

Mass Text for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord for I cry to you all day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3,6,8

Response: Your love, O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 26th August
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30-4.50pm
St John's: 5pm David Watson R.I.P. (the Watson family)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 27th August
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am George Krokowski R.I.P. and deceased family (J. Krokowska)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 28th August
Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist
St John's: 9:30am

WEDNESDAY 30th August Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward
English Martyrs: 9:30am Muriel Grove R.I.P. (C Lyall)
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm
Extraordinary Form Latin Mass.

THURSDAY 31st August
St John's: 9:30am Norman Grosfils R.I.P. (A. Endean)

FRIDAY 1st September
English Martyrs: No Mass today

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament 3:00-4:00pm

SATURDAY 2nd September Our Lady on Saturday
English Martyrs: 9:30am Janina Krokowska Intentions (P McL)

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

Weekend Masses as usual with Sunday 7:30am
Extraordinary Form Latin Mass



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27th August 2017

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Jesus asks his disciples a key question in today's Gospel: "But you... who do you say I am?"

It is a key question for them and for Simon Peter who responds so positively, but it also a key question for each one of us. We know what the modern world says about Jesus, placing him somewhere between being a good man and a prophet at best.

"But you... who do you say I am?" Peter's answer has also to be our answer: "You are the Christ... the Son of the living God." Jesus is the Anointed One, the One sent from God the Father as our Saviour. He is the Son of God and, as we proclaim at every Mass, he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As Christ and Son, he offers himself as the sacrificial offering on the altar of the Cross to save each one of us.

Let us be bold, like Peter, in proclaiming Jesus to our fellow men and women as the Christ and Son of God – the Anointed One who came into the world to save everyone who would accept him. Let us do this not just with words but by the example of how we live our lives.

Fr Phillip

In your prayers, please remember...

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.**

A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY Please join in wishing Janina Krokowska a Very Happy 90th Birthday which was on Friday 25th August and will be celebrated at Vigil Mass in English Martyrs on Saturday 26th August.

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,

Diocesan Day for Catechists Saturday 14th October 2017 at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth For everyone involved or interested in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day will consist of:

- Mass of Thanksgiving for all Diocesan Catechists;
 - 'Scripture in Catechesis' by fr Richard Ounsworth,OP;
 - 3 forums on using Scripture in children, youth and adult Catechesis;
 - presentation of Scriptural resources for all ages and contexts;
 - times of prayer, discussion and fellowship;
 - lunch provided.
- Register: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01590681874

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

Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017 Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! All Masses are in the Old Rite. To book go to <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>.

Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry -In conjunction with Maryvale Institute and FFM the Diocese is running a special one year certificate course for anyone involved in parish ministry. This would be particularly beneficial for catechists, members of the pastoral council, youth leaders, those working with families, youth, and ministers of Holy Communion. It involves a study of various aspects of the parish mission such as youth, families and the mission to the sick and housebound and helps people to understand the mission of a parish and the practicalities of reaching out in the task of evangelization. Details on church noticeboards.

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

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.

Telephone Number for SVP

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

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