



ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

6th/7th June 2020

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.

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On Ascension Thursday, we heard the words, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are on a journey into God, a journey into the dynamic life of the Holy Trinity. It is a journey into love.

Since the beginning of lockdown, we have witnessed beautiful acts of love, in our Parish and beyond, in this country and around the world. This time of darkness and anxiety has brought out the best in many people who have sought to reach out and serve others. For many others this is a time of stress and anxiety, isolation and fear, and I am grateful to those in our Parish who have been reaching out in love.

The recent feasts of Ascension and Pentecost reminded us of our mission to go make disciples and in doing so we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity tells us of the trinity of persons that exist in God, and that each of us is invited into the very life of God. We were made for God and God desires to share His life with us. Our Christian vocation is to help as many people as possible to share the life of God.

A Catholic parish in the 21st-century is called to a New Evangelisation. With new ardour, new expression and new methods, we are to hand on the gift of faith in a manner that is appropriate for the 21st-century. If we are to do this successfully, we need to witness to the life of the Holy Trinity, as individuals and as a parish, which means living a life of self-sacrificing love.

I am using a variety of resources to work with me to be the parish priest that God is calling me to be. One of these resources is Divine Renovation. I encourage you to read the book of that title. One of its suggestions is that I work with a Leadership Team. I am grateful to Chris Burton, Ona Rowberry, Meghan Dimbylow and James Lewis, and to Tracey Gurr and Angela Wills who have served on it also. The purpose of the Leadership Team is to help me to make our Parish the best it can be.

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity I invite us all to live the life of the Trinity by "bearing with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all." Eph 4:1-6.

Fr Michael



All the latest information about the Parish is updated regularly on the website so do check in regularly if you can: www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk

We also have a livestream on You Tube.

If you are using a smartphone to access the livestream, just click on a link on the front page of the website and you will be taken straight in.

Online updates—opportunities to connect and grow spiritually

◆ Calendar

There is now a parish calendar available at <https://www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk/calendar> which will have all that is happening in the Parish across the variety of platforms (Zoom, Livestream, Teams etc). Do keep checking back as information will be updated daily.

Sunday 7th June	Mon 8th June	Tues 9th June	Wed 10th June	Thurs 11th June	Fri 12th June	Sat 13th June
10 am Mass	9am Adoration & morning prayer	9am Adoration & morning prayer	9am Adoration & morning prayer	9am Adoration & morning prayer	9am Adoration & morning prayer	9am Adoration & morning prayer
1pm Pentecost lunch on zoom	11am Spiritual connection:	11am Spiritual connection:	10am Emmaus group	10am Thursday Emmaus Group	11am Spiritual connection:	2.30—4 Craft and chat room on Zoom. Email cath_harrington@compuserve.com for invite.
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	A Biblical Walk Through Mass	“The Bible: an encounter with Scripture”	To find out more, including on how to join, details available on the parish calendar	11am Spiritual connection: Fr John examines the lives of the prophets (zoom)	The Stations of the Resurrection	
3pm Under fives liturgy on Zoom	3pm Divine Mercy	3pm Divine Mercy		3pm Divine Mercy	3pm Divine Mercy	3pm Divine Mercy
Join Zoom Meeting	Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	Join us on Zoom just click on the link .		Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	Join us on Zoom	Join us on Zoom just click on the link .
Bring your Teddy Bear and share your week with us.	4.30pm Youth Choir. Contact Sr Vivian for details	7pm Journey in Faith	11am Spiritual connection: Praying the Holy Rosary together; The Glorious Mysteries	5.30 A prayerful journey through Acts(Acts 8v4-8)	5.30 A prayerful journey through Acts(Acts 8v4-8)	4.15-5.15 Youth hangout 12-15yrs
5pm Adoration and Benediction	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm Mass	3pm Divine Mercy	7pm Mass	Open to all; on Zoom , just click here .	Contact via Sr Vivian
7pm Mass	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer	Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	9pm Night prayer	7pm Mass	7pm Mass
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Fr Michael's 30th Ordination Anniversary—9th June 2020

Fr Michael has recorded a reflection on this milestone including clips of his ordination which you can watch [here](#). The main celebration of the day will be the evening Mass at 7pm which will be organised by Fr Michael's family.

