



ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11-12 July 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 theme of the readings at Mass this Sunday is the Word of God. This year is a year of the Word and it is called The God Who Speaks. This focus on the Word of God may have been lost in recent weeks of anxiety over coronavirus Covid-19 but this Sunday gives us an opportunity to focus again on that wonderful theme of God's Word. The reading from Isaiah tells us that the Word of God achieves all of that which it was sent to achieve. For that to happen we need to be fertile soil for the seed of God's Word to grow and yield a rich harvest as the Gospel reminds us.

It is wonderful to see people returning to church and the sacraments but just to remind everyone that, in order to keep everyone safe and well, we must adhere to the following guidance:

1. Government guidance is that at least one metre distance should be maintained between people. This is quite difficult to achieve in our church so we will begin with a two metre distance.
2. The capacity of the church for now will be a maximum of 56.
3. Stewards will be at the doors 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 and sanitised after every Mass.
6. Adults, not children, are encouraged to wear face coverings during Mass. Please remove them before receiving Communion.
7. Avoid all physical contact.
8. There will be no singing.
9. There will be no offertory procession or offertory collection.
10. Communion will be distributed as people leave the church following the final blessing and dismissal.

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 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

Public weekday Masses that you can book this week are:

- ◆ Tuesday 14th July at 7pm <https://englishmartyrs-july-14th.eventbrite.co.uk>
- ◆ Friday 17th July at 7pm <https://englishmartyrs-july-17th.eventbrite.co.uk>

We ask that you only book into one of these Masses to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass.

Sunday Masses are:

- ◆ Saturday 18th July, evening vigil Mass at 6pm
- ◆ Sunday 19th July, at 8am (not streamed)
- ◆ Sunday 19th July, at 11.30am
- ◆ Sunday 19th July at 5pm

Whichever Sunday Mass you want to book (this includes Saturday evening at 6pm) , go to <https://englishmartyrs-july-19th.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Sunday Mass booking will go live from mid-day on Monday 13th July. If you book for the weekend of 18-19 July, please consider not booking a Mass the following Sunday. Check the site on Thursday to see if there are any seats left. If you are not able to access EventBrite for any reason, ring 0118 957 2149 **between 2-4pm on Monday 13th July** and somebody will book for you. You will need to be able to give them 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

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

All 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 (except the 8am Sunday Mass).

Church will not be open for private prayer outside of Masses this week.

Could you help keep English Martyrs open more often for public Mass?

Each public Mass is organised superbly by a small, dedicated team of stewards who welcome and reassure people as they arrive. They are available throughout Mass to answer any questions and to guide people through new routines. The team is small at the moment. With a larger team, more Masses could be open to people.

Would you like to offer your services as a steward?

- ◆ *Are you under 65 years old?*
- ◆ *Are you fit and well, with no underlying health conditions?*



This is a fantastic chance to continue the generosity that blossomed during lockdown and to enable our church to have more public Masses. Ideally, the aim would be on duty once a fortnight. If you think this might be for you, contact:

emartyrsreading@gmail.com for more information.

Online updates—opportunities to connect and grow spiritually

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

Sunday 5th July	Mon 6th July	Tues 7th July	Wed 8th July	Thurs 9th July	Fri 10th July	Sat 11th 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.	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on Zoom just click on the link .	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	4.15-5.15 Youth hangout 12-15yrs Contact via Sr Vivian
5pm Mass	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 .	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	4.30 Elevate on zoom
9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm Mass	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	4pm pray the rosary. To join click on the link .	7pm Mass	6pm Mass
	7pm Mass	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	7pm Mass	7pm Mass for Y6 leavers in local Catholic schools	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)	9pm Night prayer (now on zoom)
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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. Your loved one may like to receive communion when possible or even need 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.

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?



A priest is available for socially distanced confessions at 5pm on Saturdays or 4pm on Sundays. This takes place in the garden just by the door into the corridor outside the priest's house.



Dial-a-Mass

You can now ring free on **0800 4702477** to listen to a recording of the most recent Sunday Mass from English Martyrs parish (recorded Saturday evening and loaded ready for Sunday morning Mass)
Do you know somebody who would like to hear Mass on the phone?

Spread the word!



Mass Intentions: Fifteenth week in Ordinary Time

<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday 11th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Marina Dizon RIP (moved from 4th July)
Sunday 12th July	8am	Mgr. Brian Chestle RIP
	11.30am	Julia Smith RIP
	5pm	People of the parish
Monday 13th July Memorial: St Henry	7pm	Terence Morse RIP
Tuesday 14th July (public Mass—book online) Memorial: St Camillus of Lellis	7pm	Fr. Gerard O'Brien RIP
Wednesday 15th July Memorial: St Swithun	7pm	Elizabeth Campbell RIP
Thursday 16th July Memorial: Our Lady of Mount Carmel	7pm	Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters (formerly of Reading)
Friday 17th July (public Mass—book online) Memorial: St Bonaventure	7pm	Anne Morris RIP
Saturday 18th July	10am	Fr. Jim Kirby RIP
<i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (all Masses available to book online)</i>		
Saturday 18th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	<u>6pm</u>	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 19th July	<u>8am</u>	Fr. Thomas Creagh-Fuller RIP
	<u>11.30am</u>	Thanksgiving for the Intentions received by the Farrelly family (moved from 7th June)
	<u>5pm</u>	People of the Parish



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