

ENGLISH MARTYRS' NEWSLETTER
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17-18 October 2020



**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.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic parish in the world. It is an opportunity to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to reflect on the theme of mission and to support the work of Missio. Missio distributes resources to parishes and dioceses throughout the world on behalf of the Church.

It has been said that the Church not only has a mission but is a mission. The Church exists for the mission entrusted to the disciples by the Lord, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them all the commands I give you." Mt 28:16-20. Pope Francis in his message for World Mission Sunday says: "The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness in the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures." You can contribute to Missio at: missio.org.uk

In the coming weeks children will be receiving First Holy Communion at various Sunday Masses. They have had a prolonged period of preparation because of Covid-19 which meant that they could not receive the sacrament in June. Increasingly we have been placing the emphasis less on the big celebration and more on a lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We have been emphasising the vital necessity of families participating in Sunday Mass regularly so that children come to profound faith in Jesus, the Son of God, truly present at Mass in the form of bread and wine.

It is my fervent prayer that families will continue to participate in Sunday Mass once the children have received their First Holy Communion. Faith comes very naturally to children therefore it is vital for parents and for the entire parish to support them and encourage them in their faith once they have received Communion. I invite everyone in the parish to pray for these children and their families in the coming weeks.

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

ROSARY • WORSHIP • EXPOSITION
From Every Nation And Tongue

VIRTUAL

NIGHT OF LIGHT

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER | 4PM - 6PM
MASS LIVESTREAM FROM 6PM

Details on Church Calendar

JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL NIGHT OF LIGHT ON SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER AT 4PM ON ZOOM.

We will start with the Rosary, followed by some hymns before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our theme this year is "From Every Nation and Tongue"

and as part of the evening, we will have a praise song in various languages from people in our parish.

Encourage your little ones to come dressed as their saint as we commemorate all the saints of the church. There will be an opportunity to show people the saint chosen and even say a few words if you wish!

To come all you need to do is click on: <https://zoom.us/j/94691286376?pwd=VFR0QjZlODhjY0c3VGVUTEZKTlk4Zz09> OR use meeting ID 946 9128 6376 and password 081673. Mass for All Saints will then be livestreamed through our YouTube channel at 6pm.



Universal Mission Sunday: 18th October 2020 Missio ignites God's love by helping missionaries to work alongside communities globally that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Together we are enriching today's global Catholic community, training tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters, and giving hope to the world's poorest children. Please donate online at missio.org.uk

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for Noah, Olivia, Brian and Alexi who will be making their First Communion next weekend. Congratulations to Joella and AJ who have made theirs this 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

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Curtin whose funeral Mass will be celebrated here at English Martyrs. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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-ninth week in Ordinary Time

<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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
Tuesday 20th October	7pm (book online)	Michael Joyce RIP
Wednesday 21st October	7pm	Michael Brosnan Birthday
Thursday 22nd October	7pm	Sheila Walsh RIP
Friday 23rd October	7pm (book online)	Michael Joyce RIP
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(all Masses available to book online)</i>		
Saturday 24th October (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Kathleen Connolly RIP
Sunday 25th October	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Rosalia Goes Thanksgiving
	11.30am	Jim McGowan RIP
	5pm	Eddie Maher RIP
	7pm	Bridie O'Gorman RIP



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