

Mass Text for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 4th August

Vigil Masses for The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St John's: 5:00pm Ted Renshaw's Intentions
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's
from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English
Martyrs 5:50-6:20pm)

SUNDAY 5th August

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English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Ron and Val Claridge's Intentions

English Martyrs: 9:00am
Eithne Naughton RIP (A O'Brien)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Also Mass at Milton Manor today at 6pm

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 6th August—Feast of the Transfiguration

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 7th August—St Sixtus II and Companions

St John's: 9.30am Eric D'Souza RIP
(Almeida family)

WEDNESDAY 8th August—St Dominic

English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton RIP
(Naughton family)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Dolly Smith RIP

THURSDAY 9th August—

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St John's: 9.30am Mark Anderson's Intentions

FRIDAY 10th August—St Laurence

English Martyrs: 9.30am Peter George's
Intentions (D Lazarus)

SATURDAY 11th August—St Clare

English Martyrs: 9.30am Richard Guinan RIP

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

Mass times as usual for the weekend


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5th August 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Today's Gospel follows on from the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Whilst the people's physical hunger had been satiated, they are still looking for "signs", being unable to recognise in their minds and hearts the miracle that had been worked and therefore unable to recognise who Jesus is. Jesus reminds them that, as we heard in our First Reading today, it was God who gave his people the Manna in the desert – the bread from heaven that sustained them on their journey to the promised land. In the same way, he gives his people, then and now, "the true bread... which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." That bread is the bread of life – Jesus himself.

When we open ourselves to receiving Jesus in our lives, something amazing happens, as Jesus says, "He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." He is talking here not so much of transient physical hunger and thirst but of the deep spiritual need we have as human beings to be close to God. Jesus is Immanuel, God-with-us: he came among us to enable us to come close once more to his Father. He comes among us today too and feeds us with the bread of life, his very self, present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in the Blessed Sacrament which he gives us at every Mass.

What is our response to such a wonderful gift? Let us come to him and welcome him into our lives, and live our lives for him and with him.

Fr Phillip



In your prayers, please remember:

Jenny Evans, 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 parishes.



CAFOD Harvest fast day briefings. Please come and find out about CAFOD's Work. Wednesday 5th September at St Joseph's Church Havant from 7:15pm to 1pm. Saturday 8th September at St Bede's Church Basingstoke from 10:30am to 1pm. Wednesday 19th September at English Martyrs' Church Reading 7:15pm to 9pm. Saturday 22nd September Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Southbourne from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385

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 our sponsorship money. Volunteers are needed to cycle or walk and be sponsored, also welcomers are 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.

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.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Wednesday 15th August, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 9.30am (English Martyrs), 12 noon (St John's), 7.30pm (English Martyrs, Extraordinary Form Latin Mass).

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

August is the best month for taking your foot off the 'work pedal' a bit and concentrating on family. Older member families won't be around forever, and if we are not careful we will be left with regrets that we left things un-said. All too quickly our children grow up and leave the nest, and if we are not careful we will have missed out on things we wished we had shared. The 'here and now' is the best time to celebrate family life. Family life is important. It's within our own families that we build each other's sense of value. It's within our own families that we grow stronger. This month we are invited to share Pope Francis' prayer intention, "... **That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.**"



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Parish Safeguarding Rep

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CWTA Prayer Cycle

The Free Church, Brightwell

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.

Carmelite Spirituality—two courses of prayer are being held at Boars Hill in September. If you are interested and would like more information please see leaflets at the back of church.

Thursday Coffee Mornings after 9.30am Mass at St John's. All donations go to charity. Come along and enjoy a coffee and chat and maybe even cake!

For Young People...

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.

Diocesan Youth Events—The Diocese is organising a variety of events for young people for the Autumn term, including the annual Altar Servers' Day and Youth Sunday with Bishop Philip. Please see <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/> for details of these and other upcoming events.

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.

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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