



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.

At a Zoom meeting this past week a parishioner spoke of her experience in her professional life of a coaching system designed to help people to advance in their chosen career. She made the point that people need similar coaching or accompaniment if they are to advance in the life of faith. People often do not know where to begin or how to access help, and we can all be shy about admitting what we do not know.

I came across this advertisement in the Bishop's e-News. It offers training on how to discuss faith with others and walk alongside them on the journey. We run the risk of living our lives on Zoom, but it does mean that we do not have to leave the warmth and comfort of our own homes while we engage in meetings, conversation, and training. It would be good if people could undertake this training of three weekly sessions initially so that we can increasingly become a parish where we can accompany one another on the journey towards deeper faith and friendship with God. We are all on this journey at one stage or another and we need to grow in our capacity to help and support one another in faith, particularly in these times of pandemic. In this way we can love God and neighbour more fully as the Gospel challenges us to do this Sunday.

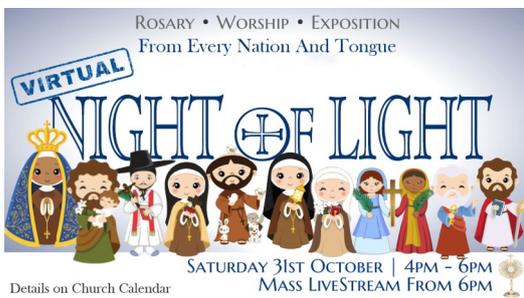
"The Church will have to initiate everyone into the "art of Accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of another." (Pope Francis). Many of us long for our friends and family to have faith but we don't know how to start a conversation and often there is a culture of silence around talking about God. Some of them won't have any trust in God or the Church but are searching for meaning of their lives. How can we listen, understand and accompany them according to where they are? We would like to offer the Ananias training to any parishioner who wants to grow closer to Jesus and share Him with others. The Ananias training was developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute, complementing Called and Gifted, and is named after the disciple who played an important role in accompanying St. Paul. The training encourages parishioners to recognise and be able to talk about their own relationship with Jesus, and also how to walk alongside friends and families, listening to what matters to them and responding appropriately. We will offer three weekly sessions initially, in small groups, and parishioners can choose between Tuesday or Friday mornings or Tuesday or Thursday evenings, via Zoom, starting in late October. To find out more, please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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>



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=VFR0QjZlODhjY0c3VGVUTEZKTik4Zz09> OR use meeting ID 946 9128 6376 and password 081673. Mass for All Saints will then be livestreamed as usual on a Saturday evening at 6pm.

Bamenda Sunday (from the Diocese of Portsmouth Bamenda Committee)

Next weekend (31 Oct/1 Nov) we celebrate Bamenda Sunday, when we pray especially for our sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese of Bamenda. Please pray for Bamenda, for the six wonderful priests we have from the Archdiocese working in our Diocese, for peace and justice to be restored and for the safe reopening of their schools.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Noah, Taig, Olivia, Brian and Alexi who are making their First Communion this weekend.



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.



BLESSING OF GRAVES

Due to CAVOD restrictions, this is unlikely to happen in the usual way this year.

You might like to consider arranging your own prayer at your family’s grave without having a priest present. Light a candle and choose your own style of prayer to pray for your loved one/s.

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: Thirtieth week in Ordinary Time

<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	Rosalice Goes Thanksgiving
	11.30am	Jim McGowan RIP
	5pm	Eddie Maher RIP
	7pm	Bridie O’Gorman RIP
Tuesday 27th October	7pm (book online)	Louie Fearn RIP
Wednesday 28th October Feast of Saints Simon and Jude	7pm	Canon Robert Brophy
Thursday 29th October	7pm	Michael McLoughlin RIP
Friday 30th October	7pm (book online)	Afric Clery RIP
<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i> <i>(all Masses available to book online)</i>		
Saturday 31st October (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Mary O’ Neil RIP
Sunday 1st November	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Jim and John Knox RIP
	11.30am	Deceased members of the Perera and Janaratne families RIP
	5pm	Cristal Thomas intentions
	7pm	G Blewitt intentions



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