



## ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18-19 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.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realised until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward. The second and third parables call our attention to the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.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 for Public Mass again

**Public weekday Masses** that you can book this week are:

- ◆ Tuesday 21st July at 7pm, <https://englishmartyrs-july-21st.eventbrite.co.uk>
- ◆ Friday 24th July at 7pm, <https://englishmartyrs-july-24th.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

**Next Sunday Masses** are:

- ◆ Saturday 25th July, evening vigil Mass at 6pm
- ◆ Sunday 26th July, at 8am (not streamed)
- ◆ Sunday 26th July, at 11.30am
- ◆ Sunday 26th July at 5pm

Whichever Sunday Mass you want to book (this includes Saturday evening at 6pm), go to the [parish website](#) and book there.

The Sunday Mass booking will go live from mid-day on Monday 20th July. ***If you book a Mass and are not able to come, please ring the office and leave a message. There are several empty seats at Masses at the moment which could be filled by others keen to come to Mass but were told it was full.***

If you are not able to access EventBrite for any reason, ring 0118 957 2149 ***between 2-4pm on Monday 20th 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.

Masses will continue to be livestreamed for those who are unable to come to the church building (except the 8am Sunday Mass).

## Could you help 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.

Thank you to those who have come forward already to help grow the team. With a larger team, more weekday Masses could be open to people.

Would you like to offer your services as a steward?

- ◆ ***Are you under 70 years old? ( a change of age)***
- ◆ ***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 during the week. Ideally, the aim would be to be on duty once a fortnight. If you think this might be for you, contact:

**[emartyrsreading@gmail.com](mailto:emartyrsreading@gmail.com)** for more information.

# Online updates—opportunities to connect and grow spiritually

Sunday 19th July	Mon 20th July	Tues 21st July	Wed 22nd July	Thurs 23rd July	Fri 24th July	Sat 25th July
8am Mass—not streamed	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>
11.30 am <a href="#">Mass</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 <a href="#">Divine Mercy Chaplet</a> (zoom)	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> .	3pm Divine Mercy Join us on <a href="#">Zoom</a> just <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	11am Spiritual connections <a href="#">Fr John delves into scripture</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> .
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Bring your Teddy Bear and share your week with us.	4.30pm Youth Choir. Contact Sr Vivian for details	7pm Journey in Faith	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	4pm pray the rosary. To join <a href="#">click on the link</a> .	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	6pm <a href="#">Mass</a>
5pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	7pm Monday Emmaus Group	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	9pm <a href="#">Night prayer</a> (now on zoom)	7pm <a href="#">Mass</a>	9pm <a href="#">Night prayer</a> (now on zoom)	9pm <a href="#">Night prayer</a> (now on zoom)
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**Livestreaming of adoration and Morning prayer will finish on Saturday 25th July.**

## Helping you and the parish to stay in touch

To be GDPR compliant, you must have registered with the parish since **March 2019**. Most registration happened before this. If you are not sure when you registered, please go to the home page of the website and register again electronically. You will see the turquoise box, just click and follow the instructions. Then we will know how you would like us to contact you about the exciting new things happening in the parish. Don't miss out!

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

## 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. 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. priest's house. Stewards are on hand to give directions if needed.



**Save the date!**  
**16th August**



The Solemnity of the Assumption will fall on a Sunday this year. We are hoping to have a special parish celebration—details next week but keep the date!

## Mass Intentions: Sixteenth week in Ordinary Time

<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Saturday 18th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
<b>Sunday 19th July</b>	<b>8am</b>	Fr. Thomas Creagh-Fuller RIP
	<b>11.30am</b>	Thanksgiving for the Intentions received by the Farrelly family (moved from 7th June)
	<b>5pm</b>	People of the parish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm	Mary Hendry RIP
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (public Mass—book online)	7pm	Mary Hendry RIP
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July Feast: St Mary Magdalen	7pm	Colin Duckers RIP
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July Feast: St Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe	7pm	Tom & John O'Malley RIP
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July (public Mass—book online)	7pm	Michael Heneghan RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July Feast: St James, Apostle	10am	Jane Rankin 90th Birthday
<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (all Masses available to book online)</b>		
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b><u>6pm</u></b>	Deceased Members of the McCormack & Martland Families RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><u>8am</u></b>	People of the Parish
	<b><u>11.30am</u></b>	Fr. Henry Reynolds RIP
	<b><u>5pm</u></b>	Kathleen Connolly RIP



### ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

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**Assisting Priest:** Fr Richard Maniak

**Parish Office:** closed until further notice but phone and  
e-mail still monitored.  
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englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School,**  
Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP  
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**Parish Safeguarding Officer:**  
Charlie McArthur  
Contact through parish office number.