

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

**Entrance Antiphon**

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22

**Response:**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**Saturday 21st July**

**Vigil Masses for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St John's:** Sacrament of Reconciliation:

4:30-4:50pm

**St John's:** 5:00pm Cyril Tomline 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 22nd July**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs:** 9:00am

Stefania Wladislaw RIP (J Krokowska)

**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 23rd July**

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

**TUESDAY 24th July**

**St John's:** 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY 25th July—St James**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass

**THURSDAY 26th July—SS Joachim and Anne**

**St John's:** 9.30am Margaret Carr's welfare (SVP)

**FRIDAY 27th July**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am John Lythgoe RIP

(Perp)

**SATURDAY 28th July—Our Lady on Saturday**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am

(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and reciting of the rosary)

**Mass times as usual for the weekend**



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**22nd July 2018**

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

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see [Ezekiel 34:23](#)).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see [Mark 6:39](#)) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see [John 10:11](#)), the king they've been waiting for (see [Hosea 3:1-5](#)).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see [Numbers 27:17](#)). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold, but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see [John 10:16](#)). In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and then to bring all nations into the fold (see [Acts 13:36](#); [Romans 1:16](#)).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

*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 19<sup>th</sup> September at English Martyrs' Church 64 Liebenroad Road Reading RG30 2EB from 7:15pm to 9pm . There is also another Harvest fast day briefing meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385.



**St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)**

The SVP is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, re-model, project plan and potentially produce resources for our programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service re-launch in Sept 2019. £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; one year contract. Home-based with national travel. Closing date: 10:00 on Wednesday 25th July 2018. Interviews: Thursday 26th July 2018. Start date: Wednesday 29th August 2018. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>.

**Flame, 2nd March 2019**

Booking for Flame is now open! This is a highlight national event for Catholic young people in Wembley Arena, featuring inspirational international speakers, award winning music and celebrating faith and the young Church. Last year 350 people attended from Portsmouth Diocese, joining over 8000 people from all over the UK. Ages 14 - 25. Please see poster for more details.

NB. Under 18s must attend as part of a group. Over 18s may register as an individual if their parish is not organising a group.

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the recent SVP Cream Tea at St John's. A total of £114 was raised— many thanks to those who baked, and to all who came.

*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 Church, Wallingford

**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.

**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride**—8th September 2018. We need volunteers to take part in this popular fund raising event, where we can claim back half of sponsorship money. Volunteers needed to sponsor and be sponsored, also Welcomers required on the day. Please see Lilandia and Raymond Eaton at St John's or Doug and Kim Henderson at English Martyrs for further details or sponsorship forms.

**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](http://adoremusyouth.co.uk)

**Telephone Number for SVP**

If you know of anyone in need please call  
07580539765.

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