

Mass Text for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
He himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

Response:

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 28th July

Vigil Masses for The Seventeenth 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 at St John's
from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Eithne Naughton RIP
(B Wilson)

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

SUNDAY 29th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Joyce and David Woodley's
Intentions (J Edwards)

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 30th July

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 31st July—St Ignatius of Loyola

St John's: 9.30am Christopher Almeida's
Intentions (Almedia family)

WEDNESDAY 1st August—St Alphonsus Ligouri

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

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass Penelope Lyon's welfare (A Johns)

THURSDAY 2nd August

St John's: 9.30am

FRIDAY 3rd August

English Martyrs: 9.30am Naughton family's
intentions (A Furlong)

(Church open all day for private prayer, adoration
at 3pm)

SATURDAY 4th August—St John Vianney

English Martyrs: 9.30am Adelina Tomkinson's
Intentions (D Lazarus)

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



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29th July 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both instances, the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#)). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing Jesus' miracle, identifies Him as that prophet. The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the Good Shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see [Psalm 23:1, 5](#)).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm, to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see [Psalm 81:17](#)). But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things as he will do at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see [Matthew 26:26](#)). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body. In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

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 Liebenroad 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.



The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills— to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg email me on PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call me on 01730 262 290.
Fr Peter Hollins

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.

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

St Mary's Church, Crowmarsh

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. If you are going to the fayre, please pop by and say hello to those who are manning the stall. Also remember that there is volunteer ran Prayer Space available for those who might need it.

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.

Treasure Times—activities for 5-11 year olds at Didcot Baptist Church, running every Thursday in August between 10am and noon. Organised by Churches Together. All welcome.

The music group at St John's will be taking their usual summer break during August, and will resume leading the music in September. We are always on the look out for new members. Meetings take place on Friday evenings, all new faces welcome!

Parish Welcome Weekend and Social Event—Sunday 9th September. We still need volunteers to help organise this event. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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.

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