

Mass Text for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

Response:

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Communion Antiphon:

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 29th September

Vigil Masses for The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In September the Angelus will be said before the Vigil Masses

St John's: 5:00pm Christopher and Margaret Doran RIP (C Doran)
(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 30th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Marion O'Halloran RIP (G Marr)

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 1st October September

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 2nd October—

The Holy Guardian Angels

No Mass Today

WEDNESDAY 3rd October

No Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

THURSDAY 4th October—St Francis of Assisi

No Mass today

FRIDAY 5th October

English Martyrs: 9.30am For all parishioners at English Martyrs (M Logan)
(Church open all day for private prayer)

SATURDAY 6th October—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am
(Followed by reciting of the rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Mass times as usual for the weekend plus Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at 7.30am, Sunday 7th October



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30th September 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God, in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure, and neglecting our neighbours?

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.



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

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.

A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter’s church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

A celebration of Family Life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae: „The Church’s Solution to the Sexual Revolution” in Reading.

All of us who are interested in Catholic answer to sexual revolution, on Teaching sexuality or would like to celebrate together 50 Anniversary of Humane Vitae are invited to Our Lady of Peace&Blessed Dominic Barberi Parish (338 Wokingham Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA) on **Saturday 6th October 2018**. The day starts at 9 am and finishes with Holy Mass at 3.30 pm. Amongst various speakers there is Caroline Farrow, a weekly columnist for the Catholic Universe newspaper in the UK and Ireland, a public speaker journalist and commentator. Here is a link to the conference where you find programme of the day and biographies of the speakers:<https://humanaevitae.life/index.php/humanae-vitae-reading/>

There is due to be a Prayer, Praise and Communion service taking place on the evening of Sunday 7th October, focusing particularly on the activities of **Christians Against Poverty**. It will be an opportunity for us to hear more about the work of CAP within the local area. All welcome, Didcot Baptist Church, 6pm.

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

The Free Church, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

New Heating System at English Martyrs—We have appointed a contractor to replace the central heating system and work will begin shortly. We will update everyone as to progression. In order to pay for the new heating system, we will have to apply for funds from the Living our Faith Scheme that so many parishioners generously donated to in previous years. If you have any objection to us using these funds, please contact Fr Phillip in writing.

Confirmation Programme—further details

If you have a child in year 8 or above (aged 12 and over) 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 by 4th November. The first session for young people will take place on 25th November, with sessions for parents on 9th and 18th November. Meetings will take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 3pm-5pm.

First Holy Communion Programme—Our parish programme will begin on Sunday 18th November. 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.

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 Group Fun Day coming up on 6th October.

Annual Pastoral Area Fun Day at Our Lady and St Edmund's parish centre on Saturday 6th October from 14:00-17:00. Activities include: giant bouncy castle; sumo wrestling suits; art and crafts; indoor and outdoor games and face painting. Families welcome. Cost: £5 per child. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be provided.

SVP - AWARENESS MONTH - WEEK 4

We Support People in Need Wherever We Find Them. Can You Help? "I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity" (Blessed Frederic Ozanam) Please see this weeks poster at the back of church. There will be a second collection next weekend 5/6th October for the work of the SVP especially in Kerala in Southern India to help re-build lives after the devastating floods.



24 Hour Adoration—Please note change of date. This will now take place on 1st December.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

Last week’s Collection: £1320

Second Collection this weekend: Parish Centre/Refurbishment Fund

Thank you for your donations