

Mass Text for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 9-11

Response:

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Stay awake, and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 17th November

Vigil Masses for The Thirty-Third 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 John Logan's Intentions (P McLoughlin)

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

SUNDAY 18th November

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Kitty Tomas RIP (D Tomas)

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 19th November

No Mass in Didcot or Wallingford (please refer to East Hendred newsletter (www.thamesisis.org.uk) for details of Mass times at St Mary's)

TUESDAY 20th November

St John's: 9.30am Marie Clare Trevor RIP (Perp)

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone during Mass.

WEDNESDAY 21st November—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

English Martyrs: 9.30am Fr John Parry RIP

(Naughton family)
(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass Fr Colin Murphy RIP

THURSDAY 22nd November—St Cecilia

St John's: 9.30am Marie Clare Trevor RIP (Perp)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—Catherine and Charles Colligan RIP (M Guinan)

FRIDAY 23rd November

English Martyrs: 9.30am Sean Phillips' Intentions (D Lazarus)

SATURDAY 24th November

English Martyrs: Anthony Knight's Intentions (D Lazarus)

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

Vigil Masses for Christ the King

St John's: 5pm Deceased Members of the Clifford family

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

SUNDAY 25th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

English Martyrs: 9am Patrick and Mary Sexton RIP (P & T McLoughlin)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo



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18th November 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see [Mark 13:9](#)). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see [Mark 13:7–8](#)). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also [Isaiah 13:10; 34:4](#)). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see [Mark 8:31](#)). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see [Daniel 7:13](#)). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see [Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37](#)).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

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, Rosa Maria Santos, Laurence Turner, Margaret Healy and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tina Plazes who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at St John's on Monday 26th November at 1pm.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Connolly, who died this week. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 4th December at 2.30pm.

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. More details from tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SVP - DONATION OF TOILETRIES

The SVP will be distributing toiletries to local nursing homes in Wallingford and the surrounding area to give a gift to the residents for Christmas. Donations such as a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, men's toiletries etc. will be much appreciated. There will be a basket for donated items at the back of church at St John's from 24th November until December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

At Abingdon...

Bereavement Support -The Abingdon parish is planning to develop their bereavement work and has asked the leader of the thriving bereavement ministry in all the Reading parishes to come and explain what they do, on 26th Nov at 1130. If you would like to come then you would be very welcome. email clare@claresimpson.com who can give you the address for the meeting

Advent Repentance and Renewal Evening

An Advent Repentance and Renewal event will take place at St Edmund's Church Abingdon (3 Radley Rd OX14 3PL) on Saturday 24h November:

5-6.45pm: A time of silence and organised prayer, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and availability of confessions, to:

- Ask the Lord for forgiveness for the abuse scandals in the Church, for the times that we have offended the Lord, and also for our own wrongdoings.
- Ask for blessing as we seek to grow our parishes into a missionary communities, inviting and serving all those in need, and helping everyone to grow in a personal relationship with God.

6.45-7.30pm: Supper in the Parish Centre (Bring & Share)

7.30-9.30pm: A chance to praise God through a mixture of uplifting music and prayer.

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.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

St John's Church, Wallingford

The Didcot and Wallingford Men's group will next meet on 21st November after the Latin Mass at English Martyrs.

Christmas Raffle—tickets will be on sale on 24th November, 1st and 8th December and will be drawn on 15th December, cost £1. Prizes on display in the church porch at English Martyrs.



24 hour Adoration—The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at English Martyrs from after 9.30am Mass on Saturday 1st December until 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd December. We need a minimum of two people in the church every hour. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you can stay. Thank you.

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.

The next Youth Group meeting will take place on 7th December at 7pm at English Martyrs. It will be a Quiz Night with Supper. Please put the date in your diaries.

Next Senior's Lunch will be on 6th December at noon. Menu and sign up form are in the church porch at English Martyrs.

Advance notice of Advent Penitential Service—Tuesday 18th December at 7pm, at English Martyrs. Please put the date in your diaries.

This week's second collection is for the Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who work in Rajagiriya Parish in Sri Lanka teaching the poor children and helping other needy people. They rely upon donations to carry out their good work, and are regularly supported by our parish through the coffee mornings held at St John's. Please give generously if you can. Thank you.

Christmas Hampers—Didcot Baptist Church are organising the Christmas hampers this year and have asked for donations of chocolates no more than 500g in weight. They would also be happy to have help for packing of the hampers, which will take place on 14th December at Didcot Baptist Church. Thank you in advance.

Churches Together Didcot and District—We currently need parishioners to represent English Martyrs on the Churches Together team in Didcot. Please contact the parish office if you think you can help. Thank you.

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

Parish Diaries for 2019 are now available free of charge from the back of both churches. Please take one.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call
01235 812338

Last week's Collection:

£1325

Second Collection this week:

Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sri Lanka

Thank you for your donations