

English Martyrs' Newsletter

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

23rd / 24th October 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.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday - the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which are in need of our help.

It is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio. This special day is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is: 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'Once we experience the power of God's love, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples and his humanity shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes, and our concerns'. Our prayer, reflection and material help are a lifeline to missionaries in all continents who are striving to preach and live the Good News that God loves us.

World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominately impoverished and remote areas overseas. Masses and collections will happen in every diocese across the world, and every single donation supports churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

One of the wonderful things about World Mission Sunday is that every parish around the world prays for and financially supports our global Church. For example, in 2020 the Church in Bangladesh gave just over £3,000 and the Church in Malawi gave almost £18,500.

These funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics, and dispensaries. Requested by the local community, the support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow.

As the Pope's official charity for world mission, Missio enables Catholics in England and Wales to live out the call received at Baptism: to share in the Church's universal mission.

Missio invites everyone to get involved in WMS2021, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. Grateful thanks to all in our Parish who support Missio through the Red Box Appeal. You can find out more about WMS21 missio.org.uk/wms

Fr Michael

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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
- **** 8.00am On & From 31st October.**

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

Confessions will be celebrated in the confessional as follows:
Saturday after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 30 mins before 7.30am; 9.30am & 11.30am Masses and at 4.00pm.
15 mins before weekday Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday:- 10.00am to 6.00pm
Including from 5.00pm, Praise and Worship
Evening prayer and Benediction.
(except on 1st Fridays)

Available on Zoom (visit our website Calendar page for 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 soul of Fr Gerrit Vervenne who was asst. Priest at EM 1974-77

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.



"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."

In Baptism original sin is washed clean and the newly baptised are wrapped in a white garment symbolising Christian dignity. In this Sunday's Gospel an old way of life, symbolised by the cloak that Bartimaeus threw off, is left behind before he is restored to sight by Jesus. A new way of life in Christ is symbolised by the white garment in Baptism.

This year in the Parish we have seven adults seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. One of the seven, Jack, is preparing for Baptism. On Thursday evening at 7.30pm he will be accepted into the catechumenate in a liturgy of the word. The Parish is the initiating community so you would be welcome to be part of this Rite of Acceptance of Jack into the catechumenate. A catechumen is someone preparing for Baptism.

Thank you to the families who have said already they wish for their child to be confirmed. Anyone wishing for their child to be confirmed at Easter 2022 should now contact the Parish Office (englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Further details about the programme will then be communicated to you.

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that the world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.



LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

The Parish of English Martyrs is now officially a **Live Simply Parish**. This means we have accepted the challenge to go for CAFOD's **Live Simply Award**, in response to Pope Francis' call.

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says an essential part of our faith is to listen to the "cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."

Already we have made a start:

From our autumn Harvest Table and other plant sales, we have raised £400 for Reading refugees.

In October, children began planting bulbs in the church garden, making a beautiful home for bees and other insects.

For more information on Live Simply, look at the board in the colonnade or on the Cafod website: cafod.org.uk

Below is our **Live Simply Plan**.

ACTIONS TO LIVE SIMPLY	ACTIONS TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY WITH CREATION	ACTIONS TO LIVE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR
<p>We are going to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote waste reduction at all levels, encouraging people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Recycle wherever possible ➢ Compost food ➢ Include a weekly tip or thought in the newsletter, making reference to <i>Laudato Si</i> wherever possible • Encourage everyone to make a Christmas Live Simply pledge. This might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Buying presents from CAFOD ➢ Using recycled wrapping paper ➢ Shopping locally for Christmas food • Try to make Sunday carless and walk to church if possible • Show the Global Healing video to the parish community, giving everyone the chance to see it 	<p>We are going to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a creation prayer walk followed by a picnic, or refreshments in the hall • Create a wild flower garden in the church grounds, make bird boxes and plant bulbs, celebrating the glory of God's creation! • Hold a plant exchange in the summer 	<p>We are going to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate Food and other items to the Foodbank at Dee Caf Community Café on Dee Road Estate • Promote fair trade, especially Kingdom Coffee, a local business that supports Guatemalan street children • Work to support Reading refugees throughout the year, depending on the needs that arise



Let's help Tina make takeaways!