Should anybody wish to make a gift to Fr Michael on this occasion he would like it to be something that would support the training of future priests so please donate to the [Good Shepherd vocations fund](#) and support the Portsmouth seminarians.

Do join the livestreamed Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 9th June to celebrate with Fr Michael, his family and the rest of the parish—and invite somebody else along as well.

Leaving lockdown

Can English Martyrs open its doors soon?

Many of our parishioners would love to help make this happen but are not able to because they fall into a vulnerable category.

These same parishioners are likely to be the first through the doors, desperate to be in the presence of the Lord and/or to receive the Eucharist.

But they are reliant on others to make it happen.

Could you help open our church ?

The government has indicated it will give consent for churches to open for private prayer from some time in June and maybe for Mass later in July.

But this will only be permitted if it is safe to do so. And that means a lot of people serving others as volunteers.

Are you under 65 years old?

Are you fit and well, with no underlying health conditions?

Maybe you could help as a family, so older children could also contribute?

Might you be available for at least an hour and a half during the daytime or the evening on any day of the week?

If the answer is 'Yes' - Welcome to the team!

During lockdown, people have shown amazing generosity and kindness in helping others.

This is a chance to continue that support and enable our church to open.

Please help if you can. Email: emartyrsreading@gmail.com for more information, registration and access to training (as required by Government).

How can we reach members of the parish to let them know what is happening?

When the plans are ready, it is really important to be able to contact people by e-mail. **Please make sure that you register electronically on the parish database to be included for information emails at: <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/cwreading/onlinee16cb5>**

If you are not sure if you are registered, register again.



Dial-a-Mass

Struggling to get Mass on the internet?

You can now ring **0800 4702477** to listen to a recording of the last Sunday Mass from English Martyrs parish.

It won't cost you anything, just dial the number and you will hear the Mass start.

Do you know somebody who would like to hear Mass on the phone?

Spread the word!



Pentecost in Lock down at English Martyrs 2020



Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit

Last Thursday (28th May), the altar servers got to lead the Pentecost novena. When Fr Michael asked me to arrange this, I was initially quite nervous, as I thought there would be no way that any server would agree to waking up that early! However, I managed to get a group of 7 servers together to do the readings.

It was great to see the other servers, as well as many other members of the parish over Zoom. It was really nice to get an opportunity to pray for our parish, especially at such a difficult time. I was particularly encouraged by the people from different countries who had joined in the call to pray together with us.

I was really impressed by how well all the servers read and we also managed to make it through without any technical difficulties. A big thank you to all the servers who took part and helped to make it so special.

Emily

Pentecost International Lunch



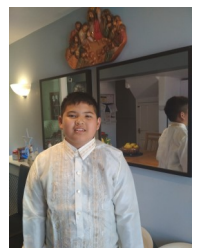
Not being able to gather wasn't going to stop English Martyrs parish celebrating the birthday of the Church. Everybody was invited to a zoom party and encouraged to dress in their national dress.

Thank you to everybody who organised it, took part with such enthusiasm and especially to those who provided entertainment. There was a real sense of community and the Holy Spirit was truly



"I feel it's a little bit complicated because i hear a lot of voices talking and it's hard to recognize who's talking. But with the work of the Holy Spirit everyone who attended the virtual lunch just had fun listening to each others lovely voices singing in different languages."- Mia

"I am loving the virtual church.. and I love the singing , though I don't understand the language. I am not keen to dress up, but my mum asked me to." - Raff



Announcing: The Catholic Marriage Summit!

Never before have so many amazing Catholic couples come together to be inspired and learn from some of the most well-known and loved experts in the world! Register for FREE!

