

Mass Text for the Second Sunday of Lent

Of you may heart has spoken:
Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

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

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

Second Reading: II Tim 1:8-10

Gospel Acclamation:
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Matt 17:1-9

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son,
With whom I am well pleased;
Listen to him.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 11th March
Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

*English Martyrs: 6.30pm Sylvia Ann Hughes RIP
(T Hughes and family)*

SUNDAY 12th March
The Second Sunday of Lent

English Martyrs: 9am Fr Jim Fanning RIP

*St John's: 11am Peter John O'Rourke RIP
(P O'Rourke)*

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 13th March
Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 14th March
*St John's: 9.30am Sara Green RIP (M Rice)
(Followed by Stations of the Cross)*

WEDNESDAY 15th March
*English Martyrs: 9.30am David and
Joyce Woodley's Intentions (Naughton family)*

*(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)*

*English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Fr David Hutton RIP*

THURSDAY 16th March
St John's: 9.30am Canon Charles Walker RIP

FRIDAY 17th March—St Patrick
*English Martyrs: 9.30am Patricia Welch RIP
(Foundation)
(Followed by Stations of the Cross)*

SATURDAY 18th March
*English Martyrs: 9.30am Anne Johns' Intentions
(J Lazarus)*

*(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and
reciting of the rosary)*

Weekend Masses as usual



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12th March 2017
Second Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

When Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the high mountain, they would have had no idea of what was going to happen: that the man they had been following as disciples would be transfigured dazzlingly in their sight, that they would see him speaking with Moses and Elijah, and that they would hear the voice of God speaking from the cloud proclaiming him to be his beloved Son. No wonder they were frightened!

Yet this was an experience that had been given to them not to cause fear, but to deepen their faith and trust in Jesus. For Jesus is revealed to them, for a short while, in his glory; he is revealed as the Word of God whom Moses (the one who received the Word of God in the form of the Law) and Elijah (representative of the prophets who had received and communicated God's Word in prophecy) converse with; and he is also revealed as Son by the overshadowing cloud and the voice that speaks from it. All three revelations deepen the disciples' faith in Jesus and strengthen that faith as it will soon be tested as the events of his Passion and Crucifixion unfold. Our Lord's glory, glimpsed here for the only time before his Resurrection, his identification as the Word of God and Son, opens the disciples' eyes to see clearly who he is for a moment.

Our faith - just like Peter's, James' and John's - is a faith that is living, because it is in a living person: Our Lord Jesus Christ. But because it is a living faith, it does at times need deepening and we should take every opportunity we can for deepening our faith. Our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving are ways in which we put into practice our faith and so help to deepen it. This week in our prayer, let us try to spend a little time to sit down with the Gospel passage describing the Transfiguration and let ourselves join the disciples on the mountain in our imagination, so that we too might glimpse something of Our Lord's glory, and welcome him more fully into our lives as the Word of God and the Father's beloved Son.

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 March: St Joseph Prayers and Devotion

On 20th March the Church celebrates the feast of St Joseph spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, immigrants, workers, those seeking employment and a happy death. This pocket-sized booklet explains the life of St. Joseph and contains a treasury of prayers to this beloved saint.

Pick up a booklet from Heavenly Harrods for the discounted price of £1.00. Share with friends.

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.

Advance notice

The Carmelite day pilgrimage to Walsingham is on 24 June 2017. Pick-ups: 06:30am at Redbridge park and ride; 07:00am at Peartree park and ride. Firm commitment and payment by 1 June. Cost depends on numbers- £27 up to £40 per person. All welcome! Contact Armelle Belcher via the Parish Office to book.

Safeguarding Officer required—URGENT—The voluntary post of Safeguarding Officer for both parishes has become available. If you can help in this role, please contact the parish office. Full training will be given.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES? The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We are also planning events and creating a list of people who would like to be kept informed. For Working Group members, we are looking for people who are passionate about helping refugees and have specific skills to offer, from various specialists to administration and organisation skills. If you would like to help or find out more, please contact Fr. Peter Hollins on 01730 262 290, email pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, see our webpage at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg/ or take home one of the leaflets on display at the back of the church and learn how you can help Syrian refugees coming to this country.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Rep
Kath Oldham—katholdham@hotmail.co.uk

CTWA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for
St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh

SVP RAFFLE.

Last chance to buy your raffle tickets this weekend. First prize £3000. Tickets on sale after all masses.



SOUP LUNCHES AT ST JOHN'S

Each Friday in Lent the SVP will be serving bread and homemade soup from 11.30am - 2.30pm. Money received from donations will go to the Baby Feeding Centres in the Sudan, both North and South. We hope you will support this venture and bring along your friends. A choice of delicious soups guaranteed!

Easter Raffle Tickets—on sale at English Martyrs weekend of 18th/19th March.

Chrism Mass, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – Tuesday 11th April 2017

The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass this year. The bus will leave Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, returning at around 3pm. The cost of a seat is £12, payment required on booking. Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 01235 812338, email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. All bookings must be received by Friday 31st March.

Pastoral Area Youth Activities

St Edmund's youth group - St Edmund's (Abingdon) parish centre - Saturday 1st April -

8-10 yr olds - 1:30 - 2:30pm
11-12 & 13-14 yr olds 3 - 4:30pm

North Hinksey youth group - Our Lady of the Rosary Church - Sunday 2nd April -

11-15 yr olds 2:30 - 4pm
Youth Mass at 4:15pm followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room

Diocesan Formation for Mission Team—This Lent, join the Formation for Mission Wednesday Gospel Webinar, every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel.

Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. Take the time to ponder the Word of God and to ask the questions you cannot ask in church during the homily! You can join the webinar wherever you are, from a computer with a good internet connection and the sound turned up.

Here are a few steps to join the webinar:

1. Register: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar>
2. You will receive a confirmation email, and reminder emails after that.
3. On Wednesday at 7pm, join the webinar by clicking on the link in your confirmation/reminder email.

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