

English Martyrs' Newsletter



3rd / 4th July 2021

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The readings at Mass this Sunday invite us to reflect on what it means to be a prophet, and how we can be "content with...insults, hardships and persecutions." (2 Cor2:10) The Old Testament prophets suffered rejection and persecution for speaking God's word to those who did not like the message and therefore rejected or attacked the messenger.

At our baptism, we were declared to be "Priest, Prophet, and King," like the Lord Jesus into whose Church and mission, we were baptised. A "prophet" does not primarily tell the future; rather, a prophet tells the present, declaring to the people what the word of the Lord says about our current circumstances, culture, and lifestyle. The prophet declares the next good step for God's people to take on their constant road of repentance and growth in holiness.

As the People of Life living amidst a culture of death, we are all prophets regarding the sanctity of life; we are prophets who declare that the only appropriate response to life at all stages, especially when most vulnerable, is a generous and loving "Yes." We are prophets as we teach our children about the dignity of life; we are prophets when we share the pro-life message with friends and co-workers, with the community through letters to the local papers or over the internet. We are prophets when we enter the voting booth, as we have the obligation to do at each election, and elect candidates who are committed to protect the unborn.

Because a prophetic stance calls us to change and to repent of sin, the prophet will often be rejected. The readings tell us that this is par for the course. It is easy to think that the rejection or persecution that accompany the prophetic role mean we need to go back to the drawing board or perhaps hire a public relations firm to refine our message. We are called to be faithful, as Mother Teresa noted, whether we are successful or not. "They shall know that a prophet has been among them." (Ezekiel 2:5).

This is also what Paul means by being "content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and agonies for Christ's sake." (2 Cor 12:10). He clearly means the very things that we try hard to avoid in the way in which we follow Christ.

Fr. Michael

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MASS TIMES



Open Masses. No booking required.

- Monday 5th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 6th at 9.30am
- Wednesday 7th at 9.30am
- Thursday 8th at 9.30am
- Friday 9th at 9.30am
- Saturday 10th at 10.00am

Saturday 10th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;

Sunday 11th 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 5th)



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

With more and more people attending Mass in person, in the coming weeks only one Sunday Mass will be livestreamed. Details of which Mass T.B.A



Confessions will be heard on:

Saturday 10th after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.

Sunday 11th at 4.00pm



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm Monday 5th to Saturday 10th.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 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.

Next week, 11th July, is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday

To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

"Don Bosco" Boys Camp - 25th to 31st July 2021



We are delighted that camp will be going ahead this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. To find out more details or reserve a place, please email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 3 rd July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Peter Finn and Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 4 th July	7.30am (Public Mass)	Maria Santana Barreto RIP
<i>Live Streamed</i>	9.30am (Public Mass)	Jim Kelly RIP
<i>Live Streamed</i>	11.30am (Public Mass)	Joe Hickey RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Ethel Cole RIP
Monday 5 th July	09.30am (Open Mass)	Naxie Noonan RIP
Tuesday 6 th July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Tony Rafter RIP
Wednesday 7 th July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Anna Rosario RIP
Thursday 8 th July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Elsamma Dominic RIP
Friday 9 th July	9.30am (Open Mass)	Elizabeth Wiltshire and family RIP
Saturday 10 th July	10.00am (Open Mass)	Ralph Lamden RIP

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10 th July (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Andrew Rosario RIP
Sunday 11 th July	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Tom and Peggy Feeley RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Lydia Fernandes
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Mirielle Alfred, Marie Therese Chan Chong, Nassiwa Margaret Namukasa & Hillary Ibezimako Ozioko RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Maureen Biggins RIP