

Mass Text for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Response:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Sunday 15th July

Vigil Masses for The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St John's: 5:00pm David Hopper RIP
(A Tomline)

(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 16th July

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am
Eithne Naughton RIP

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 9th July

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 17th July

No Mass this morning

WEDNESDAY 18th July

No Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass (St Camillus de Lellis— Val Claridge
(welfare and intentions))

THURSDAY 19th July

St John's: 9.30am

FRIDAY 20th July

English Martyrs: 9.30am Val Claridge's Intentions
(J & M Elsley)

SATURDAY 21st July—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am Philip Nobes RIP
(Coyle Family)
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and
reciting of the rosary)

Mass times as usual for the weekend



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15th July 2018

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection. His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the Twelve Tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff ([Exodus 12:11](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2-4](#)). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps Mark also wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering peoples from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals," who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men ([Acts 14:15](#)) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful, but only to be faithful to God's command. With authority and power given to it by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm. This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

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, Laurence Turner, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution—*A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae.* All families welcome. Saturday 6th October 10am—4pm at Our Lady of Peace and BI Dominic Barberi Church in Earley, Details on the noticeboard, telephone 01189663711 to book.

You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work on Wednesday 19th September at English Martyrs' Church 64 Liebenrood Road Reading RG30 2EB from 7:15pm to 9pm . There is also another Harvest fast day briefing meeting on Saturday 8th September at St Bede's Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30am to 1pm with a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385.



ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 28th July 11.00-4.00
You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk “Good News and Gospel” – Canon Jeremy Garratt; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.
Following month's meeting:
18th August. “The Church exists to evangelise” – Fr Mark Hogan

Seniors' Trip to Bourton-on-the-Water—pickup will be at 9am on 17th July from English Martyrs Church.

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
The Free Church, Brightwell

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.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY SUMMER BREAK

The Sunday Morning Liturgy at English Martyrs has now closed for the Summer Break. We will re-open in September.
Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

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.

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

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If you know of anyone in need please call
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