

The English Martyrs Catholic Church

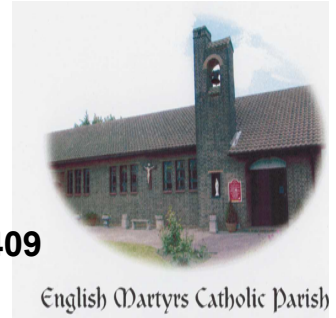
<http://www.englishmartyrshx.com/>

Parish Priest: Fr Linu Thankachan

240 Alma Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6BJ

Tel.no: 01708 507020

email: hornchurchem@brcdt.org



Founded 1955 Diocese of Brentwood Registered Charity No. 23409

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Lord Jesus Christ

Son of the Living God.

Teach us to walk in your ways more trustfully

To accept your truth more faithfully

And to share your life more lovingly

Inspire us by the power of the Holy Spirit

for mission within our Diocese

so that your name may be made known

and that all may come as one family

to the Kingdom of the Father

where you live for ever and ever. Amen

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

The first reading from Proverbs describes the good wife, using some of the imagery applied to Lady Wisdom in last week's reading from Wisdom. The good wife works skillfully and with love – not only for her family, but also for the needy. "Fear of the Lord" has nothing to do with fright. Rather, it describes reverence toward God and obedience to God's will.

In the second reading, Paul addresses a question troubling the Thessalonians – the delay of the end time and return of the Christ. He reminds them that the end will come when people least expect it so they need to stay alert. But because they are disciples ("children of the light"; 1 Thes 5:5), they have what they need to prepare for this event and need not fear.

In the same vein, today's Gospel provides a parable about how we ought to live as we wait for Christ's return. A man before going on a long journey, gives three of his servants' huge amounts of money to invest. (In biblical times, a "talent") represented thousands of dollars) The master, representing Christ, eventually returns to evaluate the servants' work. He praises two of them for their productive investment of the resources he left them. But the third one is severely scolded because he was fearful and did nothing while his master was away. Clearly, the master has expectations for us.

RIP: We are very sad to announce the death of Patricia Lark on Wednesday. We pray for the repose of her soul and pray for her husband Peter and her family.

FUNERAL: The funeral for Maria Edinburgh will take place at English Martyrs on Tuesday 21st November at 12.15pm.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES: Mass is celebrated every day during the month of November for our deceased families and friends. We remember our dead and traditionally write their names on a 'dead list' to be prayed for during all Masses for their eternal rest and peace. It is a beautiful tradition, rich in religious and human symbolism. All are welcome to send in the names of their deceased loved ones by using the brown envelopes available at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes into the wooden box in front of the Altar.

CONFIRMATION 2024 CANDIDATES: Please collect your mass registration card from Fr Linu after mass and have it signed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Raffle tickets will be sold after every Sunday mass, with the draw taking place on Sunday 3rd December. Any donations of cakes/biscuits most welcome. Please leave in the box at the back of the church.

“CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

ADVENT TALK ON THE PROPHET ISAIAH: In preparation for the beginning of Advent Fr Adrian Gaffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and Scripture scholar, will be giving a talk on the Prophet Isaiah at 7pm on Wednesday 29th November in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is free and is in person, and it will also be live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org. No booking necessary. A recording of the talk will be made available subsequently on the same website.

ST ALBANS PARISH: Christmas Bazaar 2023: The Christmas Bazaar will take place this year on 25th of November 2023 in the Parish Hall at 12-3pm. More information will follow later.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 26th November 2023: World Youth Day is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church, along with the global Church, and is celebrated each year on the feast of Christ the King. There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, and any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing the BCYS to continue running events, such as the monthly Youth Masses, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. You will also see posters around the church with details on how you can get involved or donate online, and please pray for all our young people and those who work with them.

To find out more about the work of the BCYS, please visit www.bcys.net

CAMPION SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY : The Campion School will once again host their annual Senior Citizen's Party on Sunday 17th December 2023 between 12.30 pm and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30pm. Please add your name to the form at the back of the church should you be interested.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PARISH:

Theresa Camilleri, Maureen Chaliss, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Colin Johns, George Malaj, Margaret, Eileen McCaffery, Sheila McCurdy, Doris Mizzi, Sheila Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Mary O'Hagan, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voní Tesi, Denise Woodfin, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:

David Calder, Iris Canning, Marie Coxell, Johni Deely, Phil Fowley, Tommy Goggin, Evelyn Golding, Paul Hogan, Bridie Long, Paul McAvoy, Patrick Markey, Sidney Meadway, Don Muscat, Ann O'Connor, Geraldine Patterson, Charles Poddington, Judith Salisbury, Eamon Shanahan, Peter Soares, Rose Soares, Denis Sullivan, Monsignor Van Meenan, Carlos Vieira, Dr Michael Wright

PARISH FINANCE:

Offertory Collection: The weekly collection for the 12.11.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: **£223.60** (Envelopes: £75, LP: £148.60)

The bank receipts for the period 06.09.23 - 05.10.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £1,209 (TP: £628, Non-TP: £581)
Hall Bookings: £1,110
Total: **£2,319**

The bank receipts for the period 06.10.23 - 05.11.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £1,439 (GA: £638, Non-GA: £801).
Hall Bookings: £1,720.
Total: **£3,159**

We would like to encourage you to make your contributions using a Standing Order rather than cash. There are Standing Order forms at the back of the Church. Our bank details are: HSBC Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs. Account No. 11019198 Sort code 4013

Sunday 19th November – Sunday 26th November

Sunday 19 th November	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (World Day of the Poor) Rt Rev Mons Van Meenen – RIP
10.00 am	
Monday 20 th November	Feria Mrs Maura Beavis
9.00 am	
Tuesday 21 st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thomas O’Hora
9.00 am	
12.15 pm	Funeral Mass – Maria Edinburgh
Wednesday 22 nd November	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr Eucharistic Service
9.00 am	
Thursday 23 rd November	Feria Departed Legions of Mary
9.00 am	
Friday 24 th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, martyrs Peter Soares – RIP/Anni (Scully/Soares Family)
9.00 am	
Saturday 25 th November	Feria No Mass
9.00 am	
Sunday 26 th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (A) Solemnity (Youth Day) Sidney Meadway – RIP/Anni (Mandy Meadway) Paul Hogan – RIP/2 nd Anni (Eileen Hogan)
10.00 am	

Parish Priest: Fr Linu Thankachan (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)
Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)
Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465), Marie Browne (07443 362654)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)
Church & Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926)
Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)

Sunday Mass	10.00 am
Weekday Mass	9.00 am (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Saturday Mass	No Mass
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30 am
Confession on Friday	9.30 am – 10.00 am

Legion of Mary
Baptisms

After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)