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9th March 2025 First Sunday of Lent Year C

Sat 8th March	SH	5.00 pm	Eileen Deery RIP (Clarke)
Sun 9th	SH	9.30 am	People of the Parishes
	EM	11.00 am	Brendan Costello RIP (Leonard) Stations of the Cross before Mass Mass available on Livestream
Mon 10th			No Mass
Tues 11th			No Mass
Wed 12th	EM	7.00 pm	Mass with Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Richard
Thurs 13th	SH	10.00 am MASS	<i>(Refreshments in the hall afterwards)</i> All welcome.
Fri 14th	SH	7pm	Family Fast Day Sick and Housebound Stations of the Cross after Mass
Sat 15th	SH	5.00 pm	Teresa Summersgill (Clarke)
Sun 16th	SH	9.30am	People of the Parishes Enrolment of Candidates for Confirmation
	EM	11.00 am	John O'Curry RIP Stations of the Cross before Mass Mass available on Livestream

Hope is a kernel of light and strength which dwells in our hearts in expectation of good things to come.

Light up our lives with your love so that we may be signs of hope.

Hope shines brightly, but the burdens of life can dampen its glow. Lead us as pilgrims on a journey alongside our brothers and sisters as we respond to your Jubilee call. Renew our faith and move us to action as we commit to building a better world.

Light up our lives with your love so that we may be signs of hope. Amen (CAFOD)

<p>Sacred Heart Safeguarding Officer www.sacredheartrugby.org.uk Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube: Sacred Heart, Bilton Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p>Parish Office for both parishes open: Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am to 12.00.</p>	<p>English Martyrs Safeguarding Officer www.englishmartyrsrugby.org Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube -English Martyrs RC Parish Rugby Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p>English Martyrs Primary School Tel 01788 543423</p>
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Loving and Merciful God, we come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. Amen

Offertory Collections last weekend: Thanks for your generous support.

Sacred Heart: £305+ S.Os +DONA donations £108 Cathedral Maintenance:

English Martyrs: £ 368 + Standing Orders + DONA £91 Cathedral Maintenance: Sorry that the SH Donation Machine has been out of order at times . We will try to sort it.

Next weekend CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection. There is urgent need for us to support CAFOD in its work with the poorest people around the globe especially at a time when Aid budgets are being cut. Please be as generous as you are able. Gift aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. Envelopes are available today or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/parish. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER : We pray for Jean Bracken RIP Funeral Mass at EM 27th March 10.15am
We pray Alan Parish, Mike Venn, Fr Michael White , Pauline Brown, Della Russell , Pope Francis and all who are suffering in spirit, mind or body.

English Martyrs— There will be Stations of the Cross before Sunday Mass beginning next Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES for children at non-Catholic schools:

First Communion programme— The next session for children and parents is on

Monday, 17th March at 6pm prompt. Children please bring your pencil case with you.

Confirmation Programme - the next session is on Thursday, March 13th 6.30—7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. Please arrive promptly as we only have one hour and bring a pen with you.

Many thanks to all who took part in the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER last Friday at Sacred Heart. It was a very prayerful ecumenical service and we learnt a lot about the Cook Islands in the South Pacific. We hope you like the display at SH.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME An opportunity to listen on video to Fr Stephen Wang, learn, discuss and share together . The topics are: 1. The Bible 2. Faith 3. Prayer 4. Finding true freedom 5. The meaning of love. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you intend to come even to a few of the sessions. Starting on Monday 10th March in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All welcome. Come and try it.

AWAKENING—ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT We are arranging a special time for Adoration on Saturday 29th March from 9am to 4pm at SH . There will be half hour slots and we will be asking you to sign up to cover all the times either as individuals or perhaps families. Come and enjoy a silent time of prayer in the presence of the Lord. Rota available next weekend.

SAFEGUARDING—The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Any concerns please contact sg.sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 . safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.