

English Martyrs' Newsletter



27th / 28th March 2021

This Sunday is the sixth and the last of the Sundays of Lent. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. We hear the story of how Jesus came into the holy city, Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and cheered by people waving branches where we will accomplish the events of our salvation. We also hear the Passion according to Mark.

Holy Week is divided in two; the early part of the week is Lent until Thursday evening. Then on Thursday evening we begin the Easter or Paschal Triduum. The three days are about the paschal mystery, the Passover mystery, the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Thursday evening we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Due to the ongoing restrictions this celebration will be without the washing of feet and the Altar of Repose this year. This celebration marks the beginning of the Triduum, the gift of the Eucharist and the gift of the priesthood.

The Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord takes place in three parts, namely, the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The adoration or veneration of the cross will take place without physical touch this year.

Following this 3pm service on Good Friday, there will be, from 4.30pm, an opportunity to visit the church, venerate the cross and receive Holy Communion. There will be a queuing system outside the church with social distancing so that as many people as possible can participate safely.

On Holy Saturday night the Easter Vigil is made up of four parts, namely, light, word of God, blessing of water and Eucharist. Our catechumen Steven will be baptised during the Easter Octave, the seven days following Easter Sunday that prolong the celebration of Easter Sunday until the following Sunday. Each day of the octave is treated as if it were Easter Sunday according to tradition. It is a bit like a week-long celebration of one's birthday rather than just a day! Dorcasse will be confirmed during the octave. Please pray for Steven and Dorcasse.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and perseverance in the last twelve months. It has been a challenging time. As we enter Holy Week let us glory in the cross our Saviour Jesus Christ and prepare to celebrate the resurrection with great joy.

Fr. Michael



Tuesday 30th at 7.00pm;
Open - No booking required

Wednesday 31st at 9.30am;
Open - No booking required

Holy Thursday at 8.00pm: **Booking required**

Good Friday 3.00pm; Solemn Liturgy: **Booking required**

4.30pm: Veneration of the Cross and Communion:
Open - No booking required.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil; 8pm. - **Booking required**

Easter Sunday; 5.30am; 7.30am; 9.30am; 11.30am; & 5.00pm. **Booking reqd.**

Book at <https://englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk/>



The following Masses will be live-streamed onto our YouTube channel;
Tuesday at 7pm, Saturday (Vigil) at 8.00pm and Sunday at 11.30am.

Confessions will be heard as follows:

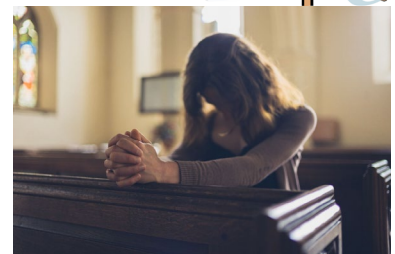
- Saturday 3rd April at 5.00pm.
- Sunday 4th at 4.00pm



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open on

- Monday 29th from 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- Tuesday 30th from 9.00am to 10.00am.



**Stations of the Cross.
Good Friday at 7.00pm on the Livestream**

Lenten Retreat: "I Thirst". Tuesday 30th March, 7.45pm to 9pm on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816641271?pwd=bzB5S09xWTRZSnFaU1ZlMzljdWZpUT09>

Lenten Talk: Wednesday 31st March 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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Contact through parish office

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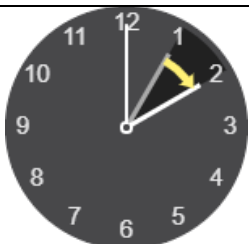
Blessed Hugh Faringdon
Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP
Head: Dr Simon Uttley 0118 957 4730

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.



This is an annual collection normally taken after completion of the Sacred Liturgy. As we are currently unable to collect in the usual way, if you are able to support this worthy cause please do so on line by visiting:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>



Daylight Saving Time

**Commences at 01.00 on Sunday 28th March.
Clocks should be turned FORWARD 1 hour.**

English Martyrs Liturgy for the Under-5s (Over 5s welcome too) 2.30pm on Sundays

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.

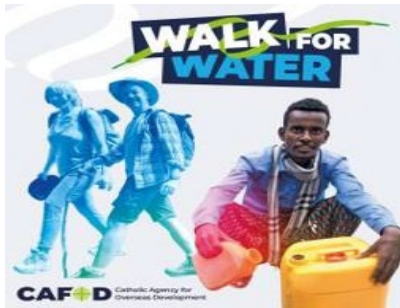
Join Zoom Meeting

<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 Moses - the people of Israel journeying in the Desert. The 10 Commandments:

https://youtu.be/8wS_4Mgr2Bc



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.

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EASTER OFFERING

Your offering on Easter Sunday is a personal gift to Father Michael and represents a large share of his income for the year. As we are unable to have a physical collection, if you are able, please make your gift on-line by visiting:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-english-martyrs-easter-sunday-collection>

If you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your gift. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - Year B

Saturday 27 th March (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Nanda Perera RIP
Sunday 28 th March	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Thomas Donohue RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Paula Walsh RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Jan Treder RIP
Tuesday 30 th March	7.00pm (Open Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Terence Morse RIP
Wednesday 31 st March	9.30am (Open Mass)	Dolan Durion RIP
Thursday 1 st April <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	8.00pm (Public Mass)	Hugh and Pamela Roddie RIP
Friday 2 nd April	3.00pm (Public Mass)	<i>Solemn Liturgy</i>
	4.30pm (Open)	<i>Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion</i>

Easter Sunday

Saturday 3 rd April (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	8.00pm (Public Mass)	Annie Kate and Thomas Walsh RIP
Sunday 4 th April	5.30am (Public Mass)	Lucy Hope RIP
	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Violet and Danny O'Boyle RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Anna Rosario RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Agnes Dudgeon RIP