

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

21ST & 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)
24th/25th August & 31st Aug/1st September 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

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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.

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 26th- 30th AUGUST Reopening Mon 2nd SEP

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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

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

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

Just imagine for a moment that the Lord is talking to you directly today in these readings. Just imagine, hearing all those readings again directed at you. Well, my friends - he is. I remember one of the first things I learnt in seminary about reading the Scriptures is this: we call the bible the living Word of God why? Because it's not only about the people we read about but every story, every situation is also about you and I personally too. We have to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to show which area of our life he's talking about.

I suppose today can be seen as a wake-up call. We're constantly called by the Lord to conversion. To a conversion of life which puts him at the centre. Think about it, the Lord has made you and I to be, to quote Christ, you are to be Light of the World and Salt to the earth! Imagine this is being directly said to you right now. You, you are to be light of the world and salt to the earth. How does this feel? I wonder if you've ever reflected on this before?

The important thing to remember here is that the Lord is always calling us to be more. But he also gives us all that we need to be that in and through his Church. He's given us the Sacraments, the Sacred Scriptures, devotions, the rich treasury of prayers and spiritual helps, above all he's given us the most precious gift of all. Himself, the Holy Eucharist.

Today, we may well ask the question of ourselves, What's my prayer life like? Is it boring, is it too routine, is it staid? My friends, today is a brilliant opportunity and invitation from the Lord to stop and evaluate your spiritual life. Is my relationship with God dynamic, rich, life-giving, creative, meaningful? If it's not, then with God's guidance and his Church, do something! In these week's readings the Lord is telling us there is an urgency about this.

We don't know what's around the corner. This is the day, today to stop, to look to him and see where we're at.

Fr John Paul

EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

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 meetings this month are on

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

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



**Alpha at English Martyrs
Faith? Meaning? Life?**
BIG questions explored with new friends.
Would you like the chance to grow together
in knowing and loving Jesus?



Why not try Alpha?

Members of the Alpha Team will be outside after all Masses this weekend if you'd like to know more.
Next taster session: **7pm-9pm Wednesday 18th September.**
Then, if you like it, each Wednesday till 6th November.
All welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

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

For more details see <https://reading.10daysofprayer.info>



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

Vacancy



The prolife charity **Life** is looking for enthusiastic church and community fundraisers in the Diocese to help us grow our life-saving work with vulnerable mothers. We want you to help our volunteer fundraisers, manage local events, and develop relationships with community groups. We offer a competitive salary for a full or part-time position based at home. Contact jobs@lifecharity.org.uk for more details.

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

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Sign up now!

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>

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

SOS FOR CIRDIC

THANK YOU so much for your continued generosity.

1ST SEPTEMBER - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION



Pope Francis has established **1st September** as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. On this Day of Prayer, let us

"reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Please take a copy of a special prayer (from the Bishops Conference) available at the back of the church on 1st September

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

CRAFT AFTERNOON

The regular Craft Afternoon will take place
In Room 1 on **Saturday 31st August**.
Drop in any time between 2 and 5 pm,
bring your knitting, crochet or other craft
and enjoy the company

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

MICHELANGELO EVENTS IN WINCHESTER



Looking for something to do over the summer break?
Why not visit Winchester before 29th September to visit
The Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: **A Different View**
exhibition and Bishop Robert Barron's film on Michelangelo?

The exhibition of the frescoes have been photographed,
reproduced at high resolution and transferred onto special fabric webs to create
highly detailed display panels. Officially licensed by the Vatican Museums the
exhibition will allow unprecedented closeness to the magnificent works which
adorn the chapel ceiling, normally 22 metres above visitors' heads. Entry fee is £5
online, £6 on the door.

St Peter's, Jewry Street, Winchester will be showing a short film by Bishop
Robert Barron on Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel through the lens of faith during
the summer. We hope you enjoy the exhibition and come to the Parish Centre on
Friday afternoons at 3pm to see the short film or on Thursday 22nd August and
12th September at 7.30pm to see a longer version. Entry is free.

Mariposa Trust

Saying Goodbye Service

14th September 2019
Malmesbury Abbey

See Noticeboard for more
information

Vacancy

Christian Community ACTION!

Support Centre Assessor
Oxford Road
1 day per week (paid post)
See Noticeboard for more details



A Message from Bishop Philip

*As we prepare for the Year of God's Word (2020)
and the Year of the Eucharist (2021, I wish to ask
you to pray earnestly for the renewal of our
Diocese of Portsmouth. Please say this prayer
these next days for our clergy and laity:*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to
convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper
faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the
cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew
all the clergy and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love
and respect for one another and unify us as your one,
holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for the
Catholic Faith, for mission, outreach and service. Help
us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and
needy that many more souls may be saved by finding
their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate
help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier
Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen.

Happy Birthday Fr Michael on Saturday 24th August

Save the date!

English Martyrs BIG Community Weekend
Sat 5th and Sun 6th October
A community weekend for all of us - families,
singles, young, old - everyone!
More details coming soon - look out for the
posters.

Romania Link (Fundraiser)

AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 15th September 3-5pm

St John Bosco Church

Tickets £6.00 Adults & £3.00 Children

Contact Debs on 0118 969 3423 for tickets

TILEHURST AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Are hosting an Afternoon Tea Dance

Saturday 14th September

See Noticeboard for more details

COUNTERS

25th August Maurice Fleming
& Paula Garcia
1st September Aidan & Jane Dalgleish
8th September Martin Wills & Harry Mullin

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 30th August - Group 4
Friday 6th September-Group 1
after morning Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

11th AUGUST
Envelopes £288.40 Plate £785.43
18th AUGUST
Envelopes £270.03 Plate £1039.73

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 24TH AUGUST 2019 TO SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
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
Monday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi, <i>memorial</i>	9.00-9.55am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 27th August St Monica, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Louie Fearnis RIP
Wednesday 28th August St Augustine of Hippo, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	George Family, Thanksgiving.
Thursday 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Robert Tobin RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Fr George Curton RIP
Friday 30th August Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, <i>memorial</i>	6.30am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	9.30am	Helena Lourenco RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 31st August Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Princess Diana RIP
Vigil Mass - Saturday 31st August 22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Matt Mathieson RIP
Sunday 1st September 22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <u>World Day of Prayer for Creation</u>	9.30 am	Hugh Faringdon Burnett RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Brendan Reynolds RIP
Monday 2nd September	9.30am	Errol Rodrigues RIP
Tuesday 3rd September St Gregory the Great, <i>feast</i>	9.30am	Bridget Lowe RIP
Wednesday 4th September	9.30 am	Betty Grafton RIP (1 st Anniversary) & Margaret & Molly Intention
Thursday 5th September	9.30 am	Mary Gouge RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Robert Tobin RIP
Friday 6th September	6.30am	Deceased members of the Daly Family RIP
	9.30am	Bridget Lowe RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30-9.00pm	Evening of Praise & Worship
Saturday 7th September Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Thanksgiving (private)
	3.00- 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
Vigil Mass - Saturday 7th September 23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Lorenzo Cordera RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 8th September 23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Patrick McShane RIP
	11.30 am	Deceased members of the Nanayakkara Family RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish

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.