

English Martyrs' Newsletter

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

18th/19th 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.

We read from the prophet Isaiah last Sunday where he prophesied about one who would suffer innocently. It is called the Song of the Suffering Servant of God. Though innocent they would beat him and put him to a cruel death. In this Sunday's first reading, we hear the same message but from another source, the Book of Wisdom. The one who is attacked is a just one who claims to be the Son of God. He is attacked because his words and actions confront his hearers for their wrong doings. They reject him, torture him, and condemn him to a shameful death.

Who is the author referring to and has it happened? While on the cross Jesus experienced the fulfilment of this prophetic word. The religious leaders and the crowd mocked him. They said: "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross and save yourself." "Let's see if God will save him."

Last Sunday, after Peter confessed in faith that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus shared with the Apostles the true understanding of what was the mission of the Messiah. He would be one who suffered a cruel death at the hands of others but rise again. Peter objected strongly. Jesus corrected him sternly. Sometime later, Jesus predicts a second time his upcoming passion and cruel death. This connects with the first reading. Jesus further prophesied what the author of Wisdom had also said. Just as the leaders of the day did not make the connection, so the disciples of Jesus did not understand.

This time the Apostles didn't respond directly, but only indirectly. Their focus was not on Jesus so much as on themselves. Who was the greatest among them? Does that come from wisdom from above or from sin within? What is Jesus' response to them? Unless you have a change of attitude, namely see things from a different perspective, you will not be able to be my followers. You will not be able to overcome the sin within you. Unless you totally surrender your life to me and give me permission to be Lord of every part of your life, you will continue to walk the path you are on and remain controlled by the sinful roots within.

What is needed is a humility and a servant's heart. Becoming like a child in one's attitude, depending totally on another, the Lord, trusting on the other, opens one up to the Lordship of Jesus and the Fatherhood of God. In this lies our identity and true mission in life.

Fr. Michael

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

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MASS TIMES: No Booking Required

- Monday 20th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 21st at 9.30am
- Wednesday 22nd at 9.30am
- Thursday 23rd at 9.30am
- Friday 24th at 9.30am
- Saturday 25th at 10.00am

Saturday 25th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;
Sunday 26th 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 25th after 10am
Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 26th 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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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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CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1st October

Our local experts are helping people all over the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis.

Please donate online on our website: CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis ; by texting **CAFOD10** to **70580** to donate **£10** (or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20 e.g. £5 text CAFOD5) or by using the envelopes provided. More information can be found on the CAFOD leaflet. Many thanks for your support.

This Family Fast Day, please give to help those who are protecting God's creation.



Donate at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

 

Domestic Church

Starts Wednesday 22nd September

Join with other families from our parish as we encourage and support each other as each of our families become a church at home; a place of prayer and faith development for each member of the family.

Every other Wednesday at 7.30pm on Zoom



See Website Calendar page for dates and links



As we continue in the Season of Creation we are pleased to announce that we, at English Martyrs, have begun our journey towards the **LiveSimply** award.

LiveSimply parishes are those that have responded to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

The **LiveSimply** award is given to parishes that have been living:

- Simply
- In solidarity with people in poverty
- Sustainably with creation

This is our goal in the next 12 months as we work towards this award.



NOVENA TO ST FRANCIS for our world under threat.

Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful *Canticle of the Sun*.

Join us for 15 mins of prayer on Zoom at 6.30am each morning from Sunday 26th September to Monday 4th October.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84199008496?pwd=a2J2bzNXV1ByLOhiT0pKUUIJK1RIUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 9900 8496

Passcode: 469551

Or follow the CAFOD link to share this prayer during your own personal prayer time.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>



GLOBAL HEALING How faith helps us care for our common home.

A film from the Bishops of England and Wales introducing the Pope's letter to the world: *Laudato Si'*. During the film, there are several opportunities to stop and discuss what we have heard and how we might respond.

Join us on Zoom on Monday 4th October, the feast of St Francis from 7.30 - 9.00pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87354791161?pwd=bzRVTW9BeGxHbTVKaWg1eXZTNkkxZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5479 1161

Passcode: 375008

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th September.

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 <i>Live Streamed</i>	Pat Leonard RIP
	5.00pm	Fr. Cyril Murtagh RIP
Monday 20 th	10.00am	Kathleen White RIP
Tuesday 21 st	9.30am	Kate Knollys RIP
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30am	Justina Lesole RIP
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Pauline Henwood RIP
Friday 24 th	9.30am	Roy Melder RIP
Saturday 25 th	10.00am	Private intention

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Pat Leonard RIP
Sunday 26 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Kathleen Gaughan RIP
	11.30am	Om Kumar Sharma RIP
	5.00pm	Thomas Hennessy RIP