



English Martyrs' Newsletter

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th JULY 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 14th JULY

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 14th JULY

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.

The disciples were sent to their own people to spread the news of the kingdom of God. They had been in communion with Jesus and were now being sent on a mission for Him. This mission was to their own people, to share what they had been given.


Who are our own people? They are the individuals whom God has placed in our lives, and He is asking us to go and tell them about His kingdom. Are we willing to go to these people, or are we simply hoping that someone else will do it? Each of us is called to be bearers of the kingdom of God and to share this "Good News" with the people we know.

The disciples were instructed to take nothing with them, which indicates that they were to trust in God's providence. Similarly, we should trust in God's providence in our lives as we share the hope that we have with others. It can be difficult to trust God, and we often tend to rely on ourselves. That is why, before the disciples were sent on a mission for Jesus, they had lived in communion with Him.


The faith that we share is a faith of relationship, a relationship with God, our Father, who knows us and desires for us to know Him. When we share our faith with others, we are inviting them to enter into a relationship with God, made possible through His Son and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We can only do this when we have lived this relationship ourselves. This week, choose to grow your relationship with God; spend time in prayer, read the scriptures, or spend time in Adoration.

Fr. Gaston


→ PARISH NOTICES ←

Sunday Readings for:	15 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	16 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	First: Amos 7: 12-15 Psalm: 84(85):9-14 Second: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13	First: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Psalm: 22(23) Second: Ephesians 2: 13-18 Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34


Helpful comments on the Sunday Readings and guidance for praying the Sunday readings through the week are available on: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com>


	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH NO TUESDAY MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST.</p> Our reflections on the Sunday readings will be shared via WhatsApp and Zoom. A new Cycle of meetings will begin in September. Please contact one of our priests or email rcia@englishmartyrsrdg.com if you would like to know more.
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">EMMAUS GROUPS – HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE</p> Our Parish Emmaus groups explore the Sunday readings together with fellow parishioners in an informal setting. Next week's meetings are on Monday 15 th July at 7.30pm in Room 2, Wednesday 17 th July at 10.30am in Room 2, Thursday 18 th July at 11.00am via ZOOM - link from cath-harrington@compuserve.com and Saturday 20 th July at 4.30pm in Room 1.
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:</p> This Sunday 14 th July will be the final meeting of the current programme. Meetings will resume in September.
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">HOLIDAY: Fr. Gaston will be taking his annual leave from Saturday 13th July until Saturday 10th August.</p>
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK</p> Every Wednesday, from 1-3pm, at St. Joseph's RC Church. household products to take home. This week, TDICF is short of tinned/packet soup, tinned spaghetti hoops, instant mash potato, tinned fruit, long-life apple/orange juice, instant coffee and sugar, 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.
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">SPONSORED EVENT FOR PARISH ORGAN RESTORATION.</p> <p style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">PADDLE YOUR FEET, TO RESTORE OUR ORGAN</p> This event will run from July 28 th to September 8 th , 2024. Participants can swim or paddle their feet to raise funds, whether in open water or at a gym. Even those who cannot swim can participate by paddling their feet in any body of water, even in a small bucket. Children of all ages are encouraged to take part, and parents can involve their little ones by having them paddle their feet in their baths. Sponsorship forms with more details will be available in the colonnade. Please spread the word about this sponsorship event to relatives and friends. The restoration of our cherished parish organ is our joint effort.
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	<p>The ORGAN RESTORATION FUND currently stands at</p> <p>£11,381.04</p>
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">FOREIGN CURRENCY: The Parish will gladly take foreign currency from you when you get back from holiday. Notes or Coins.</p> <p>ALL THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.</p> There is a collection box in the wall at the back of the church. Thank you!
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	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">BAPTISM: Welcome to: Amelia Ruth Kathleen Fanning who receives the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 13th July.</p> Annie-Rose Munteanu who receives the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 14 th July Congratulations to them both.
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 REST IN PEACE	<p style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px;">PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:</p> Lee Armstrong RIP. His Requiem will take place on Tuesday 30 th July at 11.15am. Edwin Thomas RIP. Funeral details to be confirmed. Please also keep their loved ones in your prayers.
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ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY: We are encouraging the children who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, June 22nd to consider joining different groups in our parish. Some have expressed interest in joining the Altar Servers. Registration forms can be found on the notice board in the Colonnade. Parents are kindly invited to complete the forms if their children would love to join the Altar Servers Group and return them to the parish office. The coordinator of the Altar Servers will contact the parents and guide them on the next steps.



