


PARISH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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21st January 2024 – 3rd Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr B

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS
Sat. 6pm	3rd Ordinary	Veronica & Rosaleen Conway	Thursday 6.15 – 6.35pm Saturdays 5.20-5.50pm
Sun. 10.30am	3rd Ordinary	People of the Parish	ADORATION 6pm all are welcome
Mon. 7.30am	St. Vincent	November Dead List	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p>
Tue. 10am		November Dead List	
Wed. 2pm	St. Francis de Sales	November Dead List	
Thurs. 7pm	Conversion of St. Paul	November Dead List	
Fri. 10am Fri. 12pm	St. Timothy & St. Titus Bar Convent	Etta Wilson Private Ints.	
Sat. 6pm	4th Ordinary	People of the Parish	Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: psrenglishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk , 07711 569880.
Sun. 10.30am	4th Ordinary	Mary Allan	

NEXT WEEK, 4th Ordinary Time, Yr B
ANNIVERSARIES, Fr. Joe O'Brien, Fr. Ted Glynn R.N.
LOOSE PLATE, £293.91 **PLANNED GIVING**, £338

100 CLUB, 14th January: No.88 Simon & Jackie O'Keefe.

SPUC COLLECTION, raised £400, many thanks for your generosity.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PLAYERS present "Come on, Jeeves", a comedy by G Bolton & PG Wodehouse. Performances Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Sat 17th Feb at 7.30pm, Sun 18th matinee at 2.30pm. Bring your own drinks, and tea and cakes served in the interval! Tickets available after mass from 21st Jan.

PARISH CEILIDH, Saturday 16th March, St Patrick's eve! A celebration for everyone.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP, On Wednesday evenings at 7pm in presbytery, you are invited to look next Sunday's Gospel and prayerfully reflect on it. It is a small group and you would be very welcome to join.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY, Saturday 27th January will be the international day to remember the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of people murdered under Nazi persecution of other groups and during more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust encourages people to place a candle in their window at 8pm to remember those who were murdered and to stand against prejudice today. To find out more visit: HMD.org.uk

MARY WARD WEEK, The campaign to have Mary Ward beatified will be launched on Tuesday 23rd January at the Bar Convent. She is so deserving of this honour.

Mary Ward Week Prayer: God, creator of all that is good, we thank you for giving Mary Ward to the Church and to the world. Impelled by the fire of your love, she did not shrink from risks, labours or sufferings. She lived and worked for your greater glory, for the good of the Church, for the nurture of faith and for the dignity of women. She was a pilgrim who spread the joy of the gospel. A woman for our times. Grant that through the solemn testimony of the Church the example of her life may be a light for all who seek God's will. Amen.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY, Copies of the Universe are available at the back of church for a very reasonable price of £3.50. The paper seeks to be a 'light to guide the world, and a mirror to reflect it.'

SUNDAY PLUS

Christ, be our light

See differently



By Eileen Cole

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Racism is a blind, stupid and cruel scourge. We should marvel and rejoice in our difference and varied cultures. How boring it would be to be all the same! Our variety and unique ancestries are a gift from God.

Each of us is made, not just good but very good, each called to be a jewel in God's crown. Our gifts are not just for our own good, but

for the good of everyone. How do we share our gifts? How are we open to and how do we welcome the gifts of others? Are we able to see others and their differences as a gift that enriches us?

Gifts are often wrapped, which lends an element of surprise and wonder, but what is within? This is surely the best way to approach those who are different from us, whose skin is of a different hue, who wear a different costume and speak another language.

One of the beautiful aspects of the Catholic

Church is its universality – every race and ethnicity are to be included in the mission of Christ and his Church. Look around you at church today. How many different nationalities are there? And they all belong, because really, underpinning our difference is a unifying characteristic: in the words of St Josemaría Escrivá: "There is really only one race – the race of the children of God".

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War, terrorist attacks, racial or religious persecution and many other affronts to human dignity are judged differently, depending on how convenient it proves for certain, primarily economic, interests. What is true, as long as it is convenient for someone in power, stops being true once it becomes inconvenient. These situations of violence, sad to say, "have become so common as to constitute a real 'third world war' fought piecemeal".

Pope Francis

Enriching differences

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM


Shabaz was aggressively sensitive about being a Bangladeshi Muslim woman, newly arrived in Britain. Prepared for an argument, she tackled the university chaplain. "What do you see when I enter the room?" she asked. His reply silenced her: "Shabaz". There were no racial undertones. Her younger sister Ijaz and I were good friends, so his reply made sense. We all longed to see Shabaz at peace.

Many years later, when based in Zambia, arranging for two strangers to meet on a busy street in Lusaka became complicated: I'd honestly not noticed whether Luke, whom I had just met for the first time, was a Zambian or a European and couldn't move beyond describing someone "of average height".

On Racial Justice Sunday, we remember that recognising differences can be enriching. My friend Ijaz and I delighted in sharing our cultures, peoples and history, learning so much about each other's beloved country.

Racial intolerance and injustice are as useless as discrimination based on hair or eye colour.

Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.



Feast of the week
Friday 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light.
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light.
Shine in your church gathered today.

Bernadette Farrell

May the Lord give us the grace to open our hearts to this encounter with his Word, and to be unafraid of joy, to be unafraid of making the feast of joy.  Amen.

Pope Francis

Today:
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Monday:
2 Samuel 15:13-14.
30; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday:
2 Samuel 18:9-10. 14.
24-25. 30 – 19:3
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday:
2 Samuel 24:2. 9-17
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday:
1 Kings 2:1-4. 10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday:
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Saturday:
1 Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday:
Job 7:1-4. 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
Mark 1:29-39