

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 211121

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday 9.30-12 noon

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is and eternal sovereignty.

Response: Psalm 92 The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Ruler of the kings of the earth...he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It is you who say I am a king.

PARISHES' MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS LS= Live Stream as indicated

Saturday 20th	5pm at SH	People of the Parishes LS
Sunday 21th	9.30am at SH	Deceased Members Fadden Family
Sunday 21th	11 am_ at EM	Mary Fitzgerald RIP LS
Monday 22th	10am at SH	No Mass Today
Tuesday 23th	10am at SH	No Mass Today
Wednesday 24 th	10.30am EM	Funeral Mass Austin Gooch RIP
Wednesday 24th	7pm at SH	Private Intention LS
Thursday 25th	11am at EM	Isabel O'Hanlon RIP
Friday 26th	7pm at SH	Philomena Gallagher RIP LS
Saturday 27th	5pm at SH	McElhatton Family Deceased LS
Sunday 28th	9.30am at SH	People of the Parishes
Sunday 28th	11 am_ at EM	Deceased Parishioners of EM and SH LS

ENGLISH MARTYRS: We are completing another set of First Holy Communions at Masses on Saturdays 20th and 27th November at 11 am. Families only. Please pray for the children and their families. Thanks to the school staff for all their dedication in helping the children prepare so well for this important celebration.

It is hoped to commence First Holy Communion Classes for children not in Catholic school which are run by SH Parish in the new Year. Details when available.

RETIRING COLLECTION: This Weekend for the Diocesan Youth Services (Kenelm Trust).

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL- Sunday 5th December 3.30pm. This has been booked at Hillmorton Manor . All are welcome. Please collect Menus and Booking form from Caroline if you haven't already had one and return as soon as possible with your booking. Please return your Booking Forms and Payments. Closing date Sunday 28th.

Red Mission Boxes at English Martyrs : Thank you for supporting the Missions with your prayers ,support and contributions over this year. Some Red Boxes may still need to be emptied, if so please bring them into Church within the next two weeks November 14th. - November 28th. Or contact Margaret. Rugby 572598.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS- Catalogues available and online. Thoughtful Gifts from you for those who are in great need of the basics of life in different parts of the world. Please take a copy or look on Cafod website.

SYNODALITY –A CALL TO OUR PARISHES. Pope Francis has asked the whole Church throughout the world to engage in a process of learning, listening and discerning together to see how the Holy Spirit is directing us as we face the challenges of living our faith in this (hopefully) Post Covid world. This is something new and quite unique in the life of the Church. We also have our Diocesan Vision proposed by the Archbishop asking us to look at four important themes: Evangelisation, Formation, Worship and Sacramental Life and Charity and Social Outreach. . We are planning to make a start by offering two invitations and opportunities to look at this together. I would ask English Martyrs to come together with Sacred Heart so we can share this work together. You don't need to attend both events.

On **Thursday 2nd December at 2pm** for half an hour there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church followed by an Introduction and initial meeting in the Parish Hall. This will be for an hour. There will be a similar programme on **9th December at 7pm** also at Sacred Heart. I am grateful to Richard Potter for agreeing to be our Synodality Rep with the Diocese. It would be good if we could make a start on this important project before Christmas. It will continue in the new year. Please join us on this journey with your presence and your prayer. We need to talk, listen and learn together. No amount of homilies however wise or otherwise will achieve this.

SUNDAY MASS : Our Bishops have issued a new letter about this. They have **not** reimposed the Sunday obligation. They are asking people to review their current weekend arrangements shopping, pub, visiting etc and if they are not attending Mass at present to return unless there are factors that may hinder this. You can find the whole letter on the cbeu (catholic bishops of England and wales) website or the diocesan site.

