



## **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.

Having been through the first experience of lockdown in the spring, it is probably true to say that, apart from the various challenges it presents, there are also some opportunities. We may find that we have more of that precious gift of time. But, as well as being a gift, time can also be a challenge. How do we use our time? How do we cope with being at home more than we are used to?

This time provides us with a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth. What do I mean? In the normal course of events we often resist being silent, having time on our hands, or being alone. Most of us prefer to be busy. Sometimes we keep ourselves busy with being busy. When we are busy, we need not think too much about life, God, our relationship with God or our eternal salvation. We can just get on with being busy.

Lockdown forces us to stop. What are we to do? What about prayer? Spend fifteen minutes in prayer every day during lockdown. Prayer is raising mind and heart to God. We can do this in church, at home or during a walk in the countryside. Our bishops invite us to pray each evening at 6 pm. We could pray the Lord's Prayer, the Rosary, the Angelus, or read a passage from the Bible.

The bishops also invite us to keep a vigil of prayer on the eve of the Feast of Christ the King. English Martyrs Church will be open for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 pm until 9 pm on Saturday, 21 November. Bishop Philip invites us to keep 24 hours for the Lord on November 27. English Martyrs will be open for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am until 6 pm and from 8 pm until 10 am on Saturday, 28 November. These opportunities for prayer are for the intention of an end to the pandemic.

Let us try to use this time of lockdown fruitfully. If this time is to be fruitful, we need to reflect on the opportunities presented, devise a plan, and put the plan into action. Plan time for prayer in lockdown. Get into the habit of raising mind and heart to God each day and it will transform your life for the better. It will also turn a potentially dark and challenging time into a time of personal growth and happiness.

Fr Michael



Every day in November at 6pm

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Flood whose funeral will be celebrated this week.

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

# The Angelus



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
*Hail Mary, etc...*  
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.  
*Hail Mary, etc...*  
V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. And dwelt among us.  
*Hail Mary, etc...*  
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:**  
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,  
Your Grace into our hearts;  
that as we have known the incarnation of  
Christ,  
your Son by the message of an angel,  
so by His passion and cross  
we may be brought to the glory of His  
Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

- pause for a moment & pray where you are -

## Private Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday - Saturday  
9am - 10am

Plus, coming up this month...

Saturday 21st November

7pm - 9pm

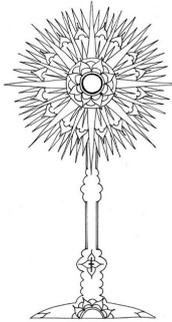
On the Vigil of Christ the King

Friday 27th November

9am - 6pm

7pm (Friday) - 10am (Saturday)

As part of 24 hours for the Lord



## Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lockdown2?



Confessions will be heard outside the front of the Church and socially-distanced at 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday.

## Woolhampton Parish PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ  
Hours: 20 hours per week (to be arranged)  
Closing date: Mon 16 November  
Interviews: w/c 23 November  
For informal enquiries, Job Description and Application contact the parish priest, Fr Peter Bove: E: pp@douaiabbey.org.uk or  
T: 0118 971 5371

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

Due to lockdown, this cannot happen in the this year. Instead, we will hold a live-streamed service at 3pm on Sunday 8th November (<https://youtu.be/WVh4RKNcsEo>) or click on the link on the website.

## Reading Community Hub

If you are struggling to cope, you can contact the Hub for help with urgent food and prescription needs, getting a priority supermarket delivery slot, or other issues such as debt, loneliness, stress and anxiety.

You can contact the Hub in the following ways:

[Fill in the online Hub form](#)

- By calling 0808 189 4325
- Via Reading Deaf Centre on SMS 07704 687298 or fax 0118 950 0507

The Hub is a partnership between Reading Borough Council, Reading Voluntary Action and voluntary and community partners in the town.

<b>Mass Intentions: Thirty-second week in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b><i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> <i>(both Masses livestreamed)</i>		
<b>Saturday 7th November</b> <b>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Deceased members of McCormack and Martland families
<b>Sunday 8th November</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Annie Kate and Thomas Walsh RIP
Tuesday 10th November	7pm	Ted Whitehead RIP
Wednesday 11th November	7pm	Dermot Walsh RIP
Thursday 12th November	7pm	Ryan Flood RIP
Friday 13th November	7pm	James & Minnie McGowan & Family RIP
<b><i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>		
<b>Saturday 14th November</b> <b>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Chris Moran RIP
<b>Sunday 15th November</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Iva Miraglia RIP



## **ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING**

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Contact through parish office number.

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