

Mass Text for the Third Sunday of Easter

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Response:

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 29th April

Vigil Masses of The Third Sunday of Easter

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Romuk end Sikora RIP
(family)

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

SUNDAY 30th April

Third Sunday of Easter

English Martyrs: 9am Juzefa Linoniene RIP
(L Okoli)

St John's: 11am

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 1st May

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 2nd May—St Athanasius

St John's: 9.30am Pat and Peg Chiswick's Inten-
tions (D & J Woodley)

WEDNESDAY 3rd May—SS Philip and James

English Martyrs: 9.30am Ted Fisher RIP
(C Wheatley)
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

THURSDAY 4th May—The English Martyrs

English Martyrs: (no Mass at St John's)
9.30am Levi Dickson on the
anniversary of his baptism
English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

FRIDAY 5th May

English Martyrs: 9.30am Kenneth Almeida RIP
(Almeida family)
(Church open all day for private prayer)

SATURDAY 6th May

English Martyrs: 9.30am George Krokowski RIP
and deceased family (J Krokowska)
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and
reciting of the rosary)

Weekend Masses as usual plus Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass at 7.30am on Sunday 7th May



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27th April 2017
Third Sunday of Easter (Yr A)


“Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road..?”
The experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus transformed them, step by step, from being downcast and sorrowful to a moment of startling recognition which brought them joyfully rushing back to Jerusalem to tell their story of meeting the Risen Christ.

Christ was present beside them along that journey, yet they could not recognise him, even as he began to set their hearts ablaze, explaining the scriptures that speak about him. When they reached Emmaus, still they could not recognise him for who he is, but they did know that they wished him to stay with them. It was only when Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and handed it to them that they realised who he is.

Their transformation is the transformation we see and experience at every Mass: we enter beforehand bringing all our burdens and concerns, we hear the scriptures, proclaimed and explained. As the priest says Christ's own words over the gifts of bread and wine and then breaks the bread, so our hearts and minds recognise the Lord Jesus to be truly present, giving himself for us and feeding us with his most holy Body and Blood.

Our own transformation, like that of the two disciples, with hearts burning and souls nourished, sends us out joyfully into the world, ready to live our lives in such a way that tells others of Our Lord's presence and transforming touch: how our hearts now burn within us and how we have met the Risen Christ in the breaking of bread.

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 the discounted price of £1:00 - A Way of Life for Young Catholics

This month Pope Francis' prayer intention is young people. He asks that we pray that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or religious life.

This booklet is full of practical insights for young Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply but are not sure what steps to take.

Also:

New to CTS: **Road to Pentecost, a prayer guide for Eastertide £2:50 per copy.**

Beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday, this prayer guide will lead you through a journey of 50 days of prayer and reflection, in preparation for the great feast of Pentecost - often an unappreciated feast. The first forty days reflect on scripture and the Catechism, drawing our lives into the history of salvation. The final nine-day Novena of prayer, from Ascension to Pentecost, is dedicated to helping Christians to be open to a personal Pentecost in their own lives.

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.

St Edmund's Youth Group, Abingdon

Saturday 6th May

8-10yrs - 1:30pm-2:30pm, 11-12 & 13-14yrs - 3pm-4:30pm

Hinksey Youth Group Film Club

Sunday 7th May, featuring '*Suffragette*' or '*Swallows and Amazons*' 2:30pm start. Mass at 4:15pm. Our Lady of the Rosary R C Church, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

Freedog in June—There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10th June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

For more information email info@freedog.com or Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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CTWA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for
The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford

A Day of Recollection for Ministers of the Eucharist—will be held at Stonehill House OX14 4AA on Saturday 27th May. Please email pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Retreat Day at Abingdon—All parishioners are invited to a mini Retreat Day on Saturday 13th May 10am – 4pm, organised by St. Edmund's parish in Abingdon. The theme is Discipleship and becoming "good and faithful servants". Suitable for all. It will be led by Geoff and Gina Poulter, experienced retreat-givers in the diocese, and will be held at a venue in North Abingdon. Come and receive some teaching, take part in discussions and have some personal space to reflect and pray. Please register by phoning 847804 or email clare@claresimpson.com

Mass at Milton Manor, Steventon, will be celebrated on the following dates over the summer, at 6pm—all are welcome: 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th August, 3rd September, 1st October.

On going Catechisis—A workshop for catechists of children 4-11 years on Saturday 13th May held at Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh. Booking necessary, please see noticeboard for details.

Ride and Stride 2016—Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust have sent a certificate to Doug Henderson as a 'star' parish co-ordinator, as we had among the most riders and striders in 2016. Thank you to all who took part, and who supported the riders. The certificate is a credit to all who were involved, and is on the noticeboard at the back of English Martyrs.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years?

If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration.

This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 24th June 2017** at 11 am.

It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the [Significant Anniversaries page](#) on the Diocesan website and complete the on-line form, or send an [e-mail](#) (Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.)

For further information, please contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256

Mission Boxes—if you have a Mission Box, please bring it to church with you as soon as possible for counting. Thank you.

Telephone Number for SVP

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