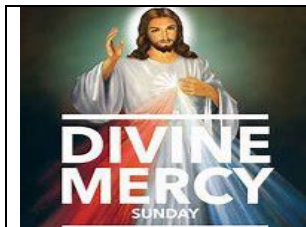


English Martyrs' Newsletter



Second Sunday of Easter 10th/11th April 2021

The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the second Sunday of the Easter Octave, the eight-day celebration of Easter Sunday. We have been hearing this week the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. These are the first appearances of Jesus to his disciples since before his crucifixion when the disciples, apart from John, abandoned and betrayed him. Far from punishing or embarrassing his weak disciples, he speaks words of peace and forgiveness. "Peace be with you," he says, and he showed them his hands and his side.

Furthermore, he entrusts these same disciples with a mission, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." (John:21). He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and gives them a mission of forgiveness. "For those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained." (John 20: 22). This mission of forgiveness in the mission of the Church in preaching and teaching salvation in Christ who died and rose again. The Divine Mercy Chaplet help us to meditate on the mystery of salvation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have the liberating power of God's love freeing us from our sins when we confess with sorrow and purpose of amendment.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are firstly God's acts of mercy towards us. In offering these interior and exterior works to others, God uses us to channel his mercy to others. God expresses his loving kindness to the world through us - especially to the poor and oppressed.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful.

Instruct the ignorant.

Admonish the sinner.

Comfort the afflicted.

Forgive offences.

Bear wrongs patiently.

Pray for the living and the dead.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us contemplate the Risen Jesus, the face of the Father's mercy, and let us seek to live as missionaries of mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.

Give drink to the thirsty.

Clothe the naked.

House the homeless.

Visit the imprisoned.

Visit the sick.

Bury the dead.

Fr. Michael

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

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

Our livestream link on You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulqb5ncxASpguMmd_OMNtA

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MASS TIMES



Open Masses. No booking required.

- Tuesday 13th at 7.00pm
- Wednesday 14th at 9.30am
- Thursday 15th at 9.30am
- Friday 16th at 9.30am
- Saturday 17th at 10.00am

Saturday 17th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;

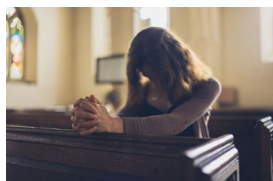
Sunday 18th at 7.30am: 9.30am: 11.30am and 5.00pm. Book your place at <https://englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk> (Bookings open at 8.00pm Monday 12th)



The following Masses will be live-streamed onto our YouTube channel; Tuesday at 7pm, Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.30am.

Confessions will be heard on:

- ❖ Saturday 17th after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
- ❖ Sunday 18th at 4.00pm



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open on
Monday 12th from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

"CAFOD Walk for Water Challenge"

Congratulations and a huge thank you to those parishioners of English Martyrs who took part in CAFOD's 10,000 steps per day Lent challenge. Between them their efforts raised the amazing amount of over £6,000 to support CAFOD's work to help improve the lives of clean water deprived communities.



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anna Zagorska, Brenda Holder and Nancy Munnely RIP.

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.

Formation for Mission will be offering the following courses for readers and catechists:

- 1. Readers Workshops** - Saturdays 17th and 24th April from 10 am to 1 pm - on Zoom.
Join us for two workshops to equip or refresh you as a church reader. Workshop 1 is an introduction to the Liturgy and the practical skills of reading, and workshop 2 is an introduction to the Bible. Attend both workshops and sign up for reading practice with a diocesan listener to receive a diocesan *Recognitio*. Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>
 - 2. Essential Training for Catechists** - Every Monday evening at 7 pm for 5 weeks, starting on the 19th April - on Zoom
Sr Hyacinthe will run the Essential Training for Catechists course, over five weeks, on Monday evenings, starting on the 19th April. This course is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. Find out more here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists> and register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EfXZR>
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"In 2020, English Martyrs Parish raised £2,128 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Missionaries living in difficult circumstances around the world, made even harder by COVID-19, are very grateful that people here in Reading are supporting them and the communities they serve through prayer and generous donations. As well as sending their thanks, they offer their own prayers for you all. For more information about Missio, go to missio.org.uk."

CONGRATULATIONS and a warm and joyous welcome to:

Isaiah Kwaku-Sarfo who was Baptised on Saturday 10th.

Andy Afful Tuleassi who was also Baptised on Saturday 10th and will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday 11th during 9.30 mass

Dorcasse Essomba who will receive First Holy Communion & be Confirmed on Sunday 11th during 11.30 Mass; Tiffany and Alex Essomba who will receive First Holy Communion during 11.30 Mass and Gabriel Julian Essomba who will be Baptised after 11.30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th April

Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

Saturday 10 th April (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Dickson Fernandes thanksgiving
Sunday 11 th April	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Kay Rogers RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Mary Fahy RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Angelita Francisco thanksgiving
Tuesday 13 th April	7.00pm (Open Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Josie Grant RIP
Wednesday 14 th April	9.30am (Open Mass)	Brian Lynch RIP
Thursday 15 th April	9.30am (Open Mass)	Maria Victoria Fernandes and Filip Ambrose Araujo RIP
Friday 16 th April	9.30am (Open Mass)	Martin Walsh RIP
Saturday 17 th April	10.00am (Open Mass)	Richard Davis RIP

3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday 17 th April (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Eleanor Cox
Sunday 18 th April	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Jim Pickering RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Francisco Vito de Araujo RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Timmy Guidera RIP