

# English Martyrs' Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 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.*

St James, in this weekend's scripture reading, has a very strong and stark message for us - "Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body." A very difficult message indeed in our consumeristic, materialistic, and individualistic culture!

St James is not outrightly condemning money *per se*, but how money is used. Is the money that we have rightly earned exclusively used for our own service or for the service of others? Are you storing up all your treasures for the sake of storing it up or is it being used for others? Money and wealth are never an end for themselves, as its purpose is to enable a transaction to get something else. We use it properly to get the basic needs for ourselves and for the needs of others in charity.

Money is rightly and justly due for the work one performs. Sadly, St James notes that labourers have mowed the fields and they have been cheated of their right and just wages. It is such a serious sin, that it cries out to the ears of the Lord. Unfortunately, occupation inequality is something we struggle with to this day.

This may be gender or racial discrimination which may result in wage discrimination. It is important that the availability of work be made possible, that trade unions be organised to protect workers rights, that wages for low-paid workers be increased for a decent standard of living, and that we support workers with health and social needs. Catholic Social Teaching, which touches on these issues, is based on the key principle that all people are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore have an inherent dignity worthy of respect.

In light of this, it is important to consider the seven main principles of our Social Teaching: the life and dignity of all human persons, a call to family, community and participation, acknowledging rights and responsibilities, preferential option for the poor and the vulnerable, respecting the dignity of work and the right of workers, emphasizing solidarity, and caring for God's Creation.

Fr. Anthony

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

Parish website: [www.englishmartyrsrdg.com](http://www.englishmartyrsrdg.com)

Livestream link on You Tube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulqb5ncxASpguMmd\\_OMNtA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulqb5ncxASpguMmd_OMNtA)

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### Schools:

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0118 937 5466

Blessed Hugh Faringdon  
Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP  
Head: Dr Simon Uttley  
0118 957 4730

## MASS TIMES: No Booking Required

### Weekday Masses:

- Monday to Friday at 09.30am
- Saturday at 10.00am

### Sunday Masses:

- Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm;
- Sunday at 07.30am : 09.30am
- 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 after 10am Mass and  
at 5.00pm.  
Sunday at 4.00pm



### **EUCCHARISTIC 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 at 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



## Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lilian Campbell, Ann O'Connor and Jeffrey Daly.

**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 018 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

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

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**climate crisis appeal**



## CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.



"MISSIO Red Boxes: October is the month when efforts are made to empty red "mission boxes" that many parishioners keep at home to fill with loose change for overseas missions. Boxes should be emptied by volunteer "promoters" sometime during the month. Anyone with a box who is not contacted can bring it to the parish office for forwarding to the relevant promoter. If you have no box but would like one, you can send a request via the parish office to Paul Fanning, the local Missio Secretary."

Rosary. Songs. Bible reflection.  
Adoration. Confessions. Intercessory prayers.  
Benediction.

**IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**



Venue: English Martyrs Parish Reading  
Date: First Friday of Every Month.  
Time: 7pm - 9pm

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

*Theme for this month:*

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10



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=bzRVTW9BeGxHbTVKaWg1eXZTNkxZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5479 1161 Passcode: 375008



## A Harvest Table

On Sunday 3rd October a Harvest Table will be available in the parish grounds, following 9.30am and 11.30am Mass.

Let us celebrate fruits, vegetables and plants we have grown, some of which may be in abundance and could be generously shared with fellow parishioners.

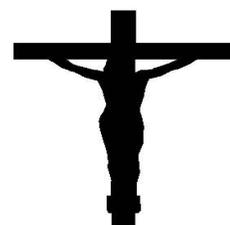
Voluntary contributions donated towards our harvest will go to Reading Refugees.

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## University of Reading Catholic society



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### Weekly Events

**Monday:** Adoration and Confession. 18:00  
Rosary in Latin 19:00  
Holy Mass 19:30.  
At Our Lady of Peace.

**Tuesday:** Rosary. 12:00  
at University Chaplaincy.

**Wednesday:** Prayer and Social. 18:00 at Catholic House/ St. William of York.

**Sunday:** Cathsoc Social. 12:30 at Our Lady of Peace Hall/ The Sister's house. (Starting 10th Oct)

### Term Events

**Start of Year Online Event:** Sunday 26th of September. 19:00 on Zoom. (Link on FB Page)

**Start of Year Vespers and Social:** Wednesday 29th of September. 18:00 at St William of York.

**Start of Year Mass and Social:** Sunday 3rd October. 17:00 at Our Lady of Peace.

**Monthly Talk:** Wed 6th Oct/ 10th Nov/ 1st Dec. 18:00

**MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.****26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Pat Leonard RIP
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Kathleen Gaughan RIP
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	Om Kumar Sharma RIP
	5.00pm	Thomas Hennessy RIP
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Paul Walsh RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Maria Antonet Rodrigues RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Anne O' Connor RIP
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Archbishop JH King RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30am	Nina Walsh RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Elizabeth Connor RIP

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Fr. Cyril Murtagh RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
	11.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
	5.00pm	Fr. Christopher O'Brien RIP