



Our Vision of the parish we would like to become ..

... 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.

Harvest reminds us to be grateful for God's many blessings. He is the Creator who has lavished his love upon us. I am also grateful to you, the people of the Parish, for your wonderful support of the Parish in these challenging times. Stewarding and live streaming have become crucially important in recent months as well as reaching out in love to others. I am grateful to those who have given so generously of their time to these activities.

Sincere thanks also to everyone who has been financially supporting the Parish at a time when collections are not been taken up at Mass. Your ongoing generosity has ensured that we have remained in a stable financial position. Recently we received approval from the Diocese to undertake work on the flat roof adjacent to the church. The work is needed to mend the leaks and make the Hall, Sacristy, and meeting rooms watertight. The work will cost £60,000 and I thank those who have already made a contribution to the cost. We have submitted six grant applications and we are awaiting a response from these.

I realise that many people's incomes have been adversely affected in the current crisis. However, this is an ideal time to do much needed work to our Parish facilities precisely because they are not currently in use. If we can raise this money without using the money in the Parish Account, we would be in a strong position looking to the future. This seems very achievable if we consider that 300 households contributing £200 each would raise the money required.

More information on how to contribute financially to the Parish can be found on the English Martyrs Parish website englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk and by clicking on planned giving. The best way to support the Parish is by setting up a Standing Order or Direct Debit. You can also contribute online by availing of the Donate Button on the website. As disciples of the Lord it is good for us periodically to review our giving to the Parish. Everyone needs to contribute at a level that is appropriate for them.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and for your faith. 360 people are now attending Sunday Mass each week which is wonderful to see. In the coming weeks children will receive First Holy Communion and I thank them and their parents for what has been a prolonged period of preparation. My thanks also to the catechists who have helped the children and their families to prepare to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us continue to be united in prayer.

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.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVh4RKNcsEo>

ALPHA & PARISH EVANGELISATION

Alpha is most fruitful in bringing people to a closer, personal relationship with Jesus and each other when it is supported by prayer. Please pray for all those taking part.



In addition to your own individual prayers there are opportunities to pray together as a parish for the intentions of Alpha and parish evangelisation:

- ◆ livestreamed Holy Rosary on Wednesdays at 6.30pm;
- ◆ Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays 9-10am

Everybody welcome to join in when you can.

CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

survive rebuild heal

Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10

Tests cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOCINFO to 70085

£17.84 could provide a package of nutritious food to strengthen the immune system of four malnourished children or pregnant women



Open your phone camera to scan

"Only together can we do this."
Pope Francis

This Family Fast Day please stand together with families facing the worst of coronavirus.

GIVE TODAY AND SAVE LIVES
cafod.org.uk/give

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REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Duffy whose funeral Mass will be celebrated here at English Martyrs.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for Joella and AJ who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11.30am Mass next weekend.

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.



Anointing of the sick

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.

You don't need to be booked into Mass to come to confession at these times and no appointment is needed. Just turn up at the church (the door into the corridor between the church and the priest's house) and stewards are there to guide you.

Mass Intentions: Twenty-eighth week in Ordinary Time

<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday 10th October (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Sean McGuire RIP
Sunday 11th October	7.30am	Joe Jardine RIP
	9.30am	Roseline Fernandes RIP
	11.30am	Sophia Maria Henrietta Belcher RIP
	5pm	Kathy Lyons RIP
	7pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday 13th October	7pm (book online)	Terence Morse RIP
Wednesday 14th October	7pm	Noel Burns RIP
Thursday 15th October St Teresa of Avila	7pm	Dominic Prunty RIP
Friday 16th October	7pm (book online)	Mary Gouge RIP
<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(all Masses available to book online)</i>		
Saturday 17th October (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Paul Knight RIP
Sunday 18th October	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Jim Kelly RIP
	11.30am	Christy O'Malley RIP
	5pm	Perera family
	7pm	Gwen Adams RIP



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