

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 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

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  
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

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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](http://www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk)

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

As the new school year starts, some of you may be thinking about preparing your child/ren for First Holy Communion next year. Preparation in English Martyrs Parish is for children of any age who are already members of the parish and who are committed to attending Mass every Sunday with their families. To enrol your child/ren, you will need to ring the office to make an appointment for an informal chat with Fr Michael when you can talk about why you feel your child is ready to prepare for their First Communion. The closing date for these meetings is September 27<sup>th</sup>. Families who do not yet attend Sunday Mass each week but who wish their child/ren to receive Holy Communion in the future need first to begin to attend Sunday Mass and involve themselves in the life of our parish through such things as Youth Choir, Elevate or other parish activities. Talk to one of the welcomers at Mass for information about how you can get involved.

If you are not sure whether your child is ready, you are welcome to make an appointment for a chat with Fr Michael.

**Fr Michael**

This is the week that our Schools are back. Please keep pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors in your prayers. Also, please pray for those who are starting or re-joining college, university, apprenticeships and work.

## THE BIG COMMUNITY WEEKEND Sat 5th and Sunday 6th October

Highlights include:

*Saturday morning: The BIG Parish Clean followed by The BIG Breakfast*

*Saturday evening: The BIG Sing*

*Sunday afternoon: The BIG Read and The BIG Tea Dance*

All weekend Masses: **The chance** to have a go at serving, reading and operating the screens  
**A weekend for everyone - singles, families, young and old. Look out for the posters coming soon**

## 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 coming week month are on

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am in Room 2

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am in Room 2

## SUNDAY MORNING BOOKSTALL

HELP is needed on the Sunday morning bookstall. If you commit to a regular slot on a Sunday morning, then please come and talk to us after Mass or get in touch via the parish office

## Mariposa Trust

### SAYING GOODBYE SERVICE

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2019** at Malmesbury Abbey

See Noticeboard for more information

## Saturday 28th September

### National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life

On Saturday 28th September please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Also pray that anti-life 'Buffer Zones' will be ruled illegal. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

[www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

Or see Noticeboard 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](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pay for the repose of the soul of

**Mrs Lucy McSharry RIP** who died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Lucy was a parishioner of English Martyrs for over 50 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 12.45pm followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> September.**  
Then, if you like it, each Wednesday till 6<sup>th</sup> November.  
All welcome!

## 10 DAYS OF PRAYER – 2019 – READING UK

**29<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October**

For more details see <https://www.10daysofprayer.info/whats-on>

Or ask at the Parish Office for more details

October 2019 is the

## EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission and the Church



### World Mission Mass

**20<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in St Johns Cathedral Portsmouth**

## Calling all Parish Catechists

On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, all catechists working in our diocese are invited to attend a **Day for Catechists** at Portsmouth Cathedral. It is a great opportunity for all those in our parish who are privileged to share our faith with parents, children, young people and adults preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and for reception into the Catholic Church and everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day is also open to anyone who might be interested in considering the ministry of catechesis. The day will focus on how we can talk about Jesus Christ in catechesis and faith formation. It will include talks, testimonies and discussion groups. The highlight of the day will be Mass, celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists.

Register : [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists) or via the parish office. Shared Lifts may be available via the parish office.

## CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Charity Golf Day at Calcot Park Golf Club

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**



**THE BOOKSTALL IS ALSO OPEN AFTER 6.30PM MASS THIS SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**DR SIMON UTTLEY** – Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will be speaking at 9.30am & 11.30am Masses  
**Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Blessed Hugh Faringdon School and Sixth Form** provides outstanding teaching and support in a unique climate focussed on learning and personal growth. A Catholic school, we focus on two complementary objectives: nurturing the unique dignity of the child and helping them exceed their expectations. 2019 has seen us achieve record attainment; little wonder the school has grown in size, both in numbers and in our brand-new specialist Autism unit, opened earlier this year. An outstanding record in competitive sport, Russell Group university destinations for our older students, excellent music and drama, opportunities for leadership development and a relentless focus on improvement are all hallmarks of the wider school. Prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, engagement with the local and wider Church and outstanding achievement in Religious Education- at GCSE and A-Level reflect the school's Catholic identity and mission integrity. Judged Outstanding by the Diocese of Portsmouth, Blessed Hugh is true to its patronal heritage, sharing a Benedictine spirituality and offering a comprehensive all-year range of retreats and opportunities for faith development.

