

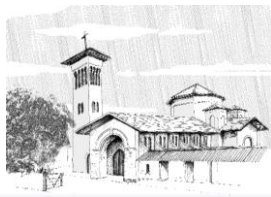


YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

15TH/16TH FEBRUARY 2020

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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PARISH CLERGY

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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/>

YOUTH EVENT

PANCAKE EVENING 2020

the launch of the Youth Lenten Campaign
7PM – 8.30PM

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

In the Parish Hall

All welcome to join us – See Posters for more details

Preparing for Lent

*“Mission is at once a passion for Jesus
and a passion for his people “*

Pope Francis



MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL

Missio's APF and the Mill Hill Missionaries

This Weekend we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – MISSIO – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online as <http://missio.org.uk/about-apf/>

For all missionaries around the world, as they proclaim the joy of the Gospel through the witness of their lives, that they will have patience when they meet frustrations and courage when they face challenges.

For all of us to be missionaries by our baptism, that through our prayers for missionaries and our example at home. We will help to share God's love with all people.

missio
Today. Tomorrow. Together.

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS

Sunday, 23rd February 2020,

at 3.00pm at St. John's Cathedral.

Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass Traditional/cultural dress is highly encouraged for the occasion
at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com

A Coach is being arranged from English Martyrs Church.

To book a seat and for more details please contact the Parish Office by 4pm on Friday 21st February

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THANK YOU

The Appeal last weekend raised a wonderful £310.19
Thank you for your generosity.

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40 Days For Life

www.40daysforlife.com/reading-2

Launch Event at St William of York Church, Reading
at 2pm on 16th February

SVP AFTERNOON TEA – CANCELLED IN FEBRUARY

Unfortunately, the SVP will **not** be holding their Monthly Afternoon Tea this month. This is due to the non-availability of the volunteers who normally organise this event.

Would you be able to give 2 hours of your time once per month to help us organise this Afternoon Tea?

If you can, or to find out more information, then please contact Stephen Hogg on 0118 9427646 or 07891 773379.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Steven 'Steve' McHale RIP who died on 5th February 2020. His funeral Service will take place at Reading Crematorium (West Chapel) at 10.30am on Friday 21st February at 10.30pm, followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery.

Faith Buchan RIP who died on 4th February 2020. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 28th February at 11.00am here at English Martyrs church, followed by cremation at West Berkshire Crematorium.

Agnes Katharina Banister RIP who died on 5th February 2020. Her funeral service will take place at Reading Crematorium at 2.15pm on Friday 21st February

May they Rest in Peace. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers at this difficult time.

WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY

from Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday **starting 21st March** at St James Church, Reading RG1 3FD. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year?

Please email the St James parish office on stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. See poster in colonnade for full list of dates.

"St John's Gospel – Going Deeper Into The Mystery"



A talk by Fr Nick King SJ of Campion Hall, Oxford.

MONDAY MARCH 16TH

7.30pm – 9.30pm

At English Martyrs Parish Hall

EMMAUS GROUPS

There are four 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 meeting is on

Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in Room 1

Contact Richard Kennedy for more information
T: 01189 416015 or E: rk1500@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEER CLEANER NEEDED FOR THE PARISH HALL

Do you have an hour a week to spare?

We need someone to sweep and wash the floor in the Parish Hall on Sunday evening or Monday daytime (preferably).

If you think you could help, then please contact the Parish Office for more information

YEAR OF THE WORD – THE GOD WHO SPEAKS READERS DAY

A Workshop especially for English Martyrs' Readers but open to other parishes in Portsmouth

Here at English Martyrs Parish Hall (in 2 sessions) on

2nd & 9th May

10.00am – 1.00pm

<https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>



Next Friday is the final Friday that we are providing food and sleeping accommodation for homeless people in Reading. You have wonderfully generous with all the support that you have given – **Thank you!!**

We ask for your prayers for the homeless.

Join us

All Night Vigil

Next Friday 21st February

Starts at 9.30pm and ends with Morning Mass on Saturday 8th at 6.30am

Come for an hour or stay all night.

Soup & Bread provided

Want to keep on helping Reading's homeless people?

Our parish has been wonderfully generous in supporting some of Reading's homeless community by hosting Bed for the Night this year. For many years English Martyrs parishioners have also been generous supporters of CIRDIC, the Reading Churches' Drop In Centre, which offers food, clothing, showers and a safe space three days a week, all year round, to rough sleepers.

In order to continue funding their work, CIRDIC Trustees are inviting people to get sponsorship to join the **"Big Sleep Out" on Saturday February 29th** – by sleeping all night outside Greyfriars Church in town.

One foolhardy parishioner has already signed up to join the Sleep Out and is hoping that some of you might kindly offer sponsorship after Mass this weekend. In case you feel tempted to get your sleeping bag out and join them, further information and sponsorship forms are also available after Mass, from the parish office or by contacting: enquiries@cirdic.org.uk or phone 07817 373773. You can also donate through the CIRDIC website: www.cirdic.org.uk.