Every Monday and Wednesday from 3.00 – 3.30pm the Dee Caff Community Café hosts a food bank and community fridge.

Local supporter Tina makes wholesome takeaway meals for people who need support to feed their families. To make the meals, she adds fresh vegetables to basic ingredients people have donated. Tina needs:

Pasta, rice, lentils, jars of pasta sauce, tomato passata, tins of kidney beans, mixed beans and sweetcorn

How can we at English Martyrs help?

Every Sunday, there will be a box in the colonnade where you can donate **the ingredients listed above**. Every Monday the box will be collected and taken to the café.

Thank you so much for caring.

Jesus - "I am the light of the world"

NIGHT OF LIGHT

Vigil All Saints Celebration



Sunday 31st October 6.00-8pm

English Martyrs Catholic Church

Family Celebration with

Praise and Worship + Rosary + Kids Games
+ Hot Dogs + Sweets + Sparklers

The Night of Light, is an international initiative to reclaim Hallowe'en for the church. It is running in many, many countries in the world from England to India, from Africa to New Zealand and Hungary to the United States, with uncountable numbers of people involved. In fact Hallowe'en ('All Hallows Eve'), the evening of the 31st October, is the beginning of the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God "who dwells in inaccessible light" (1 Tim 6:16) the victory of that light over darkness in the lives of God's holy ones in heaven. Through their prayers, we will follow their example to assume our position as the "Light of the world" (Mt. 5:14) today.

Come for 5 mins or 2 hours

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6.00 to 6.30pm - Praise and Worship

6.30pm to 7.00pm - Rosary procession

7.00pm to 8pm - Fun, Food and Games

Hot Dogs, Games and Goodie Bags for all Children

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Some may like to wear a **WHITE** item of clothing, in communion with the Saints. Children may wish to dress up in **WHITE** angel costumes or like their favourite saints.

Donations of sweets are welcome at the office or on the night

BreakThrough

We know many marriages have been put under stress during this pandemic.

In an effort to support marriages, this session will offer answers as well as discuss argument styles, how to avoid the Seven Deadly habits of an argument, highlight Smart Loving strategies for your marriage and more.

Who would benefit?

The Breakthrough course is for couples under marital stress or those couples needing extra support as well as couples who are doing well but want to safe-proof their marriage and be reminded of the power of forgiveness.

Breakthrough Workshop

Saturday 27th November from 12-6pm with lunch in Holy Family, Southampton, SO16 4PL.

Attendees need to confirm by emailing (marriagefamilylife@portsouthdiocese.org.uk) for the workshop in Southampton on November 27th and indicate any special dietary requirement.

There is a small donation of £10/head to meet expenses for running the course.

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st October.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23 rd (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Mary and Patrick Farragher RIP
Sunday 24 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Peggy Gregory RIP
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	Pat Togher RIP
	5.00pm	Sheila O'Dowd
Monday 25 th	9.30am	Miranda George RIP
Tuesday 26 th	9.30am	Jim Mc Gowan RIP
Wednesday 27 th	9.30am	Louie Fearn's RIP
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	Anne O'Connor RIP
Friday 29 th	9.30am	Pat Nolan RIP
Saturday 30 th	10.00am	Anselmo and Maria Thanksgiving

All Saints

Saturday 30 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Perera and Janaratne families RIP
Sunday 31 st	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Michael Sarjent RIP
	11.30am	Pat Togher RIP
	5.00pm	Mary O' Neill RIP

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Purley Burial Ground	12.30pm	St Mary's, Purley	1.20pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1.00pm	St Michael's Graveyard	2.00pm

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Henley Road Cemetery 3.00pm