

# English Martyrs' Newsletter

33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 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.*

English Martyrs Catholic Church opened its doors in 1926 through the generous donations of the faithful, and it continues to exist to this day because of the generosity of prayers, time, and offerings of the faithful. We are very grateful of this generosity, especially during this period of COVID which has certainly been difficult for us. We are delighted to see people coming back to Mass with the increase of the community spirit. It is the desire of the Diocese of Portsmouth, that all people are brought closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. In the coming years, we need to continue our generous support for the clergy at all stages of ministry, through prayer and offerings.

Firstly, we currently have 12 seminarians in formation. In the past couple of years, we had the opportunity to host Deacon James Lewis and Edward Hauschild in our parish. God willing, some of these seminarians will be priests who might serve this very community.

Secondly, with over 110 priests in active ministry, necessary care and resources are needed to help us to be fruitful in service of the faithful. This will allow our priests to carry on with their development and find new ways to serve our people.

Thirdly, currently we have 49 priests in retirement, and the Priest Retirement Fund does a marvelous job to support them respectfully for the years of dedication they gave to the faithful. Over the next 10 years, 30 more will reach the age of 75. Clergy are ordained for service to you and your families.

In addition, we need to consider stabilising our own parish offerings, and to raise funds for a welcoming space in the inner garden area to host small events and gatherings for parishioners which will be our Centenary Project, celebrating 100 years since the laying on of the foundation stone in 1925. Considering this reality and in connection with the overall vision of the Diocese of Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church the diocese has launched the Closer to Christ campaign, which will support our clergy and parish.

We have established a five-year goal to be raised in pledges within the next month. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners of this parish, we have so far raised £290,000. We are desiring to raise another £260,000. Today, we ask you to consider this endeavour, and to make a gift or pledge that is right for you. In the coming days, an information pack will be made available either through the post and at the church. Please read it over, consider supporting it, and keep the parish and diocese in your prayers. We thank you for your commitment to our parish community of English Martyrs. Working together, we can support each other in this work.

Celebrating the centenary of the parish is an important milestone for us, so let us support the clergy who have served it, who are currently serving it, and who will serve it in the future.

*Fr. Michael & 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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## MASS TIMES

Weekdays: Mon to Fri: 9.30am. Saturday 10.00am.

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm : Sundays: 8.00am : 9.30am ; 11.30am ; 5.00pm  
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 8.00am; 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 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays)

Available on Zoom (visit our website Calendar page for the links)

Faith Formation:- Mondays 7.00 to 9.00pm : Domestic Church:- Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Homegroups:- Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00pm : Emmaus Groups:- various days/times :

Daily:- Divine Mercy Chaplet:- 3.00pm: Pray the Rosary:- 4.00pm: Night Prayer:- 9.00pm



## Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed

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.

## November: Month of All Souls

In this season of remembrance, prayer and reflection we invite you to remember and to pray for all your family and friends who have died. There will be a basket in front of the altar to receive the names of the deceased. Please do not put money in these envelopes as they will be disposed of at the end of the month.

The Holy Souls will be remembered at every Mass during November.

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of Graves: Henley Road Cemetery. 3.00pm

## Passing on love for the Eucharist to our Children

In this Year of the Eucharist our Formation for Mission Team is offering an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families.

We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with a Adoration.

The sessions will run on **Mondays, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist
2. Going to Mass as a Family
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist

Register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucOmsqDgoGN1pyBB7YAfHGV4\\_u8kemJ8e](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucOmsqDgoGN1pyBB7YAfHGV4_u8kemJ8e)

## Workshops for Parish Readers

Two workshops to equip parish readers will be offered on **Saturdays 4th and 11th of December, from 10am to 1pm.**

The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with a specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word, as well as the Reading Skills necessary for parish readers. The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. Both workshops are led by a diocesan team: Deacon Martin McElroy from Winchester, Claire Tickell from Southampton and Sr Hyacinthe from the Lyminster Dominican Sisters.

Both workshops involve small group discussions. To complete the training, awarded with a diocesan *Recognitio*, a reading practice with a diocesan listener is required. The details for arranging for the 1:1 15 minutes practice are given during the workshops. Please advertise the workshops in your parish, for new and seasoned readers, especially now as we're getting back to church.

