

English Martyrs' Newsletter

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6th/ 7th March 2021



OUR PARISH VISION

To be 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.

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE BASED ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BESIDES ME.

- + Do I fail to love God, to make God first in my life, to thank Him, trust Him, love Him as He deserves?
- + Do I make a god out of my work, my possession, or my image in the eyes of others so that these rule my life instead of God?
- + Have I tried to grow in the knowledge of God through daily prayer and scripture reading?
- + Have I taken time to teach my family about the ways of God and to pray with them?

2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

- + Have I resorted to profane language by cursing and swearing?
- + Do I use God's name in vain, lightly, carelessly, by blasphemy?
- + In conversation, do I participate in slander or jokes aimed at demeaning religion, the Church, or God's authority?

3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.

- + Have I allowed myself to become so dominated by my work or chores that I have not set aside Sunday for spiritual and family activities?
- + Have I attended Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation?
- + In my prayer and attendance at Mass, am I content with a passive observance rather than devoting myself to genuine worship of the Lord?

4. HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

- + As a young person in the family home, do I listen to, respect, and obey my parents when they instruct me?
- + As an adult, do I visit and care for my parents in their old age?
- + Do I harbour short term or longstanding resentments toward my parents?
- + Do I blame them for my own shortcomings?

5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

- + Have I ever struck anyone in anger, intending to injure them?
- + Have I ever advocated abortion, either through my opinions in conversation or by actively assisting someone in procuring an abortion?
- + Have I ever endangered myself or the life of another person through the taking of drugs or the abuse of alcohol?

6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

- + Have I engaged in sexual activity outside of marriage?
- + Have I given my mind over to lustful thoughts or fantasies?
- + Have I read pornography or watched indecent movies or television shows?

7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

- + Have I taken anything that did not belong to me?
- + Have I cheated on tests or homework??
- + Have I wasted time and cheated my employer by not doing a full day's work for my wages?
- + Have I taken the intellectual property of others, by taking their ideas without giving credit?
- + Have I been extravagant in my manner of life, to the neglect of the poor of the world?

8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

- + Have I defamed the good name of another person by taking part in gossip or slander?
- + Have I injured the reputation of another person by speaking about their failures and sins with little desire or intention to help them?
- + Have I condoned prejudice and hatred toward people of another nationality, race or religion?

9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE.

- + Have I sought the affections of another's spouse?
- + Have I contemplated infidelity to my spouse?
- + Have I upheld the dignity of my spouse in all circumstances?

10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S GOODS.

- + Do I habitually compare myself with others in terms of wealth, status, and financial security?
- + Am I jealous of the personal qualities of others, or envious of their possessions or success?
- + Do I support my church sufficiently and give generously to the poor?

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the occasions of sin.

Fr. Michael

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Registered Charity No. 246871



MASS TIMES

Tuesdays at 7.00pm;
 Wednesdays at 9.30am;
 Thursdays at 9.30am;
 Fridays at 6.30am & 9.30am;
 Saturdays at 10.00am

Open Masses. No booking required.
 Turn up and we will take your details

Saturdays (Vigil Mass for Sunday) 6.00pm
 Sundays at 7.30am; 9.30am; 11.30am; and 5.00pm

Public Masses. Book your place at:
<https://englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk>



The following Masses will be live-streamed onto our YouTube channel;
 Tuesdays at 7pm, Saturdays (Vigil) at 6.00pm and Sundays at 11.30am

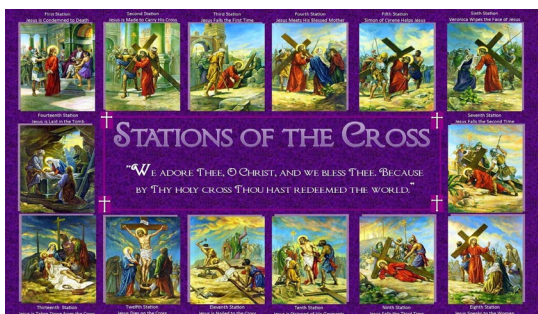


Confessions will be heard in the parish hall;
 ❖ Saturdays after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
 ❖ Sundays at 4.00pm

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open on

- Mondays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- Tuesdays from 9.00am to 10.00am.



