

English Martyrs' Newsletter



The Most Holy Trinity 29th / 30th May 2021



We celebrate another feast this Sunday with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In a sense every Sunday is Trinity Sunday, but this Sunday is one of the few celebrations of the Christian year that commemorates a reality and a doctrine rather than an event or person. Holy Trinity Sunday is a celebration of the belief in the revelation of one God, yet three divine persons.

It was not uniquely celebrated in the early church, but as with many things the advent of new, sometimes heretical, thinking often gives the Church a moment in which to explain and celebrate its own traditions; the things it already believes and holds dear.

With the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, God's new covenant was sealed, and creation was made new. In this new creation, we live as the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in God's divine nature, in His life, when we receive Holy Communion at Mass. The three feasts of Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi are wonderfully linked in God's sharing of His life with us. Who would not want to share in the life of God? Yet, this is precisely what is on offer when we are present at Mass and receive Communion in a state of grace.

Moses reminds the people that God alone is Lord, he and no other. The people were to keep the commandments of God if they were to prosper and live long in the land that God gave them. We are to keep the commandments if we are to inherit the promise of our inheritance, which is a place for eternity in God's presence. We are the new people of God, chosen as God's own to be a light to the nations. We only shed this light when we live as God intends, as He reveals to us in the commandments.

St. Paul tells us that everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God making us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' Abba is the Aramaic word for father. We take calling God our Father for granted, but it was new when Jesus taught his disciples to pray. As children we are heirs and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Gospel from Matthew gives the Church the Great Commission to go make disciples of all nations. The Church is not only sent on mission the Church is a mission. We are the Church, the people of God, the community of the baptised. The celebration of the Holy Trinity is a renewed call to us to share the life of God with others, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Michael

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

Parish website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com

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

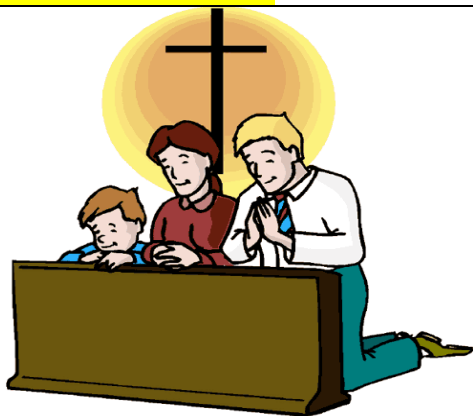
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MASS TIMES



Open Masses. No booking required.

- Monday 31st May at 10.00am
- Tuesday 1st June at 7.00pm
- Wednesday 2nd at 9.30am
- Thursday 3rd at 9.30am
- Friday 4th at 9.30am
- Saturday 5th at 10.00am

Saturday 5th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;

Sunday 6th at 7.30am: 9.30am: 11.30am: 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Book your place at <https://englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk> (Bookings open at 8.00pm Monday 31st)



The following Masses will be live-streamed onto our YouTube channel;
Tuesday at 7pm, Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm and Sunday at 09.30 & 11.30am.



Confessions will be heard
on: Saturday 5th after
10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 6th at 4.00pm



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open from
10.00am to 6.00pm Monday
to Saturday.

Available on Zoom (our website Calendar page has the links)



Faith Formation:- weekly on a Monday 7.00 to 9.00pm :

Homegroups:- Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00pm : Emmaus Groups:- various
days/times : Divine Mercy Chaplet:- 3.00pm Daily :

Pray the Rosary:- 4.00pm Daily : Night Prayer:- 9.00pm Daily

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.



Climate Change Petition



As the host of two major international conferences, the British government has a crucial role to play in 2021. Britain will soon host the G7 annual meeting in Cornwall where the leaders of the seven richest countries will gather to discuss some of the most pressing challenges facing us, from how to rebuild after the COVID pandemic to climate change.

This will be followed by the UN 'COP26' climate talks taking place in Glasgow in November, where world leaders will come together to agree how they will work towards ending the climate crisis. With the G7 meeting occurring just weeks away from 11th to 13th June, CAFOD is asking us to sign its petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by climate change are listened to at the COP26 meeting. You can view this petition by clicking on <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>.

Indicate to CAFOD your agreement to it on-line by providing the information required and then clicking 'Sign the petition' at the bottom of the page. If you are interested in reading about CAFOD's more wide ranging 'Reclaim Our Common Home' campaign please go to <http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim>

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 29th May to Sunday 6th June

The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

Saturday 29 th May (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Mark Edward Taylor RIP
Sunday 30 th May	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
<i>Live Streamed</i>	9.30am (Public Mass)	Vincenzo and Anna Severino RIP
<i>Live Streamed</i>	11.30am (Public Mass)	Mary Hendry RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Canon Francis O' Sullivan RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Dympna Kennedy RIP
Monday 31 st May	10.00am (Open Mass)	Geraldine Dunne intentions
Tuesday 1 st June	1.45pm (Family Invitees Only)	<i>Requiem Mass for Andrew Rosario RIP</i>
	7.00pm (Open Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Mary Walsh RIP
Wednesday 2 nd June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Maureen and Jed Murphy RIP
Thursday 3 rd June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Bill Canning RIP
Friday 4 th June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Patrick Reidy RIP
Saturday 5 th June	10.00am (Open Mass)	For people of India affected by Covid

Corpus Christi

Saturday 5 th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Thanksgiving
Sunday 6 th June	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Eileen and Kathleen Kelly intentions
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Kathleen Gaughan & Kevin Commins RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Canon Francis O'Sullivan RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Thanksgiving for retirement Hilary Umeh