

Mass Text for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1,4,13-14
The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: Cor 1:10-13,17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 21st January

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Fabian Realpe and Marina Solana RIP (C Yopez)

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

SUNDAY 22nd January

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Lisa Oosterloo-Schuilng RIP (A-M Bromley)

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 23rd January

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 24th January—St Francis de Sales

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

WEDNESDAY 25th January—

The Conversion of St Paul

English Martyrs: 9.30am Naughton Family's Intentions (A Furlong)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass

THURSDAY 26th January—St Timothy and St Titus

St John's: 9.30am Matthew and Charlotte Jeffery's Intentions (C Jeffery)

FRIDAY 27th January

English Martyrs: 9.30am

SATURDAY 28th January

English Martyrs: 9.30am Finbarr and Sally Pope's Intentions (M Quarterman)

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

Weekend Masses as usual



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22nd January 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven to the people: and we see that it is in and through Jesus that people are brought into the Kingdom. That is why not only does he preach the Kingdom but also he calls people into the Kingdom: Simon and Andrew, James and John, his first disciples. What is this Kingdom? It is Jesus himself and his body, the Church.

In a world that is so often ruled by pleasure-seeking, selfishness, greed and hatred, we are called away from all this, as the disciples were called from their nets; and we are quite simply called to follow Jesus: this we started doing when we were baptised, and this we continue to do through the rest of our lives. Sometimes, maybe, there might be moments when we struggle or when we desert him, as did the first disciples, but we know that he is waiting for us to turn back to him.

By following him, we also receive another calling: to become "fishers of men" - in other words, to draw others into God's Kingdom here on earth, the Church. Let us try to live out our Christian calling as disciples in real, concrete ways, witnessing through love and charity, through selflessness and working for life and peace in our needy world, shedding a little more of Christ's light in the darkness of people's lives, helping the Kingdom to grow.

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.



Pastoral Area Youth Worker Fund Appeal—Thank you! A Magnificent Result!

Last year, on the Feast of Christ the King, an appeal was made to help fund work with young people in the Pastoral Area, and specifically to work towards ensuring that Melanie Parris-Dollar's post as our Youth Worker will be able to keep going beyond 2018 when the grant from 'Living Our Faith' (£25,000 per annum) comes to an end. The appeal raised the magnificent total of £2,083.39. (Abingdon £956.57, Didcot and Wallingford £325.56, Hinksey £441.22, East Hendred £360.04). This sum will be put into a ring-fenced 'sustainability' account, and the more we can raise from our local resources for this, the more we can hope to attract matching contributions from charitable trusts etc. But a big thank you to all who worked for and contributed to this; let's keep up the momentum!

Fr Paul King and Youth Worker Support Group

Youth Activities in the Pastoral Area

Bowling at Kassam Stadium - Friday 27th January 7-9:30pm. Please contact **Andy Robins** on **07952145851** or at a.robins@talktalk.net ASAP or by Monday 23rd January at the very latest if you'd like to go bowling with the youth group next Friday please. Thanks!

The New Kid on the Block!

Calling all young people! Please come and join the celebration as we launch the new youth group in North Hinksey! On **Sunday 5th February**, there will be a Mass of thanksgiving at **4:15pm** at **Our Lady of the Rosary R.C. Church in Oxford** (Yarnells Hill, OX2, 9BD), followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room. This will be followed by a talk on the relationship between **Science and Catholicism** for all teenagers and young adults (14-25) in the pastoral area and their friends, from **5:30-6:30pm**. We look forward to welcoming you! For more information please contact **Melanie** at leader.tipa@gmail.com

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting – Saturday 4 February 2017

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

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CTWA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for
The Baptist Church, Wallingford

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.

Consecration of English Martyrs Church, Saturday 18th February at 12 Noon

The Consecration of the church is one of the most important events in its lifetime. Fifty years ago, Bishop Warlock came to English Martyrs in Didcot and blessed the church, but because it was not fully paid for, it could not be consecrated at the time. We are really pleased that Bishop Philip is going to be coming to Didcot on the anniversary of English Martyrs' blessing, to actually consecrate the church. This is going to be on Saturday 18th February at 12 noon. We hope that everybody will be able to attend from both churches in order to make this a wonderful celebration. Because this is such an important event, **this will be the only Mass on that Saturday.** Saturday evening vigil Masses take place at nearby churches of St John Vianney, Wantage (6pm), and St Birinus, Dorchester (6pm).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Wallingford)

The remaining programme is - Sunday 22nd CTWA Celebration 6.30pm at the Baptist Church; **Monday 23rd - 1.00pm - 1.30pm St John's**; Tuesday **1.00pm - 1.30pm St Mary's**. Please support if you can.

Tea and Chat

Make it one of your New Year Resolutions! Wednesday 25th January 2.00pm - 3.00pm in St John's church hall. Come and catch up with your friends or make new ones over a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Old Christmas Cards Needed

The Children's Liturgy team at English Martyrs are collecting old religious Christmas cards for use with the group this year. Please hand to any member of the team after Sunday Masses. Thank you.

Safeguarding Training at St Edmund's - There will be diocesan safeguarding training for all volunteers in the area working with young people, at St Edmund's in Abingdon, from **10am-12:30pm on Saturday 28th January**. If you are DBS checked and have not attended one of these sessions yet, please email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.

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£1402

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