**ENGLISH MARTYRS
YOUTH CHOIR**

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



SUPERBOOK BIBLE app



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.cbn.superbook.bible.app.android>

Aimed at young people app is also useful for adults.
This could make for a perfect family time if watched together as a family.
It is an easy and fun way to introduce young people to the Word of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Monday 24th February

Parents Only Meeting
7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Hall

Saturday 8th February

Session 7 – Liturgy of the Word (Readings and psalm)
Starts 9.15am (PROMPT) – 10.30am in the Church

ELEVATE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meets every fortnight. The next session is

Friday 28th February

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

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GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Pancake Evening & Launch of Youth Lenten Campaign

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Teen Bible Timeline Session
7pm – 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

YOUNG MUSICIANS NEEDED

5.00PM MASS ON SUNDAYS

If you play an instrument

We would love to hear from you.

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LEADERS WANTED

DO YOU LIKE YOUNG PEOPLE?

ARE YOU ABLE TO OFFER YOUR TIME?

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office for more information

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

9.30am Mass

FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Children's newsletters available
at the back of the church

SUN 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 - THE "BOSCO EXPERIENCE"

The Bosco experience is for boys of secondary school age and will be hosted from 2 - 4pm at St. Peter's Church, Winchester. The experience is a chance for both new boys, who want to have a 'taste' of the Bosco Experience, and for those who have been on camp before with us, to meet up with old friends. There will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about the Don Bosco Boys Camp. To discover more (see Dates for your diaries below) or to reserve a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Altar Servers Meeting
Saturday 29th February
at 2pm in the Church
In preparation for the Bishop's visit

FATIMA CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF), in England and Wales, have organised a new Fatima celebration at Westminster Cathedral. This will be held on **Saturday 22 February**

from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm.

See Poster on Noticeboard or visit

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Churches Together in Berkshire

The Psalms

In Study and Song

Saturday 21st March 2020

10.30am – 4pm

Grange United Reform Church

139 Southcote Lane, Reading, RG30 3AJ

See Noticeboard for more information

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Paula Wild & Gaynor Lloyd represent English Martyrs
At Churches Together in West Reading

**ST. JOSEPH'S TILEHURST
SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK.
Thursday 12th March 2pm.**

Followed by Tea & Biscuits.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY

Saturday 18th April

10am – 4pm at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Reading

'Breakthrough'

A practical, solution-focused course for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this course will arm you with the skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter it is meant to be. Differences of opinion or 'gridlock' in communication? - this workshop can be helpful.

**If you would like to know more then
please contact the Parish Office**

VOCATIONS

"it is loyalty to do His will"
Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood?

Contact Fr. John Cooke.

By phone 01329 318 869 or email

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk


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". Tel: 01183 225111

Portsmouth Diocese Website
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>
 You can sign up to receive the weekly ENews.



PARISH MASS & SERVICES TIMETABLE
SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 (YEAR A)

DAYS	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Vigil Mass – Saturday 15th February SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Terence Morse RIP
Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Eddie Maher RIP
	11.30 am	Christie O'Malley RIP
	5.00 pm	Christine Fisher RIP
Monday 17th February	9.30am	Brigid Murray RIP
Tuesday 18th February	9.30am	Ita Dowling & family Intention
Wednesday 19th February	9.30am	Fraser McKechnie Intention
Thursday 20th February	9.30am	Karen Gallagher RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Patience Gafrey & Victoria Ezeocha RIP
Friday 21st February	9.30am	Joe Lydon RIP
	10am to 9pm	Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30pm to Sat 6.30am	ALL NIGHT VIGIL
Saturday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, <i>feast</i>	6.30am	'Spreading of the Gospel'
	11.00am	Bridie O'Gorman RIP (1 st Anniversary)
	3pm - 4pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
Vigil Mass – Saturday 22nd February SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Baptista Roque Dias RIP
Sunday 23rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	John & Gertrude Burke RIP
	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Stanley Perera RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30–12.30pm, Sun. 8am–9am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am–9.25am Thurs 10.00am – 9.00pm, Fri 10.00am – 9pm then 9.30pm – 6.30am Sat. Vigil (in the Baptistry) Confessions: Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm		

COUNTERS 16th February: Anne & Stephen Hogg 23rd February: Anthea Carroll, Gwen Price & Anna Rosario	CHURCH CLEANING Friday: 21st February Team 3: Chris H,	WEEKLY COLLECTION: 9th February Envelopes: £193.38 Loose: £860.87
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<p align="center">St Paul's Catholic School's 50th Anniversary Open Afternoon 15th March 2020</p> <p>Obviously, there are so many past pupils and staff whose addresses we no longer have. Please take this as your official invitation to our Open Day. If you intend to come to visit us on that day please contact the office at office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk</p>	 <p>BAPTISM A WARM WELCOME to James Patrick Allenby McLean who receives The Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 16th February at 12.30pm</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Weds 4th March	Fairtrade Lecture by the CEO of Café Direct, John Steel. Free but booking is required at https://www.reading.ac.uk/news-and-events/about-eventlist.aspx
7th March	Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Day – 11.00am – 5pm. See Noticeboard for more details 
13th-15th March	Loving for Life Retreat at Douai Abbey – See Noticeboard for more details
Sun. 28th June	 Diocesan Day of Celebration of the Word of God - More information to follow
26th July to 1st August	'Don Bosco' Boys Camp at St Cassian's Kintbury. Run by Portsmouth Diocese. Cost £210 (part bursaries may be available). dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF LENT - IS WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2020