

Mass Text for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord,
to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

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: Mark 8:27-35

Communion Antiphon:

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

MASS TIMES for the coming week
Saturday 15th September
Vigil Masses for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In September the Angelus will be said before the Vigil Masses

St John's: 5:00pm Noel Clifford's Intentions
(Preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

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

SUNDAY 16th September
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Lech Wiczorek RIP

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week
(English Martyrs is open mornings, Tuesday to Friday 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)

MONDAY 17th September

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 18th September

No Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 6pm Reception of the body of Lech Wiczorek RIP

WEDNESDAY 19th September

No 9.30am Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 1.30pm Requiem Mass for Lech Wiczorek RIP

No Latin Mass this evening

THURSDAY 20th September

No Mass this morning

FRIDAY 21st September—St Matthew

English Martyrs: 9.30am John Bateman RIP (Edward)

SATURDAY 22nd September—Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass this morning

Mass times as usual for the weekend



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15th September 2018
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Our Second Reading this week from the Letter of St James focuses our attention on the practical consequences of having faith: faith needs to find expression in our lives. Seeing someone in need, for example, and doing nothing to help calls into question what difference having faith makes. St James is quite clear about faith: "if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead." This has always been a definitive part of Church teaching because faith cannot just be an intellectual acceptance of Christ but must always find real expression in our lives.

Therefore, as the Church and as her members, our faith in the Lord Jesus needs to be alive so that it might challenge us, shape us and affect the way we respond in our lives to every situation we encounter. This means that faith in Christ requires us to become Christ-like in the way we follow him. 'Following' is a positive choice and action: we start following Christ when we are united in baptism to him, and, we hope and pray, grow closer to him as we follow him through our lives. If we have faith, we need to choose positively to follow the Lord Jesus in everything. As our Lord reminds us in today's Gospel, anyone who wants to follow him must take up their cross too. "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." This means seeing the needs of others through his eyes and prompts us to choose what he wants and to choose to do his will. In practical terms, this involves recognising someone else's need and helping them, helping the homeless and hungry, being faithful to Sunday Mass and Confession, speaking up for what is right, praying for and visiting the sick, and responding like our Lord in self-giving love in every situation that we find ourselves in.

We are not isolated individuals struggling to do all this but are members together of Christ's body, the Church. In and through his Church we are strengthened by the sacraments, and guided by Scripture and Tradition. As Catholics, here in the parishes of Didcot and Wallingford, may our faith in the Lord Jesus be truly alive and find real expression in our lives and in the world as together we take up our cross and follow our Lord.

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.



Child, Youth and Family Team (CYFT) Retreats 2018 - Saturday 29th September 13:30-17:30 and Saturday 13th October 10:30-14:30.

Following the call of Jesus to ‘Come away by yourselves...and rest a while’, everyone working with children, young people and their families in Thames Isis, is invited to attend **one** of two retreat days this autumn. Join us for a time of refreshment and renewal! For more information or to sign up, email Maria at tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal

As you’ve probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP’s Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write ‘Kerala appeal’ on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

Saturday 6th October 2018 - National Mass for Altar Servers

The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. Please see the flyer at the Church entrance for more information about this event.

15th and 29th September 2018 – Refugee Event

The picture of the 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi’s lifeless body on a beach horrified us all and begs the question, just what can we do as a parish to sponsor and house refugees? In response to this a practical way of housing refugee families will be presented at two Caritas “Welcoming our Neighbour” events, one in the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on 15th Sep and another repeat event at St. Joseph’s, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website, look it up on Eventbrite or send an email to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN’S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, etc

Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team

Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children’s Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about ‘making our teaching session great’. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children’s Liturgy is welcome. **Book here:** <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

St Agatha’s, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Safeguarding Training—The latest training available for those who either have new DBS checks or require refresher training is on 6th October at English Martyrs, Reading, and 20th October at St Bernadette’s Church, Pangbourne. To book, please contact sorava@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 023 92 816396 / 023 92 836511

Confirmation Programme —We will be starting our parish Confirmation programme in October this year. If you have a child who is 13 years or above who would be like to be confirmed (Confirmation will take place around May 2019 at Portsmouth Cathedral), please pass your name to the parish office.

First Holy Communion Programme—Our parish programme will begin later soon. Sessions will take place after Mass on Sundays, for children aged 8 or above. Please contact the parish office to put your child’s name on the list.

RCIA course starting in mid-October—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.

Next Seniors’ Lunch—Thursday 18th October. Please sign up on the noticeboard at English Martyrs if you would like to attend.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride—Thank you so much to all those who took part in this event over last weekend. Also thank you to all those who sponsored those who took part. Please note sponsorship money is now due.



Soul in Didcot is a community social action event taking place on 29th September. All are welcome to take part, please see poster at the back of church for details.

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk—Saturday 13th October from 9am, starting from Chilton Church, OX11 0SR. Brian McNamee from English Martyrs will be the point of contact for this walk. If you would like to join him, please catch up with him at the weekend.

‘Youth Open House at Our Lady and St Edmund’s, Abingdon

Saturday 22nd September from 1:30pm-5pm at St Edmund's parish centre, for anyone interested in coming along to a youth activity at St Edmund's (Post First Holy Communion, Youth Group, Confirmation and Post Confirmation, etc.). There'll be activity stations for young people and an opportunity to meet youth leaders/volunteers to discuss or sign up for the new programme of events. We look forward to seeing you there!



SVP - Awareness Month Week 2

We Support People in Need Wherever We find them. Can You help?

Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another. (St Vincent de Paul)

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

Last week’s Collection:

£1426

Second Collection this weekend:
Home Mission Sunday

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