

Mass Text for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

Response:

I bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father
Lord of heaven and earth;
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom.
To mere children.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 8th July

Vigil Mass of 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm

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

SUNDAY 9th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am Pat & Teresa Brady, Golden Wedding Anniversary (T. Coyle)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 10th July

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 11th July

No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 12th July

No Mass today

THURSDAY 13th July

No Mass Today

FRIDAY 14th July

*English Martyrs: 9.30am Dr Donald Langridge
RIP (A. John)*

SATURDAY 15th July

*English Martyrs:
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.00-10.30am*

English Martyrs: 12.00noon Mass for the Sick

Weekend Masses as usual



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9th July 2017
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises his Father because he has chosen to reveal things not to the learned and the clever but to "mere children." The things Our Lord is referring to are the mighty works, the signs and miracles that he had performed.

What was it about these people that qualified them to be called children? I would suggest that first among their qualities is a simple trust: trust that what they had seen was indeed as it seemed; trust that the mighty works revealed to them something of who Jesus is through seeing God's hand at work in what he was doing. Trust also that what Jesus was teaching them was true.

That childlike trust is needed by us if we are to respond to his call: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." A child knows when he or she is tired, and will turn to his or her mother or father and ask to be carried or put in a push-chair. As adults, we are very good at letting our minds overrule our bodies, pushing ourselves to our limits sometimes, denying that we need help, or that we need rest.

Childlike trust is really openness and honesty: recognition that we are not self-sufficient, that God is bigger than us and in Jesus has reached out to save us. When we do come to Jesus, he takes our burden, our sins, our fallen human nature, and gives us rest. He does this by taking them upon his shoulders. The yoke which he carries is the wooden beam of the Cross to which he nails all our sins; and by dying for us there on the Cross as a sacrifice for those sins, by giving himself here on this altar in the same sacrifice for us, he lifts the weight of all our sins from us, and gives us that rest, that peace that we so long for.

Like children we are called to respond to his love. Children love their parents unconditionally. They do not have to be taught what love is. That is the type of response that carrying the Lord's yoke requires of us: a love that does not have to weigh up the pros and cons, that does not have to see if there will be some positive gain for "me", but a love that simply is part of our lives. May we, like children then, respond more fully to Jesus' call to us, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened," and so accept more fully his yoke of love in our lives.

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, Ian Bosely 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.

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

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.

English Martyrs Church is open for prayer Monday to Friday mornings until 1pm. (All day with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3.00-4.00 on the 1st Friday of the month) **If you have a key please do not lock the church.**

My Day by Day—August edition available at back of the church

Parish Safeguarding Rep
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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.

Sea Sunday, 9nd July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be second collection for the 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.

MASS FOR THE SICK—English Martyrs

The SVP are organising a Mass For the Sick at 12 00 noon on Saturday 15th July followed by refreshments. If you know of anyone who would like a lift to this special Mass please phone 01491 836048 or the Parish Office.

Telephone Number for SVP

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

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