

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

19TH & 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)
10th/11th & 17th/18th August 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

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 Tel: 0118 957 2149
Open Mon - Fri 9am - 3.30pm

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
From 12th - 16th AUGUST Reopening Mon 18th AUG
From 26th - 30th AUGUST Reopening Mon 2nd SEP

E: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk

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

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Fawley Road, Southcote Reading RG30 3EP
<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/>

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST
MASS TIMES: 6.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

Jesus tells the disciples how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgement comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our Lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than those who received lesser gifts.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." What do we value most in life? What we spend most of our money on?

"You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." What does it mean to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man?

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

Jesus tells the apostles and the crowd that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in Chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptising with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgement. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's gospel reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions as well as conflict.

Fr Michael



LIFE COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 15th August
In the Parish Centre after 9.30am Mass
Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Raffle
All Welcome



CAN YOU HELP?

A small part of a small wall (under the fence) needs to be rebuilt. Do you have any experience in brick laying (including DIY)? Could you help us to repair this? Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

SVP Afternoon Tea

The SVP will be holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea on **Thursday 15th August** 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 28th September 2019 – 10.00am – 12.30pm
(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

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 meetings this month are on

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
Monday 26th August at 7.30pm in Room 1
Wednesday 28th August at 10.30am in Room 2
Friday 30th August at 10.30am in Room 2

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A warm welcome to

**Daniel Jack Francis Parsons, and
Benjamin David Forbes Parsons**

who are being baptised on Sunday 11th August at 1pm

The next

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

is on

9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th September

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

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

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.

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



SOS FOR CIRDIC

The **Reading Drop In Centre** is running low 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.

THANK YOU so much for your wonderful response last week. Your generosity has made such a difference.

PLEASE KEEP IT COMING!

COUNTERS

11th August George & Helen Nowacki

18th August Adam & Cathy Doberski

25th August Maurice Fleming
& Paula Garcia

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 16th August - Group 2

Friday 23rd August - Group 3
after morning Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION 4TH AUGUST

Envelopes £274.95 Plate £795.39

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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A DAY WITH MARY

St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth

Saturday 7th September

A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message, given at Fatima in 1917

[See Noticeboard for more details](#)

VOCATION SEEKER BARBECUE

Tuesday 27th August 7pm

Bishop Philip is hosting a Barbecue with Evening Prayer, for those who may be considering a vocation to the Priesthood - even if tentatively. *Come and see.* It will be a friendly & relaxed evening. Our Seminarians will be at the gathering too. Our Diocesan Clergy are also invited to attend and to bring with them anyone in their Parish who may be interested. If you hope to come, **please get in touch asap** to book your place vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 26th August 2019.

€649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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.

CAFOD Update meeting

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

SAVE THE DATE

10 DAYS OF PRAYER – 2019 – READING UK
29th September – 9th October

For more details see

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (2019)

10th September	An EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP at Our Lady of Peace Church, Earley. See Noticeboard for details
15th September	DR SIMON UTTLEY – Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will be speaking at 9.30am & 11.30am Masses
21st September	'GLOW' Senior Youth Group Retreat. "Date with God"
25th September	CARMELITE DAYS FOR EVERYONE – Mary: 'Mystic Rose, Ark of the Covenant' – A day of reflection with talks, prayers and time for recollection. Oxford – See Noticeboard for more details
28/29th September	CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON Conference. See Noticeboard or https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton for more details

PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE
SAT 10TH AUGUST 2019 TO SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
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
Monday 12th August	9.30am	Harold Fearn's RIP
Tuesday 13th August	9.30am	Terence Morse RIP
Wednesday 14th August St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Hugh Farrington Burrett RIP
Thursday 15th August HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30am	Deceased members of the Daly family RIP
	9.30 am	Christine George Intentions
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Ray Hill RIP
Friday 16th August	6.30am	Holy Souls RIP
	9.30am	Fidelia Oti RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 17th August Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Private Intentions of Chad George
Vigil Mass - Saturday 17th August 20 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 18th August 20 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	11.30 am	Private Intention
	5.00 pm	John Gomes RIP
Monday 19th August	9.30am	Ruflina Goes RIP
Tuesday 20th August St Bernard, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP
Wednesday 21st August St Pius X, Pope, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Peter Cunningham RIP
Thursday 22nd August The Queenship of Mary, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Carmel Duffy 'Get Well' Intention
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Private Intentions of Gerald MacMahon
Friday 23rd August	6.30am	Deceased Members of the Daly family RIP
	9.30am	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew, Apostle, <i>feast</i>	11.00am	Nellie's Intentions
Vigil Mass - Saturday 24th August 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th August 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Myles Fenlon RIP
	11.30 am	Mr Mariano Honrado RIP
	5.00 pm	Brendan Reynolds RIP

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