

English Martyrs' Newsletter

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th / 7th 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.

Bamenda Sunday

Project Applications Conditions remain very challenging for the people of Bamenda, where many are said to be subsisting on just £1 per day, making it nigh on impossible for them to meet school fees for their children to be educated nor medical fees, should their health be suffering. The situation has been exacerbated by the pandemic and the ongoing conflict. As rural schools were forced to close in the early days of the conflict and people fled their homes to seek shelter in the relative safety of the city, the strain on resources in Bamenda city has increased with the influx of IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons).

In these circumstances, people naturally turn to the Church to help them. The Archbishop's Education Fund helps orphans and vulnerable children to meet the costs of attending primary school. A standing order for £6 per month would help us support one child's grant. The renovation of schools damaged or neglected in the crisis and the extension of those in urban areas to accommodate IDPs are the archbishop's priorities. We have also received an application to support 60 students at the High School in Bafut who cannot afford the £100 fees for secondary education and Fr Bon has applied for funding of a computer lab at St Joseph's College, Mankon, to enable nearly 600 students to acquire necessary IT skills to enhance their studies and help them find better work opportunities in the future. Education projects will need much support this year.

For many years, Copnor Parish has generously raised funds through lunch events to supplement the meagre food provided at Bamenda Prison. The situation in the prison has deteriorated, resulting in an application from Sr Carla from the Catholic Chaplaincy at the prison, which cares for the 600 prisoners, whatever their faith background. Many prisoners have been awaiting trial for years! Her application makes harrowing reading of the real hunger experienced by many prisoners, who have no family in the city to bring them any food they might be able to spare to supplement their very basic diet. There are limited opportunities for prisoners to earn any money to buy themselves extra food rations, clothes, or toiletries. Few prisoners would be able to pay medical fees to obtain treatment when needed and she told us of one prisoner suffering from gangrene with no means to pay for treatment. Sr Carla would put our donations to good use!

Other Social Welfare applications include teaching poultry farming skills to 10 adults with learning disabilities; a Justice & Peace Commission application to overcome gender-based violence through education and sport initiatives and skills for self-reliance; the provision of a clean portable water supply at Holy Trinity, Wum, which would serve the mission, nursery and primary schools and neighbouring communities. An application from the St John of God Brothers in Batibo combines social outreach with medical support for: 50 physically challenged people to be fed and treated for free; 10 physically challenged children requiring medical intervention; 5 physically challenged people to be assisted to start a self-reliance micro business.

When we go to hospital or health centres, there are hand sanitisers and face masks readily available to help us protect ourselves, other patients and medical staff and no fees for treatment. In Cameroon, people must pay for medical services. Medical staff are a scarce resource. In these Covid times, the absolute necessity for frequent sanitising, masks, gloves, and other PPE has become all too apparent. The Archdiocesan Health Co-ordination Office needs PPE supplies to pass on to its health centres throughout the region. Other health projects include the provision of an incinerator for the safe disposal of medical waste at Ntasen and solar equipment for the provision of a constant power supply at the Martins health centre in Nkwen, particularly important when handling emergencies at night. The needs are great, please be as generous as you can.

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

Parish website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com

Livestream link on You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulqb5ncxASpquMmd_OMNtA

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Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP

Head: Dr Simon Uttley
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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 08.00am: 09.30am
- 11.30am and 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 1st 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.



This Sunday is Bamenda Sunday when we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for the six priests we have on loan here from the Archdiocese.

There will be a special collection which is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference!

Donations can be made securely online at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

For an update on the situation and some examples of this year's project applications, please download a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter at: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com/Newsletters

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER



Reading Half Marathon

Road closures that may affect your journey to Mass:

Tilehurst Road between Russell Street and Liebenrood Road:- 9.30am to 1.15pm

Liebenrood Road entire length:- 9.30am to 2.00pm

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 22nd November to the 13th 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

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 Lympington 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>

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

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.

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.



Hop over to [Caring for Creation on YouTube](#) for our latest news, tips and upcoming activities.

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>

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th November.**32nd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Saturday 6 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Deceased members of the McCormack & Martland families RIP
Sunday 7 th	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Chris Moran RIP
	11.30am	Porfeiro G Gaan RIP
	5.00pm	Maria Piedade do Rego & Esteve Araujo RIP
Monday 8 th November	9.30am	Eddie Henry RIP
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am	Deceased members of the Kelly Family RIP
Wednesday 10 th	9.30am	Mary & Alex D'Souza RIP
Thursday 11 th	9.30am	Dorothy Stafford RIP
Friday 12 th	9.30am	Flood family intentions
Saturday 13 th	10.00am	Nancy and Cahill Rafter RIP

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Saturday 14 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Pat Togher RIP
Sunday 15 th	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Anne O'Connor RIP
	11.30am	John Tucker Bangura RIP
	5.00pm	Jim Gates RIP