

Mass Text for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn you ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 20, 22

Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

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 10:35-45

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

MASS TIMES for the coming week
Saturday 20th October

Vigil Masses for The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

(Preceded by Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation from
4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Lech Wiczorek RIP
(P McLoughlin)

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

SUNDAY 21st October

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Margaret O'Loughlin RIP
(A-M Bromley)

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

MONDAY 22nd October

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 23rd October—Diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life (Mass for the Progress of Peoples)

St John's: 9.30am Mass for the Progress of Peoples—Private Intention (M Laver)
(Followed by reciting of the rosary)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm (English) Mass for the Progress of Peoples

WEDNESDAY 24th October

English Martyrs: 9.30am Lech Wiczorek RIP
(D Lazarus)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

THURSDAY 25th October

St John's: 9.30am

FRIDAY 26th October

English Martyrs: 9.30am Health and well-being of Martin Connolly (J Connolly)

SATURDAY 27th October—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am Thomas and Agnes Lightfoot RIP (Foundation)
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and reciting of the rosary)

Mass times as usual for the weekend



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21st October 2018

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors.

But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see [Psalm 75:9](#); [Jeremiah 25:15, 28](#); [Isaiah 51:17](#)). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare [Luke 12:50](#)).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see [Leviticus 5:17-19](#)).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see [Hebrews 9:12](#)).

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death. He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see [Colossians 1:24](#)). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see [Romans 6:3](#)). In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see [Mark 14:23-24](#)).

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, Margaret Healy and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is because the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Pray the Rosary this month for world peace.



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>

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23rd October 2018. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards from back of church.

Heavenly Harrods has many new Christmas items in stock from candles, advent calendars to cards and small gifts. Come and have a browse after mass.

World Mission Sunday, 21st October. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can.

Mission Boxes — Please return your mission boxes to church now for counting. Thank you. **Ride and Stride** sponsorship money also due now—thank you for your support.

Please remember to turn your mobile phone off during Mass.

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle
The Free Church, Brightwell

The Didcot and Wallingford Men’s group meet on the last Wednesday of the month after the Latin Mass at English Martyr’s. This is an opportunity to talk about your spiritual journey and personal relationship with God and the Church, as well as meet new people. It is a very informal meeting with a bit of time catching up, and a bit of time considering a passage from the bible or other important truth. All welcome, bring a topic you would like to discuss! The next meeting will be on 31st October. Please let the parish office know that you will be able to attend.

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 —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 beginning on 25th October. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

Join us for a Night of Light to celebrate the Vigil of All Saints from 16:30-18:30 at English Martyrs Catholic Church Didcot, on Wednesday 31st October. Come along dressed as your favourite Saint or wear something white. There’ll be art and crafts, games, cake and cookie decorating and clay modelling and much more to enjoy! No tricks only treats! Everyone welcome. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child. Contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

Mission Kids is a club is for children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to continue exploring their faith while also having fun with their friends. The group will meet at English Martyrs on the Second Saturday every month in term time from 10:30-12:00. For more information or to sign up, everyone is invited to our Open Morning, on Saturday 10th November 10:00-11.30am at English Martyrs. More details from tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Rosary—Recitation of the rosary will take place at a parishioner’s home in Didcot on Mondays from 22nd October, 6.30pm—7.30pm. Please contact the parish office if you would like to take part, and your name will be forwarded to the organiser.

Flower Workshop, 1st December—Please sign up for this popular event which will take place at St John’s. Information at the back of church.

24 Hour Adoration— This will now take place on 1st December.

Telephone Number for SVP
If you know of anyone in need please call
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World Mission Sunday
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