Find out more and register here for the workshops: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

## Wednesday Communion starting 1<sup>st</sup> December

The Dominican Sisters are launching a new initiative this Advent, to mark the Year of the Eucharist, called Wednesday Communion.

This weekly online meeting with the sisters will consist of:

A time of shared Lectio Divina on the first reading of the coming Sunday (especially helpful for readers!),

A time of fellowship, getting to know each other and share our stories,

A time of intercession for each other, for the Church and for the world

A time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through the sisters' livestream in their chapel.

We hope that you'll take this opportunity to join us whenever you can on Wednesday. We hope this will be a precious time of fellowship and prayer, in communion with Jesus present in his Word and Sacrament.

Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/wednesday-communion>

# HOPE<sup>into</sup> ACTION

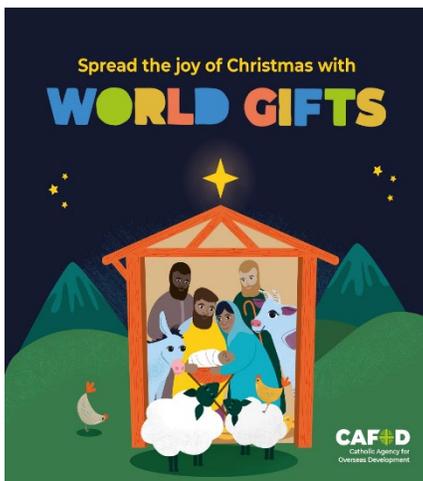
## READING

Enabling churches to house the homeless

**Hope into Action** is a national charity that provides supported housing to the homeless by partnering with local churches. English Martyrs, St James and St William of York will be supporting the third HIA house in Reading which will open in December 2021. Could you support this project by befriending a tenant, offering prayer, donating items for the house or with house maintenance? If you would like to be involved, there is a training day on **Saturday 4 December 10am - 3pm**. Please contact Mary Lewis on:

[07967 681020](tel:07967681020) or [mary.lewis@hopeintoaction.org.uk](mailto:mary.lewis@hopeintoaction.org.uk).

There is a list of items needed for the house at the back of the church should you wish to make a donation.



World Gifts is CAFOD's virtual giving scheme and provides the opportunity for people to use charity gifts to tangibly engage with CAFOD's work and support CAFOD around Christmas. We are well aware the climate crisis is further damaging the nature and biodiversity of our common home, and with the added effects of the pandemic, more and more people are being pushed into poverty and increased inequality. This year, therefore, CAFOD has stepped up its campaign to encourage people like us to use World Gifts as a small way of making the world a better place by supporting those most in need. There are great gifts for you buy for your loved ones from about £4, and while World Gifts is a fun way to support CAFOD, it's also a great way to know more about different areas of CAFOD's work. Copies of this year's World Gifts catalogue including an order form are available in the colonnade of the church, or you can see and order the gifts online: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>



12:30PM SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

## PUB SOCIAL

Meet outside English Martyrs church after the 11:30am Sunday Mass. We'll then make our way together to The Mansion House for lunch.

For more details, email [englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



We are continuing to collect items for the Dee Caf Community foodbank; both food and non food items. Have a look and see what you could be donating this weekend.

There will be a box in the colonnade in which to put your donations.



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Don't forget to visit our [Caring for Creation](#) on YouTube for the latest news, tips and upcoming activities.

Our latest video based on the recent Pastoral letter from Bishop Philip can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/GPgNJVNKAwI>

And in case you missed the Bishop's letter view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PixufdqSr6I>

If you like what you see and want to be kept up-to-date, then please consider subscribing to our You Tube Channel: English Martyrs Caring for Creation.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB2JNoDOPmP9NQcwA9MzyJM6E6hPatXhh>

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## MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### *33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time*

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Pat Togher RIP
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Anne O'Connor RIP
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	John Tucker Bangura RIP
	5.00pm	Jim Gates RIP
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	George Doyle RIP
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Jose Antonio Fernandes RIP
	12.45pm <i>Live Streamed</i>	Funeral Mass for Norah O'Dowd RIP
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Andrew Rosario RIP
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Felix Dias RIP
	1.00pm	Funeral service for Sheila Barnes RIP
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	James Gates RIP
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Nazario Andrade RIP

### *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Patrick McGullion RIP
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	John and Jim Knox RIP
	11.30am	Lya Turner RIP
	5.00pm	Gretrudes and Santana do Rego RIP