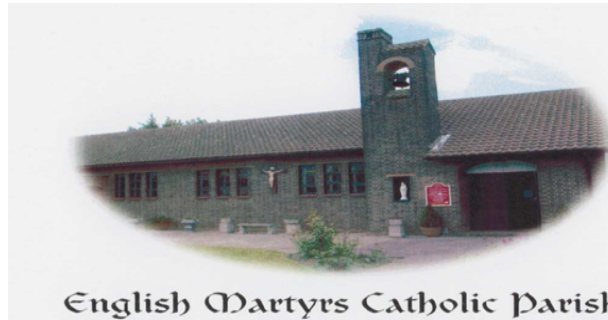


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English Martyrs Catholic Parish

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021**

**THE INNER AND THE OUTER TRANSFORMATION**

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the Spirit inspires, guides and strengthens us to live as Christian disciples. Especially in the later weeks of Easter Time, we have anticipated the advent of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples and in the church. Now we hear the account of the first Pentecost, when, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Good News of Christ was shared with people from throughout the world. Those who heard the disciples speaking were amazed and astonished at the power of God.

The scripture texts today invite us to consider the Spirit's vast activity in both an outer, geographical sense and an inner, spiritual sense. Jesus apparently lived his life within a tiny territory, but the outpouring of his Spirit at Pentecost sent his disciples to the ends of the earth. The same Spirit pressed them deep within themselves to explore the truth about Jesus.

Outwardly, Luke's list is a roll call, not of people who literally heard Peter's Pentecost sermon, but of people who had heard the Gospel by Luke's time in the late first century. The places named can be found on a good Bible map. They form a circle around Jerusalem, always the spiritual starting point for Luke. In Luke's Gospel, the devil showed Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world" because they were his to give (Luke 4:5-6); Acts shows us the kingdoms that became Christ's by the power of the Holy Spirit. The list symbolizes the scope of God's grace and the Spirit's power. It also previews the rest of Acts. The Apostles would experience many successes and much rejoicing but also many conflicts and reversals. "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). The Spirit's relentless energy constantly stirred and pushed the disciples beyond themselves. Their story became part of the story of "the mighty acts of God" (2:11).

Inwardly, the Spirit comes from Jesus to guide the disciples to all the truth about him. In the context of John's Gospel, this means penetrating to the awesome mystery of Jesus' divine being, the Word made flesh who in the beginning was with God and is himself God (John 1:1, 14).

Galatians says that by grace the Spirit instructs Christians about life by uniting them with Jesus' crucifixion. For those who understand, Christ's death powerfully centres the inner life of individuals and communities in the fruit of the Spirit.



**Solemnity of Pentecost**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**Liturgical Calendar**

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday (B) - Solemnity (Day of Prayer for the Church)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	St Philip Neri, Priest
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest (National Feast)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	The Most Holy Trinity (B) Solemnity

**Sunday Masses In Church**

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12pm (livestream)	(Only For confirmation candidates in church)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

***Dear Parishioners,***

***With an Intent of having the entire Parish Community participating in the Rite of Confirmation being celebrated at the 12pm mass on this Sunday – the feast of the Pentecost, I would like to invite you All to attend the only Mass for the day – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 12pm online.***

***This mass will be professionally filmed and live streamed and brought to you in the usual you tube channel (English Martyrs Catholic church Hornchurch)***

***Please pray for our 14 Confirmation Candidates, their families and sponsors as these 14 young people are embarking on an emboldened Journey of Faith filled with the Holy Spirit.***

***May I wish each and every one of us the Loving Presence of the Holy spirit and may His Burning Fire become a transforming power in all our lives!***

***Fr. Britto***

**Parish Notice Board**

**RIP – Evelyn Golding**

**We were very sorry to hear the sad news of the passing away of Evelyn Golding, who was a very dear and long-standing member of the parish community. Her funeral is arranged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at the English Martyrs. Participation is restricted to those invited by the**

family only. Kindly keep Evelyn Golding in your prayers. I wish to Thank Evelyn Townsend who took Holy communion to Evelyn Golding so faithfully.

### 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 make your monetary contributions for 'Mass intentions' by cheque, please make your cheque payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only. Other contributions for Father could be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran' (Kindly avoid writing Fr. Britto Belevendran on the cheques)

Many thanks  
Parish Office

#### Parish Finance

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Gift Aid £80.00    Loose Plate £308.74 Total - £388.74

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Communications £30

Two kind donations have been received with gratitude towards Parish funds - £100 & £50

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12.00 pm	FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, SPONSORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ONLY – LIVESTREAM
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	James Shanahan – RIP/Anni (donor – May Shanahan)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Margaret O'Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Eileen Brady – RIP/Anni (donor – Jim & Liz Manning)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Margaret O'Leary – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	John O'Shea and Jenny O'Shea – RIP/Anni (donor – Greta Street)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Robert & Sean Taplin – B/days (donor – Greta Street)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Pauline Carroll – RIP (donor – Kathy O'Dea)

## Communication Desk

### Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

### 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](http://www.stmarysharepark.co.uk) to check availability.

### Parish Administrator Vacancy– Ongar

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be an administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. **The applicant** must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. 20 hours per week at £11 per hour . Closing date: **Friday 18th June 2021**. Please contact the parish office via email [ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a full job description and application details.

### 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](mailto:hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org)**

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

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