 - 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 - 4.45pm. Divine Mercy Devotions resume in September</p>		

<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION 28th JULY</u>
4th August Robert Clifton & Anne Hogg	Friday 9th August - Group 1 after morning Mass	Envelopes £245.00 Plate £1,113.55
11th August George & Helen Nowacki		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (2019)

10 th August	AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE FOR THE DEAF. See poster on Noticeboard for more details
15 th August	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15 th September	Dr Simon Uttley - Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will be speaking at 9.30am & 11.30am Masses
21 st September	'GLOW' Senior Youth Group Retreat. "Date with God"
28/29 th September	CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON Conference. See Noticeboard or https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton for more details
29 th September - 9 th October	10 Days of Prayer - Reading UK. For more details see https://reading.10daysofprayer.info