

Mass Text for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
And forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, O God and defend your cause, and forget
not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Kings 19:9,11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14.

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

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of
the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
Who give you your fill of finest wheat.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 12th August
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Teresita del Carmen
R.I.P. (E. Sanders)

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

SUNDAY 13th August
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am Philip Langton Marston
R.I.P. (C. Kay)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 14th August

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 15th August The Assumption of The
Blessed Virgin Mary

St John's: 9:30am Pat Chiswick R.I.P. (D Wood-
ley)

English Martyrs: 12 noon Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY 16th August St Stephen

English Martyrs: 9:30am Mary Haynes Intention
(K Henderson)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Vera King R.I.P.
Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

THURSDAY 17th August

St John's: **There is no 09:30 Mass**

11:00am Requiem Mass for John Quarterman
R.I.P.

FRIDAY 18th August

English Martyrs: 9:30am Trudy Darley Jones in
Thanksgiving (P McLoughlin)

SATURDAY 19th August Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9:30am Mary Daly R.I.P.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10:00-10:30am

Weekend Masses as usual



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13th August 2017

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely.

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered, or initiate a local community project a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't have obeyed the call to walk on water he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.

It's said that the safest place to be is not in the boat at all; the safest place is out on life's seas, because that's where Jesus is!

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, Audrey Edwards and all the sick of the parish.

We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32) Essential Training for Catechists This course, sponsored by our Diocese, has been arranged for the following Fridays in Lent in the hall behind St John Vianney Church, Charlton Rd, Wantage, OX12 8ER from 7:30-9:00pm. Limited spaces so early registration is recommended. Contact Jacky at jackymattam@btinternet.com. No charge, but a donation will be appreciated.

- Friday 23rd February
- Friday 2nd March
- Friday 9th March
- Friday 16th March
- Friday 23rd March

St John's Music Group will be taking a break for the summer and will resume on Sunday 10th September. We welcome new singers and musicians. If you can play a musical instrument or would like to sing please come and join us. We especially need another soprano, so if you can hold a tune in your head and sing in tune please do come along. Our practice nights are Fridays at 7.15pm in the hall at the back of the church, commencing 8th September. Please contact Sue Hunt on 01491 835787 or Mary Hill on 01491 836078

Mass Intentions

One of our rich Catholic traditions is having a Mass said for a particular intention, maybe for a loved one or a deceased family member. Do consider asking to have a Mass celebrated for your intentions.

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 each month) **If you have a key please do not lock the church.**

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thu 7 Sep 7:30-9:00pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September Full details on Noticeboards. It's all in a very cause, so please sign up to participate. If you're unable to do that then volunteers are needed at both our churches to help man them throughout the day—please call Douglas Henderson 01235 for English Martyrs and email lilandia_abad@hotmail.com or raymondjameseaton@yahoo.com for St John's.

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CWTA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for St John's Church,

Fatima Relics to visit our Cathedral During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th August.

Diocesan Day for Altar Servers Bishop Philip invites all altar servers from across the diocese to join him for a special 'Day for Altar Servers' on Saturday 9th September. More details to follow but please keep the day free in your diary.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 19th August 11.00-4.00 `You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass celebrated by Fr Nicholas Broadbridge; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Gift of Miracles" by Deacon John Foley and Fr Nicholas Broadbridge 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 Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

CTS read of the month – A retreat for everyday Life Summer is the perfect time to spend a little extra time with God, relaxing in the garden or even on the beach! CTS are doing one Read of the Month for July, August and September - A Retreat for Everyday Life. It's the ideal book to slip into a handbag or take on holiday, to help us deepen our relationship with Christ. Copies available from 'Heavenly Harrods' for the discounted price of £1.00.(please leave monies at Heavenly Harrods)

Church Notice Boards (Excluding Rosters, School and SVP) Would anyone wishing to put up a notice in either English Martyrs or St John's please pass it via the Parish Office first. Many thanks.

Childrens' Sunday Liturgy at English Martyrs is now taking a break for the summer and will start again in September when the children go back to school

Fanning the Flame 21st-25th August 2017 - Hampshire Camp. 'An exciting week of Faith, Fun and Fellowship, for young people aged 10-25!' For more information or to register please

Telephone Number for SVP

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

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