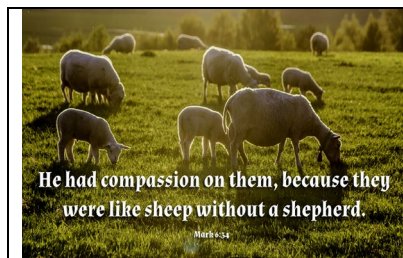


English Martyrs' Newsletter



17th / 18th July 2021

16TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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The readings this Sunday tell us about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The wonderfully familiar image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is deeply comforting. The gospel tells us that the people were like sheep without a shepherd and that Jesus, the Good Shepherd had compassion and pity on them and taught them at some length, though he was tired and had no time to rest and no time to eat. The first duty of a good shepherd is to preach and teach the word of God.

The reading from Jeremiah tells us about the bad shepherds of Judah, particularly King Zedekiah of Judah (6th Century BC) who against the prophet Jeremiah made alliance with Egypt to rebel against Babylon. As a result, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the people exiled into Babylon. The bad shepherds (kings) of Judah did not take care of the flock (people) of Judah as a result the flock was destroyed and scattered. But more importantly, it tells us that the Lord will send good shepherds to Judah to take care of the flock of Judah. The Lord will send a good shepherd to Judah to save Judah. The good shepherd's name will be: The Lord-our-integrity.

The responsorial psalm follows the theme of the first reading, the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd provides food and drink for his sheep. The good shepherd is also "the host of the messianic banquet" The images of "shepherd" and "host" are closely related as both provide food and drink. Jesus, the Good Shepherd gives us his Body to eat and his Blood to drink in the Eucharistic banquet, the Mass.

St. Paul tells us that it is through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, it is through his cross, it is through his death and resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit, that the Gentiles are united with the Jews, and that the Gentiles and Jews are united with God the Father.

Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

Fr. Michael

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING: Registered Charity No. 246871

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 19th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 20th at 9.30am
- Wednesday 21st at 9.30am
- Thursday 22nd at 9.30am
- Friday 23rd at 9.30am
- Saturday 24th at 10.00am

Saturday 24th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;
Sunday 25th 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 19th)

The following Masses will be live-streamed
onto our YouTube channel;

Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm
Sunday at 09.30 & 11.30am.
**FROM 1ST AUGUST ONLY THE 11.30am
SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.**



Confessions will be heard on:

**Saturday 24th after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 25th at 4.00pm**



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open from
10.00am to 6.00pm Monday
19th to Saturday 24th.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY

Between 10.00am and 6.00pm

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.

Rise to the Moment

G7 to COP26 Relay

Reading Climate Justice Events

All are welcome

Walker's Welcome
Wednesday 28th July
Wesley Methodist Church
4.30pm

The Pilgrim's Picnic and Procession
Friday 30th July
Meet at Wesley Methodist Church at 12pm

Blessing of the Boots with the Bishop of Reading
Saturday 31st July
Reading Minster 10am

Creative Climate Workshop
including speakers from the University of Reading.
Thursday 29th July
Abbey Baptist 7pm

Sanctuary with Emma Major and YCCN
Friday 30th July
Reading Minster 8pm

Sung Eucharist with Canon Brian Davis 'Care for Creation'
Sunday 1st August
Reading Minster 11am

Young Christian Climate Network
yccn.uk | @YCCNetwork







Dear Churches Together in Reading

You are invited to our 'Climate Justice' service and discussion
Led by Bishop Olivia
To celebrate the
Young Christian Climate Relay
From G7 to COP26 as they walk through Reading!
Saturday 31st July, 10am
Reading Minster
RSVP: Revd Sonya, Vicar
yccn@readingminsterparish.com
07948714922




READING MINSTER
of the Abbey the Chapter

Caring for Creation

One expression of this attitude of gratitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals.

I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom.

That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life.

Pope Francis. Laudato Si' : Para 227



What will happen at English Martyrs when restrictions are removed?

Although most of the Covid restrictions in England are being removed from 19th July, there will be no change to the current Covid procedures in operation at English Martyrs for the foreseeable future. Even though the legal requirement will be finishing, everyone is asked to continue wearing a face-covering as a voluntary measure as we have a responsibility to keep each other safe, especially the vulnerable. Similarly, the booking system, sanitising and social distancing will also be continuing for the time being.

When the time comes to make changes to our procedures, we will do so gradually so that we all have the time to adjust.

**Are you receiving Father Michael's weekly email "This week at English Martyrs"?
If you are not, but would like to, simply send your name and email address to the parish office and you will be added to the distribution list.**



Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend from **21st - 24th October 2021** Call or text **+44788 729 6983** or **+44 797 338 0443**. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17 th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Anne Morris RIP
Sunday 18 th July	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
<i>Live Streamed</i>	9.30am (Public Mass)	Gratitude for the people of the parish - Sue Sarjent
<i>Live Streamed</i>	11.30am (Public Mass)	Gwen Poole RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Maurice Flynn RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Terry Tucker RIP
Monday 19 th July	09.30am (Open Mass)	Private intention
Tuesday 20 th July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Collette O'Hare RIP
Wednesday 21 st July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Mary Rafter
Thursday 22 nd July <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30am (Open Mass)	Private intention
Friday 23 rd July <i>Feast of St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am (Open Mass)	Private intention
Saturday 24 th July	10.00am (Open Mass)	Private intention

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24 th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 25 th July	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Mick McSoley RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Maurice Flynn RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Maurice Flynn RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Kathleen Gaughan and Kevin Commins RIP