



ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

13th/14th 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.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) honours Jesus substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament. The truth of the Real Presence was confirmed in 1215 by the Fourth Lateran Council. Later, in 1551, the Council of Trent definitively reaffirmed the doctrine in the passage quoted verbatim by the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

“Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine that takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly been called transubstantiation.” (cf. CCC1376).

Since the closure of all churches on 23 March many Catholics have felt the pain of not being able to receive the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, churches have been granted permission to open for private prayer from 15 June. Here at English Martyrs the church will open for 2 hours from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday, 20 June. We are being deliberately cautious in proceeding with a gradual reopening in compliance with all the government guidelines relating to sanitisation and having a team of volunteers. Please consider offering yourself if you are not in the vulnerable category.

This is an important step on the way to being able to celebrate public Mass and the other sacraments in due course. The enforced Eucharistic fast can have the positive effect of deepening our desire for communion with Jesus. It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. This can be a time when we deepen our desire for Jesus and our desire to receive him once again sacramentally. The current pandemic has led to a renewed interest in the practice of Spiritual Communion. On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I invite you to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion this Sunday with great faith and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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

◆ **Parish Calendar** [also available at <https://www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk/calendar>]

Sunday 14th June	Mon 15th June	Tues 16th June	Wed 17th June	Thurs 18th June	Fri 19th June	Sat 20th 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
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	11am Spiritual connection: A Biblical Walk Through Mass	11am Spiritual connection: “The Bible: an encounter with Scripture”	10am Emmaus group Details available on the parish calendar	10am Thursday Emmaus Group	11am Spiritual connection: The Stations of the Resurrection	2.30—4 Craft and chat room on Zoom. Email cath_harrington@compuserve.com for invite.
3pm Under fives liturgy on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	11am Spiritual connection: Praying the Holy Rosary together; The Glorious Mysteries	11am Spiritual connection: Fr John examines the lives of the prophets (zoom)	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom	3pm Divine Mercy 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	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	5.30 A prayerful journey through Acts(Acts 8v4-8) Open to all; on Zoom , just click here .	4.15-5.15 Youth hangout 12-15yrs Contact via Sr Vivian
5pm Adoration and Benediction	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass
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9pm Night prayer (last time on livestream)	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)		9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)			

Changes in calendar events after this weekend:

- ◆ **Night prayer**—will move to zoom as of Monday 15th June. Links above will take you to zoom.
- ◆ **5pm Adoration and Benediction** Sunday 14th June is the last one.

Parents of those awaiting baptism – whilst we are unable to offer baptism at present, we would still very much like to welcome you to our Under 5s Liturgy which is held each Sunday at 3pm via Zoom and is co-ordinated by the Parish Baptism Preparation Team.



Contact Catherine Harrington at cath_harrington@compuserve.com or 07932653774 for an invite

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 [0118 9582149] or email [mddenhy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk].

RE Teacher vacancy at Bl. Hugh Faringdon Catholic School

We seek to appoint a Teacher of Religious Education with passion for their subject to work alongside a forward thinking and supportive team.

For further details and an application form contact Karyn Stiles, HR Officer on 0118 918 3806 or k.stiles@hughfaringdon.org

Or an application form can be downloaded from the school website www.hughfaringdon.org/us/vacancies

Closing Date – 12pm, Wednesday 17 June 2020



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!



Leaving lockdown

Could you help open our church ?

The government has indicated it will give consent for churches to open for private prayer 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 day-time 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.

Re-opening English Martyrs Church for private prayer

English Martyrs church will be open for private prayer only on Saturday 20th June from 11am to 1pm.

- ♦ We have to stay within strict guidelines so a team of stewards will greet you and give you instructions when you arrive.
- ♦ If you are in a vulnerable category, please keep yourself safe by staying home for a little while longer.
- ♦ To allow for social distancing, there is limited capacity in the church. You may have to wait to get in or there may even not be a space for you.
- ♦ The church will close at 1pm sharp.

Please be patient with the stewards who will be organising this for the first time.

Our church can only stay open if we all take personal responsibility
and follow the guidelines.

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 ranges from £2 to over £100 a month. Some parishioners do increase their planned contributions each year and 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

Money Sunday

Next Sunday ,21st June, we will get an update on the finances of the parish. This provides the perfect opportunity for each of us to review our own financial giving and to consider whether we need to make an adjustment.



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

<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
Monday 15 th June	7pm	Francisco Vito de Araujo RIP
Tuesday 16 th June	7pm	Terence Morse RIP
Wednesday 17 th June	7pm	Intentions of Pierce McMahon <small>(moved from 30th April)</small>
Thursday 18 th June	7pm	Fr George Curton RIP
Friday 19 th June	7pm	Aidan Farrelly RIP <small>(moved from 26th April)</small>
Saturday 20 th June	10am	Stephen Leonard RIP <small>(moved from 26th April)</small>
<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday 20th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	7pm	Baptista Roque Dias RIP
Sunday 21st June	10am	Kevin Conroy
	7pm	People of the parish

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

DATE FOR THE DIARY:

Friday 19th June—Solemnity of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday 28th June—Solemnity
of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