Thursdays at 7.00pm on ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/98439484117?pwd=QzIGSm9FMG43S29PVUI1U2sraThpdz09>

Fridays at 7.00pm on the Livestream

Lenten Retreat: "I Thirst". Every Tuesday until 30th March, 7.45pm to 9pm on Zoom

This spiritual pilgrimage is an invitation to walk with Mother Mary, and become a presence of consolation for Jesus as his passion unfolds. It is a walk of love along a path that, I hope, would gently lead participants to respond to Jesus' appeal: "I thirst" in the manner he desires. Join on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816641271?pwd=bzBSS09xWTRZSnFaU1ZlMzljZdWZpUT09>

Lenten Talks

Every Wednesday on Zoom 7pm to 8pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/91674594853?pwd=Vit0N3hLempqWkZkSFNRYIRZWVNYdz09>

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

Parish website - updated regularly-: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com

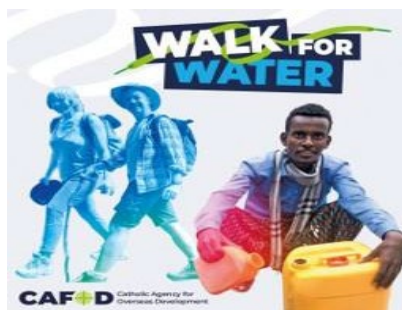
Our livestream link on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVh4RKNcsEo>

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CAFOD LENT APPEAL

Please donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by phoning 0303 303 3030 or by cheque using one of the CAFOD envelopes which you should freepost directly to CAFOD. You can also give via text by texting LENT 10 to 70460 to donate £10.

Several parishioners have taken up CAFOD's Lent challenge to walk an average of 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money to help improve the lives of clean water deprived communities. It's not too late to learn more and even sign up to Walk for Water by going to <http://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, please text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of James McCartney and Angelo Rabuana who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Going into Hospital: If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please 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 you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

English Martyrs Liturgy for the Under-5s (Over 5s welcome too) has returned for Lent at the NEW time of 2.30pm on Sundays via ZOOM.

Join us for a short 15 minute Liturgy. A chance to gather and share the week, to hear a Bible story presented in a child-friendly way and to pray together. Concludes with a family blessing from Father Michael. Although initially offered for the Under-5s and their teddy bears, their over 5 siblings and friends are very welcome as well.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94291393644?pwd=cGkwMDZMbzFSUjZrWkJ2QTRQcTNpQT09>

Meeting ID: 942 9139 3644

Passcode: 018481

We are following the story of Moses through Lent - link to video story of Birth of Moses and Moses and the Burning Bush -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9Xq3NiA4O0&list=PLut1vq2CLaLhvxETFSVT1ptpE__u0b0vs



CAFODs WALK FOR WATER at English Martyrs Catholic Primary

17th March 2021

Children to wear anything blue or white to represent water. They will walk a fun 1km circuit as many times as they can on the day and altogether aim to walk over **1000km.**

Please sponsor your child and ask as many friends and family to do so by donating to our just giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/reading-english-martyrs>

Many thanks for all your support in turning concern into action!!

MASS INTENTIONS: THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

Saturday 6 th March (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Anna Rosario RIP
Sunday 7 th March	7.30am (Public Mass)	Anna Rosario RIP
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Eileen Drake RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Jim Pickering RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Agnes Dudgeon RIP
Tuesday 9 th March	7.00pm (Open Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Ryan Flood RIP
Wednesday 10 th March	9.30am (Open Mass)	Maria George RIP
Thursday 11 th March	9.30am (Open Mass)	Andzej Pogożbłski RIP
Friday 12 th March	6.30am (Open Mass)	Stephen Leonard RIP
	9.30am (Open Mass)	James Redmond RIP
Saturday 13 th March	10.00am (Open Mass)	Nazario de Andrade RIP

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 13 th March (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Eugene Herbert RIP
Sunday 14 th March	7.30am (Public Mass)	Kathleen Brown RIP
	9.30am (Public Mass)	James McMenamin
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Anne Tudor RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Mary Hendry RIP