



**English Martyrs Catholic Church, Danbury and
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4th October 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Psalm Response: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Philippians 4:6-9 Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: *I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.*

Matthew 21:33-43 At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a

miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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Are you new to our parish? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Angelus and complete a Parish Registration Form (available in both church porches) and return it to the parish office.

Baptism: By appointment. Speak to Fr. Angelus or call the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: English Martyrs Church on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Holy Trinity Church on Fridays at 10:30am or by appointment via the parish office.

Marriage: By appointment. Speak to Fr. Angelus or call the parish office for more information. At least six months' notice is required.

Anointing of the Sick Please speak to Fr. Angelus if you are unwell or would like to receive this sacrament. If in hospital, ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain on call. Please e-mail mse.broomfieldchaplains@nhs.net or contact the Chaplaincy on 0300 443 0350 if you need a priest to visit a family member in Broomfield Hospital.

Funerals: If a family member has died, please let us know so that we may remember them at Mass. Regarding funeral arrangements, please contact a local Undertaker who will liaise with the Parish to arrange your requirements for the funeral. If you need to find an Undertaker, please call the parish office.

Pastoral Care Group: Kath (321383); Katy (320274); Patrick (07411073358); and Jacqui (07562928732) are available in times of need (i.e., loneliness, family crisis, or any other issues). Strictest of confidence always assured.

Volunteer opportunities: Do you want to do something beautiful for God? We are looking for Flower Arrangers, First Aiders and Fire Stewards to help at our Masses and for more First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists. Please see Fr Angelus or contact the parish office to lend a helping hand. It is a great way to serve the Lord and to put our love for Him in action.

Newsletter Items: Items for the weekly parish newsletter to be sent to the parish office at danbury@brcdt.org or relayed to Maria by Wednesday mornings.

Parking: Please do not to park on the grassed area to the front of English Martyrs church. The grass gets very wet and this leads to muddy, damaged, and uneven surfaces and soil being walked into the church. Thank you!

The Legion of Mary: Are you interested in giving glory to God through a life of holiness developed by prayer and co-operation in the Church's work? Please visit legionofmary.ie for more information and speak to Fr. Angelus if you would like to join them.

The SWF Foodbank serves local clients. Donations can be left in the labelled boxes in our church porches. A list of needed items and information on how to donate can be found on our parish webpage by clicking the "Food Bank" link.

Please pray for the sick: Imogen, Peter Farr, Aidan and Leena, Anna Gawlik, Joseph Hull, Jane Ryan, Stacey Leach, Susan Baker, Mary Yates, Betty Leahy, Eileen Misiolek, Harriet Middleboe, Mark Smith and Sam H.

Please pray for those who died recently and for our deceased loved ones: Ronald Knight, Maureen Peachy, Diane Collins, Gaetano Ferringio, Josephine Cassidy, Charles Stratton, Emma Tannor, Audrey Blackburn, Rosemary Mühlenstedt, Ching Natac, John Dent, Sally Louise Weatherby, Michael Slater, Eileen Norris, Molly Harkness, Eileen O'Toole and Roger Stapleton

Dates for the Diary

Tea/Coffee & Cake: Takes place the first Sunday of each Month after the 8:45am Mass in the meeting room of Holy Trinity Church and after the 10:45am Mass in the conservatory of English Martyrs Church. All very welcome to attend. Please join us today after Mass.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer: Please join us on Thursdays at 10:30am for morning prayer followed by a social gathering with refreshments.

The Chosen: Please join us on Thursdays at 11:15am to watch this hit TV series followed by a brief sharing of thoughts and insights gained. Do not worry if you cannot make it every week or where you are on your Christian journey. Just come with a curious and open mind.

Adoremus 2026: The Adoremus Eucharistic Festival comes to London on Saturday 10 October at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. For more info. visit www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/

Legion of Mary will be delivering a talk to the parish at all weekend Masses next weekend (10/11 October).

2nd Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend (10/11 October) on behalf of Christian Aid to support the people of Nepal. Thank you.

Justice & Peace Parish Group: Can parishioners please return their Harvest CAFOD envelopes to the collection plates over the coming weeks. Thank you.

Elizabeth Bourn's Requiem Mass will take place at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Danbury on Thursday 22nd October at 12:00pm followed by the committal at St. Marys Churchyard, Little Baddow at 1:30pm.

Joseph Markwardt's Funeral Service will take place at Maldon Fields Crematorium on Monday 19th October at 2:20pm.

Ecumenical News

Holy Trinity Joint Church Council (JCC) are looking for a new Treasurer. The JCC is the body responsible for the management of Holy Trinity Church and is comprised of members of the three denominations. Meetings are held 4 times a year. The Treasurer is responsible for all payments, receipts, cash flow, bookkeeping, budgets and reporting. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact Jim (jim.tidmarsh@btinternet.com) or speak to Fr Angelus.

Please note that the format of our newsletter has changed because Microsoft Publisher is no longer supported and available. It will take some time for us to get used to this new format. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions and Church Events

Sat 3 Oct	6:00pm	English Martyrs	People of the parish
Sun 4 Oct	8:45am	Holy Trinity	Letitia Frost, RIP
Sun 4 Oct	10:45am	English Martyrs	Maureen Smith, RIP
Mon 5 Oct	9:30am 10:00am	English Martyrs	Seven Sorrows Rosary Andy Spratt, intentions
Fri 9 Oct	9:30am 10:00am	Holy Trinity	Rosary and Eucharistic adoration Holy Souls
Sat 10 Oct	6:00pm	English Martyrs	People of the parish
Sun 11 Oct	8:45am	Holy Trinity	Linda Lamb, RIP
Sun 11 Oct	10:45am	English Martyrs	Maria Smith, intentions

Giving at English Martyrs and Holy Trinity Churches

Do you ever come to Mass with no cash for the collection? Why not set up a standing order? You'll never have to remember to bring cash, and you'll be able to continue to support our parish even when you're away. Our bank sort code is 40-13-22, account # 61019783, and account name: Catholic Church Danbury The English Martyrs. If you pay taxes, please join the Gift Aid scheme, and quote your GA number as the reference on your standing order. Please contact the parish office for details.

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code to make an offertory donation. You'll be redirected to a website where you can enter the amount of your donation. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, then after clicking Continue, enter your name, address, telephone, and email in the "Note to merchant" box on the webpage. Gift Aid donors must be UK taxpayers and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donation that it is your responsibility to pay the difference. Thank you for your generosity!



Please remembering our parish in your Will. A legacy gift to our parish could help pay for structural improvements, debit reduction, making existing buildings more welcoming and accessible, new facilities for the parish and the local community, ministry to young people, the elderly or other groups, welfare and mission programmes to change lives in the community. Thank you!