

Mass Text for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Response:

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: II Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Communion Antiphon:

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

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 30th June

Vigil Masses for The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's: Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-4:50pm

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm

Mary Angela Evans RIP (June Wells)

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English
Martyrs 5:50-6:20pm)

SUNDAY 21st July

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass - Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 9:00am

Eithne Naughton RIP (P & T McLoughlin)

St John's: 11:00am

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 2nd July

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 3rd July—St Thomas

St John's: 9.30am Gladys Edwards RIP

WEDNESDAY 4th July

English Martyrs: 9.30am Private Intention

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass

THURSDAY 5th July

St John's: 9.30am Nikos Papadakis RIP and
Elizabeth Moore RIP (R Papadakis)

FRIDAY 6th July

English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton RIP
(A Talbot)

SATURDAY 7th July—Our Lady on Saturday

No morning Mass or Confessions

Mass times for the weekend as usual except

**NO 11AM MASS AT ST JOHN'S,
WALLINGFORD ON SUNDAY 8TH JULY**



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1st July 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death ([1 Corinthians 15:26](#)). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ ([1 Corinthians 15:18](#)). Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own Resurrection ([Mark 16:6](#)). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live ([John 15:25-26](#)).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)).

Already in Baptism we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day. We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others.

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.



NOTICE of CANCELLATION OF 11am MASS AT ST JOHN'S, Sunday 8th July.

Please note that there will be no 11Mass on this day due to the closure of the town centre for the Festival of Cycling.

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.

The final Thames Isis Pastoral Area 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. To book or for more information email tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Bereavement Support Workshop – Saturday 7th July, Winchester. 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 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.

Day for Catechists - 20th October 2018 at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

Please make sure your mobile phone is turned off during Mass.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

For all adult and child safeguarding issues, please call Stefania Harford Tel: 07846559700

CWTA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for St Mary's, Cholsey

Didcot Fayre, 4th August—we have a table booked at this event and are looking for volunteers to help man the stall between midday and 5pm. We are also looking for donations of cakes and plants to sell. If you can help at all, please sign up on the list at the back of English Martyrs this weekend. Thank you.

Prayer Space will also be available at the Fayre. If you can help to man Prayer Space as part of Churches Together, please get in touch. There will be a meeting on 25th July for all involved.

RCIA course starting in mid-September—If you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic, or if you are already a Catholic and would like to attend a refresher course, Fr Phillip will be running the next RCIA course after the summer. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

Congratulations to Betty Thatcher and Margaret O'Connor on jointly winning the Weigh the Cake competition!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

There are many ways in which lay people can help our parishes. We can do courses in bereavement counselling or become Eucharistic ministers. We can join the SVP and visit the sick and the lonely or simply help bring people to church. The days of the priest doing everything in the parish is a thing of the past. The numbers of priests has been falling for a long time, and as our older priests retire, our younger priests are finding themselves with more and more work to do. In some cases the work load will leave priests feeling fatigued and alone. As the number of priests dwindle, lay ministry becomes more and more important. Our prayers are also important that priests support each other. Today Pope Francis asks us to join in his monthly prayer intention that "**...priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.**"



ADOREMUS YOUTH CONGRESS. Saturday 8th Sept 11.30am-5.30pm. Liverpool Echo Area-Auditorium. Cost £10. Parishes and schools are invited to send young people to the Adoremus Youth Congress which has been developed to compliment the main event. The keynote speaker at the Youth Congress is Katie Prejean, from Louisiana. In the afternoon there will be youth streams for those 13-15, 16-17, 18-20 year of age. The aim of the day is to help young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet. The day features CJM, Rise Theatre, Cardinal Nichols, CAFOD, Animate, Salesians, Joel's Bar-One Hope Project. There will be an opportunity to highlight the Synod on young people which will be happening in October of this year. Resources to help prepare for the event of available on the Adoremus Youth website. Young people whatever their church background will have a positive experience on the day. To book places go to adoremusyouth.co.uk

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

Last week's Collection: £1365

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