

Mass Text for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
|Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Kings 4:8-11.14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3 16-19

Response:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
To accept the words of your son
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matt 10:37-42

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 1st July

Vigil Mass of 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Alan Dybal RIP
(J. Krokowska)

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English Martyrs 5.50pm—6.20pm)

SUNDAY 2nd July

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

Constance Irene Harris R.I.P.

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am The Bosley family's intentions

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 3rd July

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 4th July

St John's: 9.30am

Gladys Edwards, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 5th July

English Martyrs: 9.30am

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

George Pennington Harris Jnr, R.I.P.

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

Arthur Roland Harris R.I.P.

THURSDAY 6th July

No Mass Today

FRIDAY 7th July

No Mass Today

(Church open all day for private prayer,
Adoration 3-4pm)

SATURDAY 8th July—Our Lady on Saturday

No Mass this morning

Weekend Masses as usual



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2nd July 2017

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus' words are often challenging. In today's Gospel he challenges us about our priorities: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me." In many ways these seem to be shocking statements but they need to be understood in context: Jesus is the one who is saying this and he can say it because he gave up everything to become man and die on the Cross to save each one of us. His priority was one of absolute self-giving love.

Another side to these challenging sayings is about our relationships with others: if we truly care about them, we will always want the best for them, so that means, yes, putting Jesus and his Good News first in our lives so that our loved ones too may come to know him and love him just as we do.

We live in a world where the *ego* rules supreme and where we are encouraged from school age onwards to want the best for ourselves, to do well, to be successful. However, there is a larger picture and that is the more honest one: we should not put ourselves first but God and others and we all need saving because, no matter how hard we might try, we cannot be perfect. This is why Jesus became man and sacrificed himself for us: to save us.

Let us ask ourselves, where do my priorities lie? Let us try to imitate Jesus' self-giving love in our relationship with him and with others.

Fr Phillip



In your prayers, please remember...

Cyril Verling, Jenny Evans, Amanda Gender, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Sophia Farmer, Janina Krokowska, Ann and Cyril Tomline, Terry Appleyard, Charlotte Pyatt, Val Claridge, Joan Russell and all the sick of the parish.



Great Western Park Activities Week - 31st July - 4th August 2017

We are holding a week long series of craft and fun activities for all ages in Great Western Park, commencing Monday 31st July. There are so many things to get involved with and we are seeking support for registration, refreshments, lending a hand with activities and crafts, as well as joining in the fun. If you would like to help please add your name and contact details against the activity(ies) you would like to be involved with. Many thanks for getting involved. Mark Bodeker markbodeker@gwpchurch.org.uk / 07970 111110.

Wallingford

In October 2018 the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will cover the theme of **"Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment"**. The Pope and all the Bishops want to hear the views of as many young people as possible, so everyone aged 13-29 has been invited to participate in an enormous survey! Many of you have already seen the Mega Youth Poll on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, but if you haven't, you can go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/synod-youth-poll> to complete the survey (it should only take about 15 to 20 minutes). There's also a survey for anyone who cares for or works with young people in England and Wales. Go to the same site above and scroll down the page to find the link.

Peace Actions for July

9th July is Sea Sunday. On this day we support the seafarers who face danger and poor working conditions to bring us food and supplies
The United Nations has declared 18th July "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom. Read 'Higher Than Hope,' the Authorized Biography of Nelson Mandela.
As the school term rattles to an end, remember to buy your teacher a 'Fairtrade' gift.
July is traditionally the month we think about our holidays. Give a thought to how our holiday plans impact the poorest on the planet.

Joanna writes...

A huge thank you to everyone in both parishes for my lovely leaving gift and cards. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone, and am grateful for your kindness. I look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

English Martyrs Church is open for prayer Tuesday to Friday (all day on first Friday of the month) mornings until 1pm. **If you have a key please do not lock the church.**

Parish Safeguarding Rep
Kate Keating
07816 170360

CWTA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for St John's Church,

Next Seniors' Lunch—20th July, at noon, in the tea room at English Martyrs. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend.

Readers for Masses at St John's

We are in need of a small number of readers for both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at St John's, for when the new readers' rota starts later this year. Provided we have enough readers, duties should involve reading once every four or five weeks. Training will be provided. Please call the parish office if you think you can help.

Youth Group—'Fun on the Field' on 14th July, 7pm at English Martyrs. The parish youth group is open to all young people ages 10 and above. Please contact Andy Robins via the parish office if you would like to attend.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2017

All over the world millions of lapsed Christians are feeling the pull to come back to the Church, but for many there are just too many stumbling blocks. The two main stumbling blocks are belief and engagement. A lapsed Christian may want to believe, but there are just too many unanswered questions inhibiting their faith. Engagement is an area where we can all help. A lapsed Christian might have feelings of wanting to return to church but nothing of specific interest is beckoning. This is where the rest of us can help. How well are we promoting our parish activities? When was the last time we set up a new group? How good are our youth opportunities? How good is our outreach? Does the wider community know what we do? This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention **"...That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life."** Right now, someone who's been lost is hearing God's call. Our job is to help improve the connection.

Congratulations to Mick and Jane Ollington on their wedding last weekend.



Congratulations to the families of Enzo Mihai and Gabriella Ainsworth who will be baptised this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Sea Sunday, 9nd July

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

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**If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.**

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£1479*

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