



English Martyrs' Newsletter

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd JUNE 2024

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 64, LIEBENROOD ROAD, READING, RG30 2EB:

Registered Charity No. 1199568

Parish website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com

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TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH:

Parish Bank Details: A/C Name: CDP Reading English Martyrs. Sort Code: 30 – 93 – 04.
Account No. 00885666

You can also use Direct Debit (forms available in colonnade), the Dona(te) machines in the church or by scanning the QR code on the right.



MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 23rd JUNE

Sunday at 9.00am; 11.30am; 5.00pm.

Monday to Friday at 9.30am

Saturday at 10.00am

Saturday at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

WEEK COMMENCING 23rd JUNE

Confessions will be celebrated as follows:

Sunday 30 mins before 9.00am & 11.30am and at 4.30pm.

Mon to Fri: 15 mins before Mass.

Saturday: After 10.00am Mass and from 5.30pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: On Friday from 10.00am to 6.00pm. From 5.00pm, Praise and Worship featuring music, scripture reading, guided reflection, a time of silence and concluding with Benediction.

Do you not care?

How many of us have asked that question of God? Perhaps in anger, disappointment, or worry, we have shouted it to what feels like a void of silence. Perhaps we have been too afraid to voice such a question, yet we feel it brewing in the depths of our hearts.



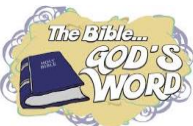





The disciples certainly felt it as they crossed the waters and felt the winds batter their existence; the question rose from their lips, "Do you not care?" They seemed, as perhaps they often did, to have missed the point: God was present. In the storms and the trials, God was present.

We do not know that God cares about the lack of the presence of trouble but from the steady and complete presence of God himself in our lives. God cares to such an extent that he sent his only son into the world so that whoever believes in him would not perish but would have eternal life (John 3:16). The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus show us the abundance of God's love, his devotion to us, and are proof of how much he cares for each of us.

The storms of life will still come. We do not blame a lighthouse for a storm at sea; we find comfort in its presence. We should not blame God for the storms in our lives, the difficulties, and the worries, but we should find deep comfort in his presence. The disciples perhaps forgot that Christ was present in their boat; we can forget the presence of Christ in our lives. This week, we could choose to recognize his presence and see where he is present in our lives. This week we could spend 30 minutes before him in the Blessed Sacrament, our anchor and hope.

Fr. Gaston

→ PARISH NOTICES ←

Sunday Readings for:	12th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Ss PETER AND PAUL
	<p>First: Job 38:1.8-11 Psalm: 106(107) 23-31 Second: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41</p>	<p>First: Acts 12: 1-11 Psalm: 34: 2-9 Second: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8.17-18 Gospel: Matthew 16 13-19</p>
<p>For more information and suggestions for praying with the Sunday readings through the week: https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/</p>		
	<p>RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH As usual, we explored the readings for this week's Sunday Mass together. We spent some time considering the story of Job and then, with the help of Fr Samuel, reflected on Mark's account of the Calming of the Storm on Lake Galilee .</p>	
	<p>EMMAUS GROUPS – HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE. Our Parish Emmaus groups explore the Sunday readings together with fellow parishioners in an informal setting. If you cannot join one of the existing parish groups, why not get together with a few friends or family members and do the same thing? No need for expert knowledge, there are many resources available to help us get to know the Scriptures better. Next week's meeting is on Wednesday 26th June at 10.30am in Room 2.</p>	
	<p>PARISH AFTERNOON TEA here will be another Parish Afternoon Tea for any parishioners who would like to come and join us for a relaxed afternoon with tea / cake and a chat. This month the event is being held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 27th June at 2.30pm. Please spread the word, and you can bring a friend with you to the Tea if you wish. We can offer transport to anyone who needs it. Please let Stephen Hogg know on 07891 773379. We look forward to seeing you all again</p>	
	<p>BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR JUNE: Next weekend after the homily at all Masses, there will be a special blessing for all those celebrating birthdays during June.</p>	
	<p>TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK Every Wednesday, from 1-3pm, at St. Joseph's RC Church. household products to take home. This week, TDICF is short of long-life milk, instant coffee, tea bags, sugar, oil, bags of rice (all small sizes), tinned/packet soup and pot noodles, so would greatly appreciate receiving any of these items. A collection bin is situated in the church foyer. Many thanks for your generosity. Any questions, please contact: John Foley 07769251747.</p>	
	<p>MISSIO Many thanks to those promoters who have handed in their Red Box money so far. In order that I can get to know all the promoters and update the records, could those of you that haven't handed in your contributions contact me (preferably by email) once you have emptied your boxes. I have received a letter from Fr Anthony Chantry, the Missio National Director, asking me to thank English Martyrs' parishioners on his behalf for raising £3250.20 in 2023 through the Red Boxes, direct debits and individuals giving directly. Mike Tomas, Missio Secretary, 07708 032743 / empty101955@gmail.com</p>	
	<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please pray for the 51 children making their First Holy Communion this Saturday 22nd June at English Martyrs. They are: Tiffany Agyare-Mensah, Victoria Altamirano-Delgado, Jacob Anthony, Michael Baker, Victor Basinski, Damian Basinski, Hanna Brazil, Joe Burns, Bianca Olivia Capule, Delishia Castelino, Delora, Castelino, Carly Celocia, Wing Yu Valeria Chan, Skyla Valentina De Braganca, Sidroy Vince De Braganca, Ethan Raymond Del Mar, Mason Rafael Flores, Margaux Louise Flores, Megan Ibru, Ryan Ibru, Ethan Ibru, Amelia Jagiello, Alex Kozak, Niall Kunnath, Barnaby Lacey, Leo Lagden, Zoe Mackie, Finn Mackie, Samuel Melillo, Hanna Melillo, Adela Nditi, Gabrieli Nditi, Kaira Jayden Mgbodille, Nailah Nunes, Jesse Okeke, Brian O. Oundo, Emil Pachny, John Patryarcha, Julia Pichlu, Dawid Psejuk, Leonard Raphael, Joel Rinson-Chonedan, Amelia Smith, Gabriella Esther Tarimo, Matteo Angelo Villava-Cue, Olaf Wojtowicz, Jakub Wronski, Abigail Yanquoi, Shanelle Yanquoi, Jenielle Yanquoi,</p>	

