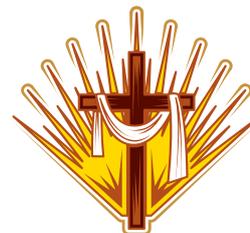


4th Sunday of Easter
2/3 May 20



Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mass Intentions this week: (said in private)

Sat: Chris Hurd RIP
Sun: Krystina Burczynska RIP

Mon: English Martyrs Canon Colin Taylor RIP
Wed: Fr William Wells RIP
Fri: Anniversary of VE Day
Service men & women who lost their lives in WWII

Sat: James Verdon RIP
Sun: Fr Eamonn O'Hara RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £

For those who regularly contribute to the church via the Envelope Scheme there are a number of ways you may continue to do so:

Drop the envelope to the Presbytery or put them aside each week for when the present crisis is over.
Another option would be to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order – Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59; account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Simon Thompson, Lynda King, Christine Dreuit, Mary Walsh, for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all on our sick list.

Please pray also for Fr Slavik Hermanowicz, Hospital Chaplain at Nottingham, who is sick at this time.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Birkinshaw, George Boucher and all who have died from COVID-19. Please also remember their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Anne Stack – Service of Committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery on 6 May at 10.30am – Close family only

Edward Birkinshaw – Service of Committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery at 12 noon on 19 May

The Readings for our parochial Feast of English Martyrs are:

First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm 30(31): 3-8, 17-21
Gospel: Matthew 10: 17-22

Parish 'Retreat' Beginning on The Feast of English Martyrs:

As Monday 4 May is the feast of English Martyrs, it might provide us with the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on our faith and our mission as a parish community during this period of social isolation. During this Easter season, the first readings at Mass generally come from the Acts of the Apostles, but it is not a book we often study. We often think of the Apostles as hiding away out of fear after Jesus' death and resurrection until the feast of Pentecost. The forty English Martyrs whose feast we celebrate would also have known something about social isolation due to the danger of practicing their faith. Perhaps we can use some of this time if it is available to us to reflect on our faith – among the challenges of working from home, home-schooling, illness and the joys, fears and sorrows of this time.

You are invited, beginning on our feast day to learn a little more about the Acts of the Apostles listening to the guided prayer reflections on the Pray as You Go website or app, to join in the retreat (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/acts-of-the-apostles>)

Find some time in the day to listen and pray with the online audio. Each session is around 10 minutes long

Monday: Listen to the Introduction to the book and the retreat (reading at Mass Acts 7:55-60)

Tuesday: Session 1 – The Holy Spirit (reading at Mass Acts 11:19-26)

Wednesday: Session 2 – The Christian Community (reading at Mass Acts 12:24-13:5)

Thursday: Session 3 – Discernment (reading at Mass Acts 13:-25)

Friday: Session 4 – Conversion (reading at Mass Acts 13:26-33)

Saturday: Session 5 – Preaching the good News (reading at Mass Acts 13:44-52)

300 Lottery – Extra Numbers: Continue your 300 lottery numbers for a further 6 months for £30.00. You can either pay by cheque made payable to English Martyrs Parish 300 Development Fund or by cash. Put your name, and number if known, on the envelope and drop into the presbytery. If you are paying by standing order these payments will continue as usual. All profits to buy hymn books at both churches.

SVP: For our parishioners who live alone and are sick or self-isolating, and family and friends or neighbours are unable to help you with shopping or obtaining medicines, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message on 01332 574474.

Father M Brentnall VF [Parish Priest]

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Newsletter Admin: Anne Walsh – annew505@gmail.com 07980 568261

Hall Bookings: Frances Connolly on 01332 572286

Knitted Together: With many of us now at home please support this project, publicise it and have a go!

Knit or crochet: Scarves for the homeless ideally about 9in wide and 60in long. (that is about 25cm x 150cm)
Scarves, hats or mittens for babies / young children for those experiencing hardship.

Cannot knit or crochet? – everyone, including children, can still contribute by making pompoms. These will be attached later.

Keep your items until we can move around again and be distributed in autumn / winter.

Any colours, any stitches the choice is yours! Some supermarkets and stores still open do have wool .

Veronica Morrison has a variety of balls of wool which she is happy to deliver to the doorstep in the locality of her walks for exercise.

Contact on email veron.morrison@gmail.com

During this time of lockdown, **Catholic Voices Connect** are holding a live weekly webinar involving a 'visiting speaker' - the sessions are at 7:45pm each Monday. It is necessary to register to participate first at: [CV Connect — Catholic Voices](#).

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Each Sunday, **CAFOD** are hosting an online Children's Liturgy. You can register to participate here [Online talks and presentations | CAFOD](#)

Food Bank Donations: The Food Forum Network in partnership with Derby County and the Derby Covid Community Response Hub have set up public donation points for food donations to be dropped at the Fan Zone in the car park at Pride Park Stadium starting this week. Donations can be dropped off every Monday & Thursday between 10am-2pm as part of your food shop or work journeys to ensure we meet government guidance on only journeying when needed.

This food will help towards supporting individuals & families who are most in need and vulnerable due to impact of Covid 19.

Items required are ambient tinned or packet food. Thank you.

A Coronavirus Prayer:

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. O God of creation and life, we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. May all the saints of God, pray for us. Amen.

I would give up my life a thousand times, not only for each of the truths of Sacred Scripture, but even more for the least of the ceremonies of the Catholic Church.

St Teresa of Avila

Job Vacancy: Director of Adult Formation for Mission

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Director of Adult Formation for Mission to work with the Bishop of Nottingham and the Parishes of the Diocese to lead the creation and delivery of opportunities for adult formation, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship, and helping our people to grow in confidence as practical, engaging, Spirit-filled witnesses of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives. This would suit a committed Catholic, qualified in theology, catechetics, evangelisation or pastoral ministry, experienced in leading catechesis and evangelisation and with a passion for the mission of the Church. Salary: £45,000 - £50,000 dependent on qualifications and experience For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date **25 May 2020**

Exploring Faith

The livestream of the National Shrine at Walsingham are streaming a series of videos during which you can explore and reflect on faith. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Each session involves a short film and discussion questions to get you thinking.

The 10 sessions will be broadcast daily on the Shrine's livestream from Wednesday 29th April until Friday 8th May, with each episode shown at 10.30am and then repeated again at 4pm (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/sycamore/>):

Session 1: The Search for Happiness (Wednesday 29/4)

Session 2: The Existence of God (Thursday 30/4)

Session 3: A God Who Speaks (Friday 1/5)

Session 4: Who is Jesus? (Saturday 2/5)

Session 5: The Holy Spirit and the Church (Sunday 3/5)

Session 6: The Bible (Monday 4/5)

Session 7: The Gift of Faith (Tuesday 5/5)

Session 8: The Power of Prayer (Wednesday 6/5)

Session 9: Finding True Freedom (Thursday 7/5)

Session 10: The Meaning of Love (Friday 8/5)

The Walsingham National Shrine website: www.walsingham.org.uk also offers streamed Masses & devotions every day. Sunday Mass at 9.30am

A Prayer sent in by a Parishioner:

Jesus had no servants, yet they called him Master,
Had no degree, yet they called him Teacher,
Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.
Had no army, yet kings feared him
He won no military battles, yet he conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified him.

Almighty Father, look with mercy on your family,
for which our Lord, Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
Who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen

If you have any prayers, spiritual readings, prayer intentions etc that you would like to share with our Parish Community at this time, please email me on annew505@gmail.com