

**Mass Text for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading:** Thess 1:5-10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40

**Communion Antiphon:**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 28th October**

**Vigil Masses of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-4:50pm**

**St John's: 5:00pm**

**English Martyrs: 6:30pm Pro Populo**

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

**SUNDAY 29th October**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs: 9:00am Michael and Bridie McNamee RIP (B McNamee)**

**St John's: 11:00am Pro Populo**

**Mass times for the coming week**

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

**MONDAY 30th October**

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

**TUESDAY 31st October**

**St John's: 9:30am Fr Seamus Flyn, RIP**

**WEDNESDAY 1st November—All Saints**

**English Martyrs: 9.30am Deceased friends and family of J Krokowska**

**English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—Vera King, RIP**

**THURSDAY 2nd November—All Souls**

**St John's: 9:30am**

**English Martyrs: 12 noon Souls of the faithful departed RIP**

**English Martyrs: 7pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—The Holy Father's Intentions**

**FRIDAY 3rd November**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am Mrs Freeman's Intentions**

**SATURDAY 4th November—St Charles Borromeo**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am Martin Connolly's Intentions**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10:00-10:30am**

*Weekend Masses as usual, plus Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at English Martyrs on Sunday 5th November at 7.30am*



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**29th October 2017**

**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfil it (see [Matthew 5:17](#)) and in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfilment of the whole of the law (see [Romans 13:8-10](#)).

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (see [Deuteronomy 6:5](#); [Leviticus 19:18](#)).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see [Exodus 32:15-16](#)). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God—such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can (see [1 John 4:20-22](#)).

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God – loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul and mind. Our love for our neighbour must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us (see [1 John 4:19](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. And in this become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see [John 15:12-13](#); [Hebrews 13:15](#)).



**In your prayers, please remember:**

Jenny Evans, Amanda Gender, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Sophia Farmer, Janina Krokowska, Ann Tomline, Terry Appleyard, Charlotte Pyatt, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards,

**We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32) Essential Training for Catechists**

This course, sponsored by our Diocese, has been arranged for five Fridays in Lent, starting on Friday 23rd February, in the hall behind St John Vianney Church, Charlton Rd, Wantage, OX12 8ER from 7:30-9:00pm. Limited spaces so early registration is recommended. Contact Jacky at jackymattam@btinternet.com. No charge, but a donation will be appreciated.

**Discipleship Events run by the Called and Gifted Team****Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese**

At Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am – 5pm

This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple. Being with each other in community, both in the parish and diocese, helps us greatly on this journey. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end. There will be talks by Katherine Coolidge on Fruitful Discipleship and developing a personal relationship with the Lord. We will have a number of testimonies from parishioners and from parishes around the diocese and we will hear from a number of active groups and teams who are doing wonderful work in serving others. It will be inspiring to hear about people using their charisms and the emerging fruit!

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Kerygma Retreat**

At Winchester Parish Centre, 12noon - 6pm

(you could attend mass before or after in the parish)

This is a day that allows you to see, hear and respond to the story that Pope Francis reminds us we must hear and respond to “over and over” – the kerygma, the Great Story of Jesus. This is a reflective day, utilising the spoken word, art, quiet reflection and discussion. A fantastic chance to spend Sunday, the day of rest, with the Lord in a deep way.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Training on sharing our faith with others in our everyday life and through the parish**

At St. Bede’s Basingstoke, 9.30am – 5pm

This is a day for those who would like to be trained in how to have conversations with those not yet active Catholics and how to share your story and Jesus’s story with others, such as your family, friends, workplace, people who come to the parish. The training is simple, straightforward, doesn’t expect you to have any particular background or charism, but be a person who wants to share your faith with others. That will be all those of you reading this email! This day will also talk about how to run the Kerygma Retreat in your parish, if you wish to do that This day is obviously very suited for RCIA team members, catechists, those who run any sort of small parish groups, ministers to the sick and house-bound, welcomers, prayer group members. days.

Please return **Missio boxes** to church as soon as possible for counting. Thank you.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**  
To be announced

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**  
Please pray for  
St Mary’s Church, Wallingford

**Carmelite Spirituality Group: English Martyrs**

Led by Barbara Thacker, the first meeting will be on Friday 3rd November at 2:15pm in the tearoom at English Martyrs (and on the 1st Friday of each month thereafter), finishing at 3:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Barbara will start with an introduction to the Carmelite Order following which the group will be reading and discussing The Impact of God, by Iain Matthew, OCD. All are very welcome.

**First Holy Communion**

If your child is going to be aged eight next year then it is time to enrol for the First Holy Communion course which will be beginning in November. Please register via the parish office by phone or email leaving contact details.

**Day of Reflection**—A Day of Reflection will be held at Littlemore on 9th December, led by Fr Paul King. If you would like to attend please pass your name to the parish office.

**Forthcoming Events in the Parish**

**Flower Demonstration** on Saturday 4th November at 11.00am-12.30, at English Martyrs.

**Quiz Night** Friday 17th November at 18.30 for 19.00 at the Bowling Club behind the Civic Hall. (See poster outside kitchen). Tickets on sale this weekend.

**Christmas Raffle** tickets will be on sale on 12th November—If you can donate prizes for the raffle, please complete the sheet at the back of church.

Also on the noticeboard at English Martyrs...The Baptist Church are asking for 54 ‘Christmas’ boxes of biscuits for their Foodbank Donations. Please sign up on the sheet if you can help.>

**St Amand's RC Primary School East Hendred**

**We have a vacancy for a part-time teacher (0.4) to teach in a mixed Reception/Yr 1 class from January 2018**

**We are committed to safeguarding children and all posts are subject to an enhanced DBS check**

Part-time (0.4) permanent, Thursday & Friday

**Closing Date for applications Friday 3 November 2017**

**Applications must be on the CES application form : <http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies>**

**Interviews will take place on Tuesday 14 November**

Visits to school are encouraged and our headteacher, Helen Ellery, is looking forward to showing you around. Please contact the headteacher to arrange an appointment or find out further details: [office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk)

**Music Co-ordinator/Music Director**

We are currently looking for someone who could help co-ordinate the music in Didcot and Wallingford, work with and encourage the existing musicians and play keyboard/organ in Didcot. If you think this role could be for you, please speak to Fr Phillip.

**Telephone Number for SVP**

If you know of anyone in need please call  
07580539765.

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