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP 2024

The Summer Youth Camp organised by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, will take place from 19th to 23rd August. This is for young people aged 11 to 18. There will be many enriching activities to promote the integral growth of young people. It will also be a time of fun and interaction with young people from other parishes. Book your place at www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk. There are limited spaces.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 29th/30th JUNE FOR 'PETERS PENCE'

This collection goes directly to the Vatican to fund their work and upkeep – a tangible token of our support for the Pope as successor to St Peter.

Please scan this QR code
on your mobile to donate



<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/adults-sponsored-cycle-ride>

Sponsored Cycling to Raise Funds for the Parish Organ Refurbishment



SPONSORED CYCLE RIDES

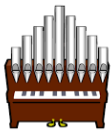
UPDATE: TOTAL RAISED SO FAR is £2748.76 plus Gift Aid

The good news is there is still time to support us

The online Sponsorship is still Open (See QR Code above)
Or you can use bank transfer (see above for our bank details)
or cash in the envelopes available in the colonnade
(please consider gift aid if you are a UK Tax Payer)

THANK YOU to all who have supported the two sponsored Cycle rides.

The ORGAN RESTORATION FUND now stands at £10,951.06 (with gift aid and money still coming in)



CHOIR CONCERT: ORGANS FOR THE ORGAN

Tamesis Chamber Choir will be performing their summer concert at English Martyrs Church on Saturday 29th June at 7:30pm. The concert will be in aid of the organ restoration fund and is aptly titled "Organs for the Organ". Each piece of music will have a reference to an organ of some kind - whether that be of the musical instrument variety or a part of the body! The programme includes music from a variety of genres, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy. There will be refreshments in the hall after the concert. Tickets cost £12 (£5 for children and students in full-time education) and are available from Tamesis' website, after all Masses this weekend or on the door.

<https://tamesischamberchoir.com/eventer/summer-concert/edate/2024-06-29>

ORGAN RESTORATION TEAM

The Organ Restoration Team will meet on Friday 28th June at 6p.m. This meeting will focus on drafting the applications to Organ Funding Bodies to solicit support for our Parish Organ Restoration. We thank everyone who has kindly supported the different initiatives thus far. Please spread the word regarding this project particularly to your friends and families

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH – HOLIDAY CLUB Q&A

The Summer can be a difficult time for children in families who are struggling with financial insecurity, in poor accommodation or who have little social interaction outside the family home. Holiday clubs can make a huge difference, giving some much needed fun, escapism and social activity. Caritas has run a number of clubs over the years and has lots of ideas, experience and relevant paperwork to help parishes set up their own. We are holding an online Q&A session on Tuesday 25th June 12:30-1pm for anyone thinking of running a club to learn about what is needed and the chance to ask questions. Please register in advance.

PLEASE KEEP THE STAFF AND CHILDREN OF ENGLISH MARTYRS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

We were very sad to learn of the sudden death of Mandy Smith, one of our teaching assistants at English Martyrs Primary School. This must be a very difficult time for Mandy's family. We keep them in our prayers. We also pray for the staff and children of English Martyrs Primary School, for whom Mandy's death is a great loss. May God grant eternal rest to Mandy.

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Dee Road, Tilehurst, Reading. RG30 4BE



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 29th June 2024

12 noon - 3.00pm

Burgers
Teas, coffees and soft drinks
Candyfloss
Stalls, Crafts, Facepainting
Tombola
Games + Activities
English Martyrs School Choir
and more...

Please contact
admin@englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk
if you would like to have a stall

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th June 2024

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Saturday 22 nd <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	6.00pm	Margaret Wilson RIP
Sunday 23 rd	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	For the D'Cruz family, Intentions
	5.00pm	Kathleen Carolan RIP
Monday 24 th <i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am	Anna Josepha Olivera RIP
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Louie Fearn's RIP
Friday 28 th <i>St Irenaeus, memorial</i>	9.30am	Avelina Rodrigues RIP
Saturday 29 th <i>Ss John Fisher, and Thomas More, Feast</i>	10.00am	Private Intentions

Ss Peter and Paul

Saturday 29 th <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	6.00pm	Josephine Pereira RIP
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
	11.30am	Sheila Dursley, Intention
	5.00pm	People of the Parish

DAY FOR LIFE: Last week's Second Collection raised £310.10. THANK YOU