

English Martyrs' Newsletter



Pentecost Sunday
22nd / 23rd May 2021
**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit. We pray with great faith and insistence, 'Come Holy Spirit.' We need God, the Holy Spirit to renew us and to strengthen our witness to the Risen Jesus. We need a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on the world. 'Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.' (Psalm 103). We pray to the Holy Spirit for the healing of the world, for peace in the Holy Land and for the renewal of the Church. And we pray for our parish and for our wonderful young people who will be confirmed, sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, this Sunday. We have been working on three priorities recently:

- 1) **Family Faith Formation** - We are blessed with wonderful faith-filled families in our parish for whom prayer and faith are a natural part of family life. Prayer in the family is the sure foundation on which we celebrate sacramental life. We have had wonderful meetings recently where families have been sharing their experience of prayer at home, where the family is the 'domestic Church.' This has been very helpful in helping to develop the family as the primary place for faith development. We are working to provide resources and support, community and prayer, so that more and more of our families are places where faith is integral, celebrated, and handed on to children. For more information see <https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/domesticchurch/>
- 2) **Homegroups** - We are launching these groups on this Pentecost Sunday. Over 50 people have signed up to belong to them already. They provide an opportunity to connect, to pray, to grow, to serve and to reach out. This is an idea whose moment has come because many people have experienced isolation and disconnection in the various lockdowns. These groups provide a basic form of Christian community. Consider being part of one of these groups. The hope is that everyone will eventually be part of a group where both support and challenge enable people to grow in Christian faith and life. For more information see <https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/homegroups/>
- 3) **Alpha** - Another Alpha is currently underway, and Alpha is becoming more and more embedded in our parish. Alpha is a great opportunity to discuss faith, to encounter God in a personal way and to meet people and grow in friendship. Alpha brings a wide range of people together who are on a quest to understand and experience God's loving plan for us all. For more information see <https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/alpha/>

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, so Happy Birthday to us all as we are all members of the Church, the body of Christ. Come 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

Parish Priest: **Canon Michael Dennehy**
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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

MASS TIMES



Open Masses. No booking required.

- Monday 24th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 25th at 7.00pm
- Wednesday 26th at 9.30am
- Thursday 27th at 9.30am
- Friday 28th at 9.30am
- Saturday 29th at 10.00am

Saturday 29th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;

Sunday 30th 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 24th)



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 29th after
10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 30th 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

Pro-life Chain: Saturday 29th May 2021:10am to 12 noon on Kings Road.

SPUC invites you to mark the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force in 1968, by joining our Pro-Life Chain for an hour or two. This is a peaceful, silent roadside vigil in solidarity with unborn children, their mothers and anyone suffering from the effects of abortion. We will be following Government guidance on Covid-secure requirements.

The meeting point will be at Cemetery Junction from 9:50am before lining up down the road at 10.00am. For more information, contact Martin at spucreading@gmail.com.



Catholics across the globe are being encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his full support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

The Rosary will be broadcast on [Vatican News](#) daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time).

It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God'.

As a parish, we also have an opportunity to pray the rosary together daily at 4pm on Zoom.



Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Rosario.

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.

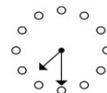
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Homegroup @English Martyrs



A Homegroup is a group of parishioners (maybe up to 12 people) who meet together mid-week to pray and share fellowship as well as teaching and discussion.

For the moment our homegroups will meet on Zoom. Every Thursday, from 7.30pm until 9pm.



<https://zoom.us/j/95009233485?pwd=Nk5GdlRmR3pVZklOWDBISUhOZDBlQT09>

Meeting ID: 950 0923 3485 | Passcode: 830980

<https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/homegroups>



We offer our congratulations to all who are being confirmed this weekend. May the Holy Spirit always remain in their hearts.



Naomi Blyth, Aoife Bourke, Sara Ceperko, Sean Cubilla, Alex Essomba, Tiffany Essomba, Rhea Gardner, Mia Reywell Guevarra, Charlene Kingori, Deron Kolenchery, Krisha Elaine Manalo, Noah Simpson-Holland, Rahul Thomas, Roshan Thomas, Michael Ward, Patrick Lawrence, Stella Kingori, Frances Mae Adviento, Lindsay Alles, Daniel Birose, Andrea Desamparado, Cathlin Dony, Blaise Fernandes, Harrick Jeevaponkalan, Johann Lubi, Maureen Manglicmot, Nelson Mathew, Maisa Monteiro, Lindsey Panganiban, Angelica Perera, Cheryl Suresh, Neha Suresh, Finlay Tombs, Callum Willingale, Michael Jude Antony.



Congratulations to Father Richard who celebrates the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Monday 24th.



THE ORATORY

Coordinator of Spiritual Life Closing date: 28 May 2021

The Oratory School is seeking to appoint for September 2021 a lay man or woman who is in full communion with the Catholic Church and fully in sympathy with our Oratorian ethos to the exciting new post of Coordinator of Spiritual Life. The school is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes a diverse pool of candidates.

For further details please contact the Human Resources department:
E-mail: recruitment@oratory.co.uk

Alternatively, please visit our website for an application form
www.oratory.co.uk

The Oratory Schools Association Registered Charity No. 309112 is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.



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 22nd to Sunday 30th May

Pentecost Sunday - Year B

Saturday 22 nd May (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Lucy Mc Gullion RIP
Sunday 23 rd May	7.30am (Public Mass)	Charles Livingston's intentions
<i>Live Streamed</i>	9.30am (Public Mass)	Aidan Farrelly RIP
<i>Live Streamed</i>	11.30am (Public Mass)	Ita Guidera RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Helen Lourenco & Francis Vito Araujo RIP
Monday 24 th May	09.30am (Open Mass)	Fr. Richard Maniak 35 th Anniversary
Tuesday 25 th May	7.00pm (Open Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Delia and Charles Taylor RIP
Wednesday 26 th May	9.30am (Open Mass)	Nelly Delgado RIP
	11.30am (Family Invitees Only)	Requiem Mass for Derek Taplin RIP
Thursday 27 th May	9.30am (Open Mass)	Nancy Munnelly RIP
Friday 28 th May	9.30am (Open Mass)	Germinado Rego Thanksgiving
Saturday 29 th May	10.00am (Open Mass)	Rena Pinto RIP

Trinity Sunday

Saturday 29 th May (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Mark Edward Taylor RIP
Sunday 30 th May	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Vincenzo and Anna Severino RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Mary Hendry RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Canon Francis O' Sullivan RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Dympna Kennedy RIP