

**Mass Text for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18. R. v.18

**Response:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24,27

**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 20:1-16

**Communion Antiphon:**

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping  
your statutes.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 23rd September**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-4:50pm**  
**St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo**

**English Martyrs: 6:30pm Charles Kelly R.I.P.**  
*(A Talbot)*

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

**SUNDAY 24th September**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo**

**St John's: 11:00am Chris Watts R.I.P.**

**Mass times for the coming week**

**MONDAY 25th September**

**Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am**

**TUESDAY 26th September Ss Cosmos & Damien**  
**St John's: 9:30am No Mass today**

**WEDNESDAY 27th September St Vincent de Paul**  
**English Martyrs: 9:30am No Mass this morning**

**English Martyrs: 7:30pm Fr Leo Targett R.I.P.**  
*Extraordinary Form Latin Mass*

**THURSDAY 28th September**

**St John's: 9:30am Peter Hogan Intentions (C Jeffery)**

**FRIDAY 29th September THE HOLY ANGELS**  
**MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am Veronica Dayo R.I.P.**  
*(C Daly)*

**SATURDAY 30th September St Jerome**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am O'Donnell Family Intentions (J O'Donnell)**

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

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



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**24th September 2017**

**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

**Humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord**

Our Gospel this week recounts the parable taught by Jesus to his disciples of the landowner who goes out and hires workers to work in his vineyard - at daybreak, at the third, the sixth, the ninth and the eleventh hours, marking off a whole working day. To each he promises a fair wage. When evening comes, because of the landowner's generosity the latecomers receive the same wage as everyone, whatever hour they had begun their work for the master.

The parable by its reference to all the times of the day illustrates that the Lord calls people of all times: everyone in every age. When we hear his call and respond, we enter as his workers in his vineyard, which is the world. It does not matter when we enter the vineyard as his workers, just that we do so in response to his call when we hear it.

Each of us is called to be a humble worker in the Lord's vineyard, whether we be married or single, parent or priest, young or old: the call we receive is the call to serve the Lord and his Church with what he has given us and to discern his will for the future. However we serve the Lord, we know that in answering his call and serving him we are living our lives as his disciples, doing his will, letting his Kingdom come in this world and that, at the end, we will receive our just reward from him.

Let us ask ourselves, what is the Lord calling us to do as humble workers in his vineyard today?

*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, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly, Rosa Maria Santos and all the sick of the parish.

**Music Co-ordinator/Music Director**

This position was proposed during the ‘Our Parish’s Future’ programme and funds are now available to support it. The ideal person will be able to help co-ordinate the music in Didcot and Wallingford, work with and encourage the existing musicians and play keyboard/organ in Didcot

**Children and Families Worker Full-time post £20-25,000 Closing date 27 September**

Are you... • Energetic, innovative, creative & organised? • Able to lead, train & inspire a team of volunteers? • Wanting to develop strategic gospel work in an exciting area of growth & opportunity, working in a parish setting? We are... • Looking for an energetic self-starter to lead & develop the work amongst children, young people & families in the church & wider community, making disciples of Jesus. • Two Oxfordshire village churches close to Didcot with a rapidly growing population, wanting to grow & flourish at the heart of our communities. • Seeking to build on our contacts with local children & families through our annual Holiday Club of 100+ children, 2 primary schools, toddler groups, Sunday groups, etc. Interested? We’d love you to contact Jonathan for a chat 01235 799376 or rector@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk Further info, JD and application form: www.hcchurches.org/cfw Applications by Wed 27th September, interview Sun 8th October Start date: January/early February 2018 (Applications from job-share partners will be considered) St Matthew’s Harwell with All Saints’ Chilton An Occupational Requirement exists for the post-holder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Offer will be subject to satisfactory references and checks, including an enhanced DBS disclosure

**Have you ever considered a vocation as a Deacon?**

Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This Propaedeutic year consists of three sessions (Friday-Saturday) and commences on 10th/11th November. The other dates for this academic year are 26th/27th January and 16/17th March. Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions. Wives of prospective candidates will also be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program, but is part of the overall selection process. For further information, please e-mail Fr Peter Hart as soon as possible, or complete the Preliminary enquiry form here. Application deadline is 1st November.

**St John’s Music Group**

Urgently looking for volunteers, particularly sopranos and tenors. If you can hold a tune in your head and also sing in tune, please do come along. Practice nights are Fridays at 7.15pm. Contact Sue Hunt on 01491 835787 or Mary Hill on 01491 836078 for further information

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**  
Kate Keating  
07816 170360

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**  
Please pray for St John’s Church,

**The Youth Group**

Is starting again after the summer holidays on Friday 29th September in the church hall in Wallingford. It will be a games evening 7pm-9pm. All youth from 10 years are welcome to come along and have some fun. For further information, please contact Andy Robins via the parish office."

**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 at fm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01590681874

**We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32) Essential Training for Catechists**

This course, sponsored by our Diocese, has been arranged for five Fridays in Lent, starting on Friday 23rd February, 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.

**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>. Prices start from £18.50.

**SVP Awareness Month—Welcoming the Stranger**

This week's poster focuses on the Lonely. There are about 1 million lonely people aged over 65 in the UK. Do you know anyone suffering from loneliness who would just love someone to talk to? Contact the SVP..

**Tea and Chat**

Our monthly Tea and Chat re-commences next Wednesday 27th September 2.00 - 3.30pm in St John's Church Hall. Everyone welcome, especially new Parishioners. Come and make new friends.

*Telephone Number for SVP*

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

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