## Happy Birthday Fr Richard on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Romania Link (Fundraiser)  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
See Noticeboard for more details

**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> & Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
at St James church.  
John and Lindsay Mullaney are planning a special concert by Chorate choir and two talks.  
Talk on Friday  
Talk & Concert on Saturday  
both at 2pm and **free**.  
See poster on the noticeboard

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS ENGLISH - Free informal English lessons for adults**

#### Is English not your first language?

- Come to free classes and improve your understanding, speaking, reading and writing of English.
- Meet other students and native English speakers.
- The classes are weekly, during school hours, at the English Martyrs Parish Centre in Liebenrood Road.
- All are welcome, regardless of religion, nationality, or level of English.

For more details, please email [petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS ENGLISH Darmowe nieformalne lekcje angielskiego dla dorosłych.**

#### Czy angielski nie jest twoim pierwszym językiem?

- Przyjdź na bezpłatne lekcje i popraw zrozumienie, mowę, czytanie i pisanie angielskiego.
- Poznaj innych uczniów i rodowitych użytkowników języka angielskiego.
- Lekcje odbywają się co tydzień, w godzinach szkolnych, w Centrum Parafii English Martyrs przy rondzie na Liebenrood Road.
- Wszyscy są mile widziani, bez względu na religię, narodowość lub poziom języka angielskiego.

Na dalsze informacje, wyślij e-mail do [petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

## YOUTH

### **GLOW "Let your light shine"**

#### **A DATE WITH GOD**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**  
**Retreat Day for the Senior Youth Group**

At Carmelite Priory, Boards Hill, Oxford

See the flyer on the noticeboards/foyer

Or contact the parish office for more details/to sign up

Age: 12+

Bring a packed lunch

Departure Time: 8am

Transport provided

### **ELEVATE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

Meets every fortnight. The next session is

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**4:30pm to 5:30pm**

**at English Martyrs Parish Hall.**

The youth group is exciting and helps children of primary school age to grow in faith through fun based activities.

**New members are welcome.**

### **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**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**9.30am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Then Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am

**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 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019 TO SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Lorenzo Cordera RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> 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
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Fearns Family Intentions
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Bernie McDonagh RIP
	12.45pm	REQUIEM MASS – Lucy McSharry RIP
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Rachael Barratt O'Brien RIP
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> The Most Holy Name of Mary, <i>memorial</i>	9.30 am	Mr Jamie Noakes RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Robert Tobin RIP
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> St John Chrysostom, <i>memorial</i>	9.30am	Terence Morse RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, <i>feast</i>	11.00am	John & Maria Hayes RIP
	3.00- 4.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Devotions</b>
<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Thanksgiving from the Noronha & Britto Families
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Kathleen Gaughan RIP & Kevin Commins RIP
	11.30 am	John Belcher RIP
	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am–9.25am Thurs & Fri 10.00am – 9.00pm (in the Baptistry) <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm.		

<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> September Martin Wills & Harry Mullin 15 <sup>th</sup> September Anne & Stephen Hogg	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September-Group 1 Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – Group 2 after morning Mass	<b>25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b> Envelopes £223.00 Plate £1,344.97 <b>1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Envelopes £346.00 Plate £804.92

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (2019)**

10 <sup>th</sup> September	An <b>EVENING OF PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b> at Our Lady of Peace Church, Earley. See Noticeboard for details
25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>CARMELITE DAYS FOR EVERYONE</b> – Mary: 'Mystic Rose, Ark of the Covenant' – A day of reflection with talks, prayers and time for recollection. Oxford – See Noticeboard for more details
28/29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON Conference. See Noticeboard or</b> <a href="https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton">https://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton</a> for more details
5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Free Study Afternoon – Encouragement &amp; Criticism.</b> 2.30pm – 6.30pm at St Stephens Church, Upper Basildon, Reading. See Noticeboard for more details
13 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Mission Week</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Dedication of English Martyrs Church and new altar by Bishop Philip</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER FOR HOME MISSIONS**