



## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

### Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

20-21 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.

This Sunday I invite all parishioners of English Martyrs Parish to consider giving in two ways. Firstly, I invite you to consider your financial support for our Parish at this time of lockdown due to the coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic. And secondly, I invite you to consider giving your time as a volunteer, if you are not in the vulnerable category, to assist when our church is open for private prayer and shortly, we hope, for Sunday Mass so that we will be in compliance with government guidelines.

We are reminded in the Gospel this Sunday of the inestimable value that God places in each one of us. "Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows." God knows us by name and loves each of us uniquely and personally. He has generously bestowed gifts and blessings upon us. Our response to Him must therefore be one of gratitude and generosity.

When lockdown began and public celebrations of Mass were suspended, our parish finances were adversely affected. However, I am pleased to announce that, through the generosity of parishioners, our financial position has greatly improved. We need to sustain this progress as there is much we need to achieve. An immediate priority is the fixing of the Parish Hall roof and its refurbishment. Welcome and hospitality are essential to our vision of inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have an ever-deepening relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. I invite you to consider your current financial giving to the parish and to increase it if possible. Your giving must, of course, be at a level appropriate to you. Thank you for your generosity.

The gradual reopening of churches comes with strict guidelines around social distancing and sanitising. If you are not in the vulnerable category, please consider giving your time to assist others in coming to our church for private prayer and Sunday Mass in due course. Volunteering in this way is a genuine act of charity to others in assisting them and keeping them safe. We are in urgent need of more volunteers. Please consider giving some time to this important task. Thank you.

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](http://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.**

## Opening English Martyrs Church for private prayer

English Martyrs church will be open for **private prayer only** on Wednesday 24th June 5—6.30pm and Saturday 27th 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.

Please be patient with the stewards who have all volunteered to help English Martyrs to open for prayer.

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

## 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 remain open. Please help if you can. Email: **[emartyrsreading@gmail.com](mailto: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.***

## Online updates—opportunities to connect and grow spiritually

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

Sunday 21st June	Mon 22nd June	Tues 23rd June	Wed 24th June	Thurs 25th June	Fri 26th June	Sat 27th June
10 am <a href="#">Mass</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>	9am <a href="#">Adoration &amp; morning prayer</a>
3pm <a href="#">Divine Mercy Chaplet</a>	11am Spiritual connection: <a href="#">A Biblical Walk Through Mass</a>	11am Spiritual connection: <a href="#">“The Bible: an encounter with Scripture”</a>	10am Emmaus group Details available on the parish calendar	10am Thursday <a href="#">Emmaus Group</a>	11am Spiritual connection: <a href="#">The Stations of the Resurrection</a>	2.30—4 Craft and chat room on Zoom. Email <a href="mailto:cath_harrington@compuserve.com">cath_harrington@compuserve.com</a> for invite.
3pm Under fives liturgy on Zoom Join <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a>	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	11am Spiritual connection: <a href="#">Praying the Holy Rosary together; The Glorious Mysteries</a>	11am Spiritual connection: <a href="#">Fr John examines the lives of the prophets</a> (zoom)	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a>	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .
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 <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	5.30 A prayerful journey through Acts( Acts 8v4-8) Open to all; on <a href="#">Zoom</a> , just <a href="#">click here</a> .	4.15-5.15 Youth hangout 12-15yrs Contact via Sr Vivian
7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>
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### Going into Hospital

If you or a loved one is taken into hospital, you or your family are the only people who can let the Catholic Chaplaincy know that you would like the priest to be called in an emergency. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask **you**. Ring the hospital on **0118 322 7105** to let them know that your loved one needs a visit from a priest. Priests are still willing and able to go into hospital to minister to patients.



### CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

To respond most effectively to the global coronavirus emergency, CAFOD is changing its entire global programme of work and is repurposing its existing grants to its church partners. CAFOD is asking us to support as generously as we can its Coronavirus Emergency Appeal. We can donate to this as individuals on line at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal). There is also see a video at <https://vimeo.com/412667945>

### 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 [[mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)].



### Supporting Churches in Reading Drop in Centre (CIRDIC) with fruit and vegetables

CIRDIC is very short of fresh fruit and vegetables. Could you help with a donation? These can be delivered directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT ) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Alternatively leave them at 46 Liebenrood Road and they will be collected from there. Please avoid apples. Thank you for your help.

## Giving Sunday



This weekend, Fr Michael will update us 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. Perhaps what you have to offer the parish is your time? Full financial report available on the website.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:englishmartyrs@wycomeabbey.com) and we can organise this.

Thank you for your support.

Fr. Michael

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

<b><i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>		
<b>Saturday 20th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Baptista Roque Dias RIP
<b>Sunday 21st June</b>	<b>10am</b>	Kevin Conroy
	<b>7pm</b>	People of the parish
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Saints John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Anna & Vincenzo Severino RIP (moved from 3rd May)
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Stanisław Jasinski RIP (moved from 10th May)
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Birthday of John the Baptist</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Deceased members of the Commins & Barrett families (moved from 17th May)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Stephen Leonard RIP (moved from 1st April)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Aidan Farrelly RIP (moved from 24th May)
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10am</b>	Ann Cahill RIP
<b><i>Saints Peter and Paul</i></b>		
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Louie Fearn's RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10am</b>	Buhay Family, Thanksgiving
	<b>7pm</b>	Cynthia Arrindell 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



**Dial-a-Mass**

You can now ring free on  
**0800 4702477** to listen to a re-  
cording of the last Sunday Mass from  
English Martyrs parish.  
Do you know somebody who would  
like to hear Mass on the phone?  
***Spread the word!***

**Foundation Governor Vacancy**

St Paul's Catholic Primary School are  
actively looking for Two Foundation  
Governors. Details on EM website,  
closing date **Friday 10th July 2020.**