

**Mass Text for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?  
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble  
and fall.

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 129

**Response:**

With the Lord there is mercy and  
fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** II Cor 4:13-5:1

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;  
my God is my saving strength.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 9th June**

**Vigil Masses for Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St John's:** Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
4.30-4.50pm

**St John's:** 5.00pm Robert Lazarus RIP  
(S Cunniffe)  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from  
4.30pm)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Pro Populo  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English  
Martyrs 5.50-6.20pm)

**SUNDAY 10th June**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs:** 9.00am Lillie O'Brien RIP  
(A O'Brien)

**St John's:** 11.00am Pro Populo

**Mass times for the coming week**

**(English Martyrs is open mornings, Tuesday to  
Friday 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)**

**MONDAY 11th June**

**Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am**

**TUESDAY 12th June**

**St John's:** 9.30am Eithne Naughton RIP  
(N Clifford)

**English Martyrs:** 7pm Reception of the body of  
Eithne Naughton RIP

**WEDNESDAY 13th June—St Anthony of Padua**

**English Martyrs:** 11am Requiem Mass for  
Eithne Naughton RIP

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm June Smith's Intentions  
on her birthday

**THURSDAY 14th June**

**St John's:** 9.30am For a private intention

**FRIDAY 15th June**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am James Perera RIP  
(R Perera)

**SATURDAY 9th June—Our Lady on Saturday**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am  
(Followed by reciting of the rosary and Sacrament  
of Reconciliation)

**Weekend Mass times as usual**



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**10th June 2018**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our First Reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Scott Hahn

**In your prayers, please remember:**

Jenny Evans, Amanda Gender, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Sophia Farmer, Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Terry Appleyard, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly, Rosa Maria Santos, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



**First Holy Communion Classes**—Please continue to pray for the children of both parishes currently on the First Holy Communion programme.

**ADVANCE NOTICE of CANCELLATION OF 11am MASS AT ST JOHN'S,** Sunday 8th July. Please note that there will be no 11am Mass on this day due to the closure of the town centre for the Festival of Cycling.

**Bereavement Support Workshop – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July.** You are warmly invited to a workshop that will look at the process of a parish helping people going through dying and bereavement. Our main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There will also be a few speakers from parishes in our diocese. Please come if you are at all interested in learning more, even if you or your parish aren't currently doing any work in this area. It will be held at Milner Hall, next to the Winchester parish centre, between 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster, the Leader of the Pastoral Care Services team in the diocese, on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you cannot come but would be interested in registering your interest in this important pastoral care work, please email Philippa too, who is looking to help parishioners and parishes develop bereavement support.

**Would you like to be involved with the Children's Liturgy Group at 9am Mass at English Martyrs?**

It would be helpful to have more people involved especially on a regular basis or even just when you are available. We often have a large group and need people to help with activities, reading the Gospel or prayers with the children. Please consider joining us, it will be a rewarding experience. (DBS check will be required ) Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. **Also required.... Volunteers to help out with the Children's Liturgy Group at St John's 11am Mass.** We are currently short of help at St John's and would welcome volunteers who could contribute towards the running of children's sessions. Contact the Parish office for details.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES AT ENGLISH MARTYRS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF CATECHISTS. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON 24TH JUNE.**

**Thames Isis Pastoral Area Youth Events**—The final TIPA youth event before this summer will be a **Spy Trail in Oxford on Saturday 21st July (not 7th July as previously advertised).** We'll meet at 10am in the Oxford Ice Rink car park. Completing the Trail will take approximately 2.5 hours. We'll aim to have lunch at Nando's (£10 per child) around 1/1:30pm and return to the Oxford Ice Rink for collection by 3pm. To avoid disappointment, let Melanie Parris-Dollar know by **Monday 25th June** if your youngsters would like to come because places are limited. Email [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**  
For all adult and child safeguarding issues, please call Stefania Harford Tel: 07846559700

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**  
Please pray for  
The Free Church, Brightwell

**Weigh the Cake Fund Raiser**—this will take place at English Martyrs over the weekends of 9/10 June and 16/17 June, and the draw will be 23/24 June. All entries welcome!

**Pastoral Area Retreat for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**—this year's retreat day will be held on Saturday 16th June at Stonehill Barn, as usual. We should aim to start at 10am and finish by 4pm. The day will be led by Fr Rob Stewart. Please bring a packed lunch and enjoy the lovely grounds. Please confirm with Our Lady and St Edmund's parish office that you will be able to attend, email [Abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**First Holy Communion 2018**—will take place on **Sunday 17th June** during the 9am Mass at English Martyrs. Please be aware that we have 30 candidates this year, along with their families and guests, so the church is likely to be very full for the occasion. If you can possibly arrange to attend one of the other Masses on this weekend to avoid the crowds, please do so.

**24 Hours Adoration** will take place at English Martyrs on Friday 22nd June from 6.30pm—Saturday 23rd June. We need at least two people to always be present in front of the Blessed Sacrament during this time. There is a list at the back of English Martyrs—please sign up if you can.



**The next Senior's Lunch** will be held on 28th June at English Martyrs, 12 Noon. Please sign up on the list in the church porch if you would like to attend.

**The SVP are holding a Cream Tea** on Friday 29th June (Feast of SS Peter & Paul) from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There will be no charge but donations would be appreciated as this is a fund raising event for the work of the SVP. Please put the date in your diary. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate this great feast day.



**Joint Parish BBQ and Welcome Weekend, Revised date of Sunday 9th September** — We are looking for volunteers to help run this event. If you enjoy the BBQ and would like to see it take place this year, please consider helping out on the organising team. If we don't have enough people who can help to run it, it will not take place. Please contact the parish office for more details.

**St Amand's RC Primary, East Hendred** require a full-time KS2 teacher required from September 2018 and a part-time (0.4) teacher to teach EYFS/Yr1 class also from September. Full details can be found on St Amand's school website [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) Please contact the office to make an appointment to meet Mrs Ellery and view the school.

**Missal order**—The Repository will soon be placing an order for Missals. If you would like to order a Missal, please put your name down on the list at the back of church, or contact the Parish Office.

*Telephone Number for SVP*  
**If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.**

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