

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter

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5/6th September 2020 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: You are just , O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading; Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Psalm Response : Ps 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13; 8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Yours word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel : Matthew 16:21-27

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

MASSES at the Weekend : Sacred Heart, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9.30am

English Martyrs, Sunday 11am. No Saturday Mass at Present.

Sunday and Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart are normally available on YouTube. Sunday Mass at 9.15 am (This is a recording of the Saturday evening Mass). There will be recorded Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart available on YouTube usually by 12 noon each day.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 1st September to October 4th, Feast of St Francis. Pope Francis calls us to keep the Season of Creation at this time of year. He asks us to focus on the message of '*Laudato Si*', his important letter published five years ago, reminding the whole human family to be aware of our responsibility to care for our common home.

On the back of this newsletter we have included some thoughts on our response to *Laudato Si* and how we might take our own personal responsibility for measures in our daily lives that can help make a difference. Please read it and reflect on the message for your life.

GOOD TO SEE YOU; It is good to see attendance at the Masses in both parishes being maintained and increasing slowly. We quite understand if people still do not feel confident in returning to Mass just yet. Thank you for your generous response to the Collection and especially to those who have made donations to cover the 'backlog' caused when public Mass was not available.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL has now opened for the new school year and all is going well. Our thanks to the teachers and staff for all the hard work in making the school a safe place for all.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH HALL; The work to renovate and improve the facilities-toilets and kitchen has been completed. It looks great. It will help to provide better facilities for our users and the parish. We have funded it from funds the parish had invested with the diocese.

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