

English Martyrs Church
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The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Services & Intentions

Sunday 1st. 10.00. 4th Sunday Ord Time.

Hugh O Reilly. (anniv.) Theresa Enwright.

Pauline Sweeney (anniv.)

Sunday 8th. 10.00. 5th Sunday Ord. Time.

Anthony Jules. Dan Sullivan. Dolores Byrne.

Order of Service-

Prayers & Readings as Mass Missalette.

Sung parts include:

Gloria, Holy Holy, Lamb of God.

Hymns/Music.

31. All ye who seek a comfort sure.

88. Blest are the pure in heart.

37. Alleluia sing to Jesus.

We pray for those who are sick/recovering

Maureen Flanagan. Elizabeth Kelly. Fr Patrick Gilsean. Denise Bowden. Maureen Byrne.

Those who have died recently. Anthony Joules. Liam Mitchell.

Last Sunday's collection- £145.00 . Gaza Fund. £268.04

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Racial Justice Sunday, 1st February, 2026, Bishop Paul McAleenan, as Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, welcomes this year's theme - "*Whoever loves God must also love his brother*" (1 John 4:21): *Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes.*

Bishop McAleenan said: "*Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms.*"

Message of the Holy Father

The 34th World Day of the Sick will be marked on **Wednesday 11 February.**

On Tuesday 20 January, Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Sick 2026, entitled "*The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain*", was presented at the Holy See Press Office.

In his message, the Holy Father takes up the parable of the Good Samaritan as a central image of Christian charity: to truly love means to stop, to draw near, and to care for those who suffer.

Compassion, in fact, is not only a feeling but translates into concrete gestures and shared commitment, particularly towards the sick.

Loving one's neighbour thus becomes a visible proof of love for God and implies a healthy and true way of loving oneself. In this perspective, caring for the sick and the most fragile is not an optional gesture, but one of the clearest signs of fidelity to the Gospel.

Ash Wednesday 18th February. Easter Day 5th April.

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