ANNUAL BBQ & NIGHT PRAYER WITH BISHOP PHILIP AND OUR PORTSMOUTH SEMINARIANS

The Vocations team are hosting the annual gathering of all the Seminarians and Seekers/Discerners on Tuesday 30th July. If you are interested in joining the evening yourself as a new enquirer - or you know of a man/men in your parish who you think could be interested in joining the evening, then please can you pass on details of this opportunity. For further details and to register your interest, please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Friday 20th July.



SUMMER MASS AND PICNIC IN THE PARK – SUNDAY 28TH JULY

We will have Mass at 3pm in Prospect Park, followed by a Picnic. Please bring your own picnic food and drinks and something to sit on.

EVERYBODY WELCOME



PARISH AFTERNOON TEA

There 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 18th July 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

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI RETREAT

Saturday 27th July 10.00-1.00 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer."

Will include Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024.

More information at www.altonrenewal.com

REUNION OF FIRST & SECOND GENERATION IRISH, ITALIAN & POLISH PEOPLE

Did your family come to live in the UK after World War II? If so, this reunion is for you.

It will be held at St Annes School Hall, Washington Road, Caversham RG4 5AA on Saturday 14th September between 6pm & 11pm.

Please bring your own food, drinks & musical instruments to make for a jolly time.

Max of 200 people.

There will be a £5 entry fee at the door which will go towards Church & School funds.

Contact Gabriele Scicluna: 07778 340444.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

The 14th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 27th July, please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC Prayer cards can be found on www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS:

Bishops, Priests, and People from all Dioceses of England and Wales will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist on Saturday 14th September 2024.

The event-packed day will include a keynote address, Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including a Carlo Acutis presentation, Rosary Walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Please, click the link to register:

[Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress Tickets, Sat, Sep 14, 2024 at 6:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adoremus-national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-congress-tickets-756481112112)

SEA SUNDAY:

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions.

Sea Sunday on Sunday 14th July is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellmaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st July 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	6.00pm	João Da Luz RIP
Sunday 14th	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	Kathleen Carolan RIP
	5.00pm	Deceased members of the Barrett & Commins families RIP
Monday 15th <i>St. Swithun, feast</i>	9.30am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
Tuesday 16th <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, memorial</i>	9.30am	Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters (formerly of Reading)
Wednesday 17th <i>St Bonaventure, memorial</i>	9.30am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
Thursday 18th	9.30am	Brian Roche RIP
Friday 19th	9.30am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
Saturday 20th	10.00am	Maria Nazarin RIP

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	6.00pm	Gregory Nanayakkara RIP
Sunday 21st	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Tom & John O'Malley RIP
	5.00pm	Kathleen Carolan RIP

	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">CENTENARY PLANNING COMMITTEE</div> <p>As we look forward to the centenary of the dedication of our English Martyrs Parish Church (14th September 2026), we have established a committee to oversee the planning and execution of this significant event.</p> <p>The committee members are <i>Richard Kennedy (Chair), Judith Crimmins, Carlos Desouza, Gaynor Lloyd, Sen Buhay, Chika Onyewuchi, and the Senior Leadership Team of the Parish – Gerard Rocks, Angela Wills, Tony Maina, Anita Connolly, Fr Samuel Alab MSPi, and Fr Gaston Afah.</i></p> <p>The Planning Committee convened on June 18th and July 3rd to initiate discussions on activities that will mark our year-long celebration. These activities will be centred around four pillars: spiritual, human (social), intellectual, and pastoral (outreach). As this committee's role is primarily to facilitate the planning and execution of events, we are counting on the ideas and time of every parishioner to ensure that this centenary celebration is exceptional. Please feel free to forward any suggestions you have to the parish office.</p>	
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