



ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

27-28 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.

It is with great joy that I inform you of the reopening of English Martyrs Church for public Mass from July 4th. Lockdown has been challenging for all of us and I know that many of you have greatly missed attending Mass, receiving Communion and going to Confession. It is encouraging that government guidelines now permit, with some restrictions, a return to the Sacraments.

Everyone will need to adhere to the following guidance:

- 1 Government guidance is that at least one meter distance should be maintained between people. This is quite difficult to achieve in our church so we will begin with a two meter distance.
- 2 The capacity of the church for the time being will be 56 at most.
- 3 Stewards will be at the door to manage the flow of people in and out.
- 4 Hand sanitiser will be provided as people enter the church and as they leave.
- 5 The church will be cleaned after every Mass.
- 6 People, not children, are encouraged to wear face coverings during Mass.
- 7 Avoid all physical contact.
- 8 There will be no congregational singing for the time being.
- 9 There will be no offertory procession or offertory collection.
- 10 Communion will be distributed as people leave the church.

This is not intended to seem restrictive, but it is intended to keep everyone safe. If coronavirus infections continue to decline, restrictions will gradually be lifted. It is a moment to rejoice as we begin to resume the sacramental life of the Church, so let us just put up with the restrictions for as long as they are deemed necessary.

Thank you all for your patience, your faith, your perseverance and your love. Thank you also to everyone who has helped our parish to be so innovative during the period of lockdown, and to everyone who has contributed generously to others in all kinds of ways.

Fr Michael



All the latest information about the Parish is updated regularly on the website so do check in regularly if you can: www.englishmartyrsg.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 for Public Mass again

Fantastic news. English Martyrs will be open for public Sunday Masses next weekend. There will be 3 public Masses available: a vigil Mass on Saturday at the new time of 6pm, Sunday 10am and the new time of 5pm.

To allow for social distancing, there is a limit to the number of people who can come to the church so you will need to book your seat using Eventbrite. From 9am on Tuesday 30th June, you can book your seat at:

<http://englishmartyrs-july-5th.eventbrite.co.uk/>

When you click on the link you will see the picture on the right and can read more detailed information about the exact arrangements for the Masses. When you click on the green register button you will see all the Mass options and need to choose the Mass you would like to come to by clicking on 'select a date'.

You can then say how many people you are registering for. You must register for every person who is coming to Mass.

You can register for up to five people at a time but multiple bookings must all be from the same household.

Once you hit register again to confirm your details

you will be asked to provide an

email address, names of all those you would like to register and a contact telephone number. You will then receive an email with more information.

If you are not able to access EventBrite for any reason, ring 0118 957 2149 and leave the following information:

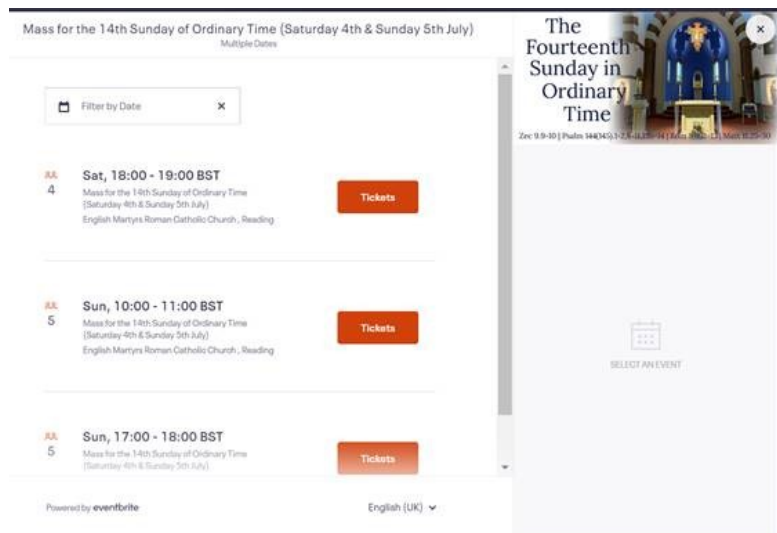
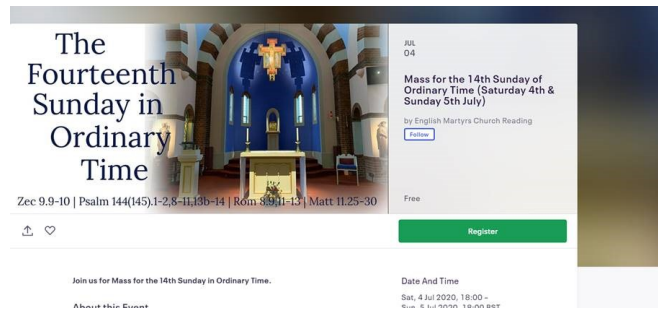
- ◆ name
- ◆ contact number
- ◆ time of the Mass that you would like to come to
- ◆ how many people that you would like to register

Someone will call you back to book the Mass for you.

Although you are booking a ticket, Mass is of course free.

Masses can also always be found at www.englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk

Masses will continue to be livestreamed for those who are unable to come to the church building.



Opening English Martyrs Church for private prayer

Thank you to the team of stewards who have allowed people to pray privately in English Martyrs church so far. This week, EM will be open for private prayer on:

- ♦ **Wednesday 1st July, 5—6.00pm**
- ♦ **Friday 3rd July, 11– 12 am**
- ♦ **Saturday 4th July, 12noon—1pm**

Could you help open our church for Mass or private prayer?

- ♦ *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 remain open.

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

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

Standing order; Direct debit; Gift aid envelopes; Cheque in the post or through the door; cash—paper only—in an envelope to put through door of the priest's house.

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

Copies of forms

If you would like any of the printed forms printed off and posted or dropped off to you, please email englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and we can organise this.

Thank you for your support.

Fr. Michael

Online updates—opportunities to connect and grow spiritually

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

Sunday 28th June	Mon 29th June	Tues 30th June	Wed 1st July	Thurs 2nd July	Fri 3rd July	Sat 4th July
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 connections Fr John delves into scripture (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
7pm Mass	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass for Y6 leavers in local Catholic schools	7pm Mass	6pm Mass
9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass led by EM school	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)

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. There is also see a video at <https://vimeo.com/412667945>

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of 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].



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.

Mass Intentions:

Thirteenth week in Ordinary Time

<i>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul</i>		
Saturday 27th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	7pm	Louie Fearn's RIP
Sunday 28th June	10am	Buhay Family, Thanksgiving
	7pm	Cynthia Arrindell RIP
Monday 29 th June	7pm	Mario & Clare Miczczuck RIP (moved from 31st May)
Tuesday 30 th June	7pm	Senani Perera's intentions (moved from 21st June)
Wednesday 1st July	7pm	Romeo Suzara RIP (moved from 27th June)
Thursday 2 nd July	7pm	Intentions of the Fearn's Family
Friday 3 rd July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	7pm	Bolestawa Pyda RIP (moved from 21st June)
Saturday 4 th July	10am	Natalie Seymour
<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday 4th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	<u>6pm</u>	Ethelrida Davis RIP
Sunday 5th July	10am	People of the Parish
	<u>5pm</u>	Joe Hickey 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 2BE
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
recording 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.**