

**Mass Text for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Like newborn infants,  
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow  
to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**Response:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**Communion Antiphon:**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving,  
but believing, alleluia.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**Saturday 22nd April**

**Vigil Masses of The Second Sunday of Easter**

**St John's:** 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Joseph Hughes Jnr RIP  
(T Hughes and family)

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

**SUNDAY 23rd April**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**English Martyrs:** 9am Pro Populo

**St John's:** 11am

**Mass times for the coming week**

**MONDAY 24th April—St George**

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

**TUESDAY 25th April—St Mark**

**St John's:** 9.30am Maureen and  
Bryan Francis RIP (J Edwards)

**WEDNESDAY 26th April**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Christopher Almeida's  
Intentions  
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction)

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm Extraordinary Form  
Latin Mass

**THURSDAY 27th April**

**St John's:** 9.30am Elizabeth Trainor RIP (Perp)

**FRIDAY 28th April**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Naughton family's  
Intentions (D & J Woodley)

**SATURDAY 29th April**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Nick Holz's Intentions  
(A Gray)  
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and  
reciting of the rosary)

*Weekend Masses as usual*



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**23rd April 2017**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Yr A)**

In today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. For fear of persecution, they are behind closed doors but when Jesus stands among them, their fear turns into joy. Jesus' presence transforms their hearts as they see him once more and hear him say, "Peace be with you."

We meet the risen Lord at every Mass, truly present among us in bread and wine that, through his words, become his Body and Blood. We too are offered his peace and we share that peace with others in the dialogue between the priest and the people: "The peace of the Lord be with you always – And with your spirit. Let us offer each other the sign of peace."

As we share Christ's peace with others, let us remember the joy his presence among us brings us. As we are sent out at the end of Mass, let us take that joy and his peace into our daily lives and into the lives of those we meet, so that the closed doors of their hearts may be opened to welcome him also.

*Fr Phillip*



**In your prayers, please remember...**

Cyril Verling, 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 and all the sick of the parish.



**CTS Read of the Month for the discounted price of £1:00 - A Way of Life for Young Catholics**

This month Pope Francis' prayer intention is young people. He asks that we pray that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or religious life.

This booklet is full of practical insights for young Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply but are not sure what steps to take.

Also:

New to CTS: **Road to Pentecost, a prayer guide for Eastertide £2:50 per copy.**

Beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday, this prayer guide will lead you through a journey of 50 days of prayer and reflection, in preparation for the great feast of Pentecost - often an unappreciated feast. The first forty days reflect on scripture and the Catechism, drawing our lives into the history of salvation. The final nine-day Novena of prayer, from Ascension to Pentecost, is dedicated to helping Christians to be open to a personal Pentecost in their own lives.

**Heavenly Harrods** has a new selection of gifts for first Holy communion including silver jewellery; rosaries and missals, There is also a selection of children's books and missals. Come and have a browse after weekend Masses.

**East Hendred Youth Group - Sponsored walk for Cafod**

The St Mary's Youth Group will be doing their annual 5K sponsored walk along the Ridgeway, to raise money for CAFOD on **Friday 28th April from 7-9pm**. All young people from the pastoral area (Yr 4 and above) are welcome to join them! The walk is always great fun and there will be marshmallows and hot chocolate to finish! Don't forget to bring a torch and wear comfortable clothes for walking. **RSVP by Sunday 23rd April. For more information email Veronica at [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com)**

**St Edmund's Youth Group**

**Saturday 6th May**

8-10yrs - 1:30pm-2:30pm, 11-12 & 13-14yrs - 3pm-4:30pm

**Hinksey Youth Group Film Club**

**Sunday 7th May**, featuring '*Suffragette*' or '*Swallows and Amazons*' 2:30pm start. Mass at 4:15pm. Our Lady of the Rosary R C Church, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

**Freedog in June**—There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10th June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

Kath Oldham—[katholdham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katholdham@hotmail.co.uk)

**CTWA Prayer Cycle**

Please pray for  
The Baptist Church, Wallingford

**A Day of Recollection for Ministers of the Eucharist**—will be held at Stonehill House OX14 4AA on Saturday 27th May. Please email [pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

There will be no SVP Tea and Chat this month. The next one will be on the 31st May 2.00 to 3.00 pm

**St Amand's Catholic Primary School**—Congratulations to St Amand's on an excellent RE Validation from Portsmouth Diocese, 28th March 2017.

“St Amand's is an outstanding example of a Catholic school community where the spirit of the Gospel is lived out in all aspects of the school's life.” As part of their Lenten preparation the school community also raised an amazing £500+ for CAFOD. We wish the school continuing success in the term ahead. Visits to the school are always welcome, please contact the school office on 01235 833342 or email [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk).

Website [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk)

**St Mark—25th April**

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.



St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Roman Christians to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel.

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd, North Hinksey**—We have kindly been donated the marble altar from this chapel in Oxford as it is being closed down. The altar is being delivered this weekend and we plan to install it in St John's Church over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing this beautiful piece in place in its new home.

**Mission Boxes**—if you have a Mission Box, please bring it to church with you as soon as possible for counting. Thank you.

**English Martyrs Church** is open for prayer Tuesday to Friday mornings until 1pm. **If you have a key, please do not lock the church during these times.** Thank you.

*Telephone Number for SVP*

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

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