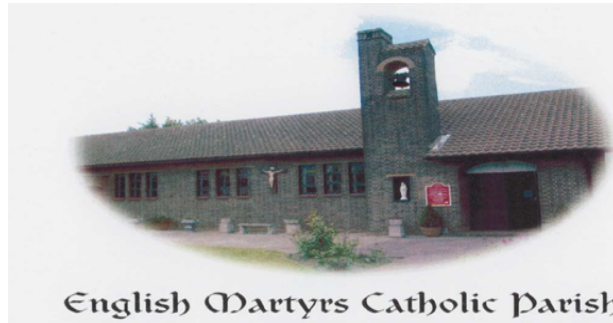


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English Martyrs Catholic Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Last Will and Testament

The Gospel for the solemnity of the Ascension speaks of our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak.

In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics? The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day,
through all that you do and whatever you say.
Others read what you write, be it faithful or true.
So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone* ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 16th May 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 16 th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)
Sunday 23 rd May	Pentecost Sunday (B) - Solemnity (Day of Prayer for the Church)

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 16 th May	10am (livestream)	12pm (For confirmation Candidates only in church)
Sunday 23 rd May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 30 th May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)

Parish Notice Board

Sacrament of Confirmation: Prayers and Donations needed

Fourteen of our parish young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemn Feast of the Pentecost – Sunday 23rd May at the 12 pm mass. Please be aware that this mass is restricted for the candidates, their parents and sponsors only. Kindly keep these candidates in your loving prayers. They have gone through a time of preparation on Saturday 15th May.

I have arranged for a professional live streaming at 12 pm on 23rd May. To cover the cost of livestreaming and the flowers, could I appeal for donations both from the parents, sponsors and whoever wish to contribute please. Kindly mark your envelopes as **“Confirmation Ceremony”** and place them at the offertory basket when you come for mass or post them through the presbytery door. I am asking for this unfortunately due to lack of parish funds.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

If you wish to pay father by cheque for ‘mass intentions’ please make the cheque payable to ‘English Martyrs Stipend’. Other cheques for Father must be payable to ‘Fr Belevendran’.

Many thanks

Parish Finance

Sunday 9th May 2021

Gift Aid £37.00 Loose Plate £72 Total - £109.00

A kind Donation has been received with gratitude towards Parish funds - £100

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Evelyn Golding, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates in Emerson Court.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 16 th May	10.00 am	Margaret O'Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Monday 17 th May	10.00 am	Mary Kelly – Intentions (donor – Bridget Fowley)
Tuesday 18 th May	10.00 am	
Wednesday 19 th May	10.00 am	
Thursday 20 th May	10.00 am	
Friday 21 st May	10.00 am	Margaret O'Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Saturday 22 nd May	10.00 am	
Sunday 23 rd May	12.00 pm	FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Communication Desk

Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 29th May – Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

Liturgy Of The Word

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

Reading The Acts Of The Apostles

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

New St Bon's Alumni Network

Open to all former students and staff of St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events and opportunities to give back: <https://www.stbons.org/alumni/>

St. Mary's Hare Park Nursery & School

we are a 'small school with a big heart' located in Gidea Park that values standards and achievement. We are a Roman Catholic Independent Nursery and School admitting children from 2½ to 11 years who are supported in their learning by dedicated staff, the Trustees and parents. Children will experience a broad academic education within a caring Catholic ethos, and a commitment to providing the highest quality of learning to all. Children are prepared for success for Grammar and Independent School entry at age 11. We are

extremely proud of all that our children do and achieve. Places are limited but should you be interested in a place for your child, please call our Admissions Officer on 01708 761220 or visit www.stmarysharepark.co.uk to check availability.

St John's RC School, Woodford Bridge

Are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.
www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust

(based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/>
The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May.

Sacred Heart Of Mary Girls' School

Vacancies

Part-Time Cleaner as soon as possible

Please contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) kj@mary.havering.sch.uk
for further details. Closing date: Monday, 14th May

Casual/ Relief Lettings Supervisor/Groundsperson
Required as soon as possible to work on a relief basis.

Vacancy at Sir William Petre Almshouses, Ingatestone

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

Parish Priest : Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator : Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (11am-2pm) (07956 473389)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative : Katie Nash (07825293308)
Finance & Maintenance : Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)
Parish Gift Aid Organiser : Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)
Hall & Lounge Bookings : English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

The English Martyrs Catholic Church (Diocese of Brentwood)

Parish address: 240 Alma Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6BJ

Parish tel no: 01708 507020

Parish email: hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Parish website: <http://englishmartyrshx.weebly.com/>

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