

Mass Text for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 7-10

Response:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading: I Cor 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 19th January

Vigil Masses for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

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

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Naughton family's intentions (D and J Woodley)

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

SUNDAY 20th January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Pat and Chris Watts RIP

Mass times for the coming week

(English Martyrs is open Tuesday to Friday mornings 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)

MONDAY 21st January

No Mass this morning

(See www.thamesisis.org.uk for details of Mass times at St Mary's, East Hendred)

TUESDAY 22nd January

St John's: 9.30am Teresa McGarvey RIP

WEDNESDAY 23rd January

English Martyrs: 9.30am Martin Connolly RIP (M O'Connor)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass Sarah Philbin RIP (M Guinan)

THURSDAY 24th January—St Francis de Sales

St John's: 9.30am David Kearney RIP (Perp)

FRIDAY 25th January—The Conversion of St Paul

English Martyrs: 9.30am Mary Obey RIP (R Perera)

SATURDAY 26th January—St Timothy & St Titus

English Martyrs: 9.30am

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

Vigil Masses for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Marie McDonald RIP (R Chadwick)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

SUNDAY 27th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am Terry Hobin RIP (H Hobin)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone during Mass.



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20th January 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we're at a wedding.

We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare [Genesis 2:23–24](#) and [Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17](#))?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see [Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13](#)). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see [Hosea 2:18–22](#)). That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see [John 3:29](#)), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see [Matthew 22:1–14](#)). By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church (see [Ephesians 5:21–33](#)). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)).



In your prayers, please remember:

Jenny Evans, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Terry Appleyard, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, Rosa Maria Santos, Laurence Turner, Margaret Healy, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Jidechi Ejiofor and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



Marriage and Relationship Counselling with Marriage Care



Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Most relationships face difficulties at some point. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information please call 0800 389 3801. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre – expenses and supervision is provided. For further information, please contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 26th January 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk "Prayer and Renewal"* – Charles Whitehead KSG explains why and how we should be renewing our prayer lives through the power of the Holy Spirit; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website:

www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Next month's meeting 23rd Feb. 2019: "Forming and Strengthening Prayer Groups" – Speaker Tim Stevens

Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Camp 2019:

28th July - 3rd August 2019 an opportunity for secondary school boys to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco and contact: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEW WEBSITE—We have launched a new parish website which can be found here:

www.didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org

Please take a look around the new site—the weekly newsletter can be found here along with other information, including Mass times.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

St Mary's Church, Cholsey

Men's Group—the next session will take place on Wednesday 30th January, after the 7.30pm Mass at English Martyrs.

Seniors' Lunch—24th January, 12 Noon. Please put your name on the list at the back of English Martyrs if you would like to come.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—week of 20th January. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard for times and places of prayer/services.

SVP - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Skittles evening on March 15th. A fun evening for all the family. More details to follow.

Lent Soup Lunches—will take place at English Martyrs on 7th March, then 14th, 21st, 28th and 4th April at noon. Please put these dates in your diary and come along and support these events. All funds will go to charity.

Flower Workshop—Our Easter Flower Workshop will take place on Saturday 23rd March, at 11am at English Martyrs. The cost will be £10. This event is open to everyone—please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend.

World Day of Prayer for Peace 2019

Good politics is at the service of peace



On the Second Sunday of Ordinary time we mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace." Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the 'youngest and smallest.'

To do:-

– **Pray.**

Pray for the grace to approach all political and social issues from a starting point of faith, love, and a spirit of generosity.

– **Learn.**

Faithful citizenship require us to understand the political and social issues that impact our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Read a good newspaper every day.

– **Act.**

Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that support justice and peace and those experiencing poverty or conflict around the world.

Telephone Number for SVP

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