



## ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

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**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**26th June 2022**

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June:** *For faith-filled young people* - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Sun 26th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	M P M Fee R.I.P.; A McNamara R.I.P. A Espinosa R.I.P. B Conlon R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 27th	St John Southworth	P D Dias R.I.P.	
Tues 28th	St Irenaeus	Fr Brennan R.I.P.	
Wed 29th	Sts Peter & Paul	7 p.m. E Ginnelli R.I.P.;	
Thurs 30th	Feria	N & W Levingstone Int	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 1st	Dedication of the Cathedral	B Twomey R.I.P.	First Friday Devotion 7 p.m.
Sat 2nd	Our Lady's Saturday	H Fernandes R.I.P. A Coelho & Family Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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### ***How do I fit the practice of my faith into the demands of everyday life?***

Putting our faith into action is the challenge of every believer. We are pulled between making time for prayer and good works on the one hand and raising a family and holding down a job on the other. It is difficult to pray the rosary or study the Bible when supper needs to be prepared, the kids need a ride to soccer practice or when we have to work overtime.

We must be always ready to serve the needy around us. In today's gospel, two of the people who approach Jesus have excuses for not following him. But Jesus did not have time to wait around for them. It was "now or never." How many times have we used the demands of family life or of our job as an excuse not to practice charity? Jesus tells us very plainly that when we fail to feed the hungry or give drink to the thirsty, it is really him whom we are ignoring. Are our heads buried so deeply in the details of our everyday lives that we miss Jesus when he passes by? If we are to become holy in the 21st century we must not let our busy schedules be an excuse for not doing good.

We do not have to give up on the hope of becoming saints because we have jobs and families. By offering our work up to God in love, by not valuing the accumulation of wealth too highly and by not allowing our busy lives to be an excuse to overlook the needs of others, we can discover a sure path to holiness in our everyday lives.



• **Please Note:** There will be **NO** evening mass on Sunday for July and August.

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.

- **Wednesday 29th is the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul:** It is a holyday of obligation – **Mass is at 7.00 p.m.**  
Both Sts Peter & Paul were touched in a very personal way by the grace of God. Both resisted for a time attempting to understand what was happening to them. The story of their lives is an amazing one and is inspiring in the fact that, like us, they hadn't all the answers at the beginning. They made mistakes in the way they first thought they had to follow Christ. As the Holy Spirit moved in their lives they opened their hearts to God's will for them and offered their talents, their skills, all their waking hours to being able to share with as many people as possible the Good News that Jesus is the Saviour of everyone in the world and of the world.
- **Peter's Pence Collection (this weekend)** is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. To donate online [www.peterspence.va](http://www.peterspence.va)

- **COVID 19:** Due to the rising cases of the virus in recent weeks, it is important that we continue to ensure our church remains a place where people feel safe to gather to worship. We continue to take these precautions for the common good to protect the people around us.
- **Please use** sanitisers as you enter and leave the church.
- *If you have cold or flu symptoms or you have been in contact with anyone who tested positive with COVID please do not come to church.*

- **New Altar Servers:** Children who have received their First Communion are invited to become altar servers. If your child is interested, please ask Fr Albert for an application form.



**Last Week's Collection:**  
**Envelope:** £506 **Loose Plate:** £704  
**Contactless:** £125  
**Building Fund:** £380  
*Thank you for your support*

- **Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes** - Hednesford UK on Sunday July 3. Coach leaving English Martyrs. Contact Becky on 07949857699 for further details.

#### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R. Be it done unto us according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

**R. And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

**Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,**

**Your Grace into our hearts;**

**that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,**

**your Son by the message of an angel,**

**so by His passion and cross**

**we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.**

**Through the same Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

- **First Friday: Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus next Friday at 7 p.m. Please come and join us for an hour of prayer. (live streamed too)**

#### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.

Body of Christ, save us.

Blood of Christ, inebriate us.

Water from the side of Christ, wash us.

Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

O Good Jesus, hear us.

Within Thy wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

In the hour of our death call us.

And bid us come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

we may praise thee

Forever and ever. Amen