

English Martyrs' Newsletter

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

11th/12th September 2021

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a welcoming community, inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. We are inspired to show God's love to the world with joy and hope.

Education Sunday

We give thanks on this Education Sunday for our Catholic schools and for the leaders, teaching staff, support staff and governors who do so much to educate the young. We are particularly grateful of course for our parish schools English Martyrs Primary School and Blessed Hugh Faringdon Secondary School and on this special Sunday we express our gratitude to all who enable our schools to help our young people to flourish.

"The theme for Education Sunday this year is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. We find these words in the midst of the Servant Songs where Isaiah was writing prophetically about the ministry of the coming Messiah, explaining that the One who was to come would be an anointed teacher, who would be able to speak "a word in season", the right word at the right time, to the weary. But Isaiah 50:4 is a particularly interesting verse as it speaks of being awakened to hear as well as being equipped to teach.

After the challenges of the last eighteen months, it is clear that those who teach are as much in need of a refreshing word as those who learn from them. This is what makes Education Sunday this year so important. In focusing on 'a word in season' we need to acknowledge the weariness that must surely have affected the whole education sector as it has coped with the disruption of Covid, but we also need to keep in mind the strength that will make enable us to open up the possibilities that lie ahead.

A word in season at a time such as this must bring encouragement and hope as well as understanding and support, to student and teacher alike. It cannot be a trite word. The world is already too full of empty and undermining words as, sadly, it is often the negative ones that spread. Now is the time for us to be bold; to speak out clearly and to seek God positively. Education Sunday provides a great opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness, for all who have to build constructively on all that has been learnt before while constantly opening up new horizons.

Teaching and studying are demanding and privileged callings. We can take heart from the One of whom Isaiah wrote and of whom the Gospels speak. Here we find ample evidence that the right word delivered in the right way at the right time can change lives. The fact that the Church knows this through experience positions us well to take up this Education Sunday's theme. The world in general and the education sector in particular need a word in season.

Let us play a part in bringing such a word." Message from Churches Together in England for Education Sunday.

Fr. Michael

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MASS TIMES: No Booking Required

- Monday 13th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 14th at 9.30am
- Wednesday 15th at 9.30am
- Thursday 16th at 9.30am
- Friday 17th at 9.30am
- Saturday 18th at 10.00am

Saturday 18th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;
Sunday 19th at 7.30am: 9.30am: 11.30am:
and 5.00pm.

11.30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed
onto our YouTube channel.



Confessions will be heard in
the confessional on:
Saturday 18th after 10am
Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 19th at 4.00pm



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday:-
10.00am to 6.00pm

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

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

Domestic Church:- Alternate Wednesdays from 22nd Sept. 7.30pm

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.



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Year 7 Entry 2022

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2021

Morning 9am—12pm Evening 5pm—7.30pm
(10.30am, 5.45pm and 6.30pm Headmaster's Address)

'Outstanding School' – Section 48 Inspection



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MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th September.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Nanayakkara family RIP
Sunday 12 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Colleen D'Cruz RIP
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	Pat Leonard RIP
	5.00pm	Anne Brady RIP
Monday 13 th	9.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
Tuesday 14 th	9.30am	John Belcher RIP
Wednesday 15 th	9.30am	Private intentions of Stephanie and Emma
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Funeral Mass for Helena Brooker RIP
Friday 17 th	9.30am	Harold Henwood RIP
Saturday 18 th	10.00am	Dominic Raab
	12.45pm <i>Live Streamed</i>	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Stafford Private Mass - Invitees Only

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Jim Pickering RIP
Sunday 19 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Kathleen Gaughan and Kevin Commins RIP
	11.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
	5.00pm	Fr. Cyril Murtagh RIP