

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: I Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 11th August

Vigil Masses for The Nineteenth 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 Jim Porteous RIP
(C Lyall)
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English
Martyrs 5:50-6:20pm)

SUNDAY 12th August

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English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am John Quarterman RIP
(M Quarterman)

Mass times for the coming week

(English Martyrs is open mornings, Tuesday to

Friday 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)

MONDAY 13th August

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 14th August—St Maximilian Maria

St John's: 9.30am Fr Brian Reeves RIP

WEDNESDAY 15th August—The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary
English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton RIP
(V Ryan)
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

St John's: 12 Noon Fr Bryan Storey RIP

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Mgr Leo White RIP

THURSDAY 16th August

St John's: 9.30am Fr Philip Mathias RIP

FRIDAY 17th August

English Martyrs: 9.30am Mary Obey RIP
(R Perera)

SATURDAY 18th August—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am Pope Francis's
Intentions

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

Mass times as usual for the weekend



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12th August 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see [Exodus 16:2, 7, 8](#); [1 Corinthians 10:10](#)).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who re-enact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord Himself (see [Exodus 3:1-2](#)), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see [Matthew 26:26](#)).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see [Hebrews 6:4-5](#)) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven.

He will give us the Bread of Life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle in another reference to Israel in the desert (see [Isaiah 63:10](#)).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die. But in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

Scott Hahn

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).

Thank you to all those who contributed items for the church stall at Didcot Fayre last weekend. We had a wonderful array of cakes, plants and books for sale. The remaining cakes, including a beautiful handmade chocolate cake, will be raffled after Mass at English Martyrs on Sunday. Thanks also to those who helped man the stall at the event, and to all those who supported it in every way.



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Parish Safeguarding Rep

For all adult and child safeguarding issues, please call Stefania Harford Tel: 07846559700

CWTA Prayer Cycle

St Agatha's Church, Brightwell

Visiting Priest—Fr Michael Kelly will be coming to join us here at English Martyrs and St John's during September and October this year. Fr Mick is a Jesuit priest who has previously been in charge of UCAN and who will be taking a brief sabbatical of a couple of months here and in Oxford.

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.

Eucharistic Minister Training—will take place at English Martyrs on Saturday 1st September at 11.30am. For all Ministers in both churches, existing, new and for those who would be interested in taking on this valuable role. Please let Parish Office know if you can attend.

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!

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.

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.

On Tuesday 14th August, the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising the **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT** on Saturday 18th August, 11am—4.30pm at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. More details are on the poster available on both church noticeboards.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 18th August 11am-4pm. 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 "The Church exists to evangelise" - Fr Mark Hogan; 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: 22nd September - "New Sight for the Blind - Mission and healing" with Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill

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If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

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