[Begins June 11th @ 3pm ET](#) Click on the link for details.

Would you like to go to confession?

You can make an appointment for the Sacrament of Confession (socially distanced) by contacting Fr. Michael by phone or email. Details on the last page.

How you can make a financial contribution to English Martyrs Parish?

Standing order*: the advantage of a standing order is that you can stop it, restart it, increase it or decrease it any time to suit you. You can download the form from our website which we can send to your bank or you can set this up yourself.

Direct debit: this scheme is administered by the Diocese in Portsmouth. You can download the form from EM website.

Envelopes: these are for each week of the year and you can contribute each week what is right for you. We would ask at this time that you do not include coins. Notes or cheques are fine.

Cheques: you can post or drop of a cheque through the letterbox at the Presbytery. Please make cheques payable to 'PRCDTR Reading English Martyrs Church'. Cheques are being banked every couple of weeks.

Cash: you can drop off cash in an envelope through the letterbox at the Presbytery or post it to us. We would ask that you do not include coins at this time.

Donate button: you can click on the donate button on our website, this does include an option to gift aid your contribution. Includes a transaction fee of 4.8%.

***standing orders are our preferred method of receiving contributions.**

Gift aid

We would ask that you complete a gift aid declaration for any of the above options if you are a UK tax payer as this enables us to claim an additional 25% from the government on top of what you have donated. You can download a gift aid declaration form from the parish website. This can be signed and dated and scanned back to englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or posted or dropped through the letterbox at the presbytery.

Bank account details

Bank account name: PRCDTR Reading English Martyrs

Account number: 00885666 Sort code: 30-93-04

Parish address

Parish Office, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading. RG30 2EB

How much to contribute

This is up to each individual and should be what you can afford. Our current average planned giving contribution is £30 and range from £2 to over £100 a month. Some parishioners do increase their planned contributions each year and if we ask that you consider this if you are able to.

Copies of forms

If you would like any of the printed forms printed off and posted or dropped off to you, please email englishmartyrs@wycomeabbey.com and we can organise this. Thank you for your support.



Fr. Michael.

**Mass Intentions:
Tenth week of Ordinary Time**

<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>		
Saturday 6th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	7pm	Kathleen Soares RIP
Sunday 7th June	10am	Krystyna Pietrzyk RIP
	7pm	People of the parish
Monday 8 th June	7pm	Jim Long RIP (moved from 16th April)
Tuesday 9 th June	7pm	Aidan Farrelly RIP (moved from 19th April)
Wednesday 10 th June	7pm	Eleanor Cox's Intentions (moved from 19th April)
Thursday 11 th June	7pm	Johnny Patton RIP (moved from 23rd April)
Friday 12 th June	7pm	John Knox RIP (moved from 25th April)
Saturday 13 th June	10am	Rob Schofield RIP
<i>Corpus Christi</i>		
Saturday 13th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	7pm	Kathleen Connolly RIP
Sunday 14th June	10am	Eddie Maher RIP
	7pm	Nandra Perera RIP

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB
Registered Charity No. 246871

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Dennehy
✉ mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Assisting Priest: Fr Richard Maniak

Parish Office: closed until further notice but
phone and e-mail still monitored.
☎ 0118 957 2149

✉ englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding

Officer: Charlie McArthur
Contact through parish office number.

Schools: **English Martyrs Catholic Primary School,**
Dee Road, Reading RG30 4BE
Head: Mrs Doberska ☎ 0118 937 5466

Bl. Hugh Faringdon School,
Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP
Head: Dr Simon Uttley ☎ 0118 957 4730



SAVE THE DATE:

9th June: 30th anniversary of Fr Michael's ordination

11th June: Corpus Christi

Fantastic news. Next weekend the First Communion children are going to help us to make Corpus Christi an even more special day. They will share pictures of themselves with craft that they have made on the theme of Eucharist. What a treat for the parish.

