

**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:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

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

**Response:**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

**Second Reading:** I Cor 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Communion Antiphon:**

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

**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday 26th January 2019**

**Vigil Masses for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Pro Populo  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English Martyrs 5:50-6:20pm)

**SUNDAY 27th January**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs:** 9:00am Terry Hobin RIP  
(H Hobin)

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

**Mass times for the coming week**

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

**MONDAY 28th January**

No Mass this morning

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

**TUESDAY 29th January**

**St John's:** 9.30am Elizabeth Jane King RIP

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone during Mass.

**WEDNESDAY 30th January**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Private Intention  
(A Furlong)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm Extraordinary Form  
Latin Mass George Pennington Harris Jnr RIP

**THURSDAY 31st January—St John Bosco**

**St John's:** 9.30am Bernie Watson's Intentions  
(A Watson)

**FRIDAY 1st February**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Thomas Houston RIP  
(C Lyall)  
(Church open all day for private prayer)

**SATURDAY 2nd February—  
The Presentation of the Lord**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Otis William Hackney  
Henderson, in thanksgiving (D & K Henderson)  
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and  
reciting of the rosary)

**Vigil Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St John's:** 5pm Helen M Spraggs RIP (C Doran)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Pro Populo

**SUNDAY 3rd February**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**English Martyrs:** 7.30am Extraordinary Form  
Latin Mass (with blessing of throats)  
Minnie Harris RIP

**English Martyrs:** 9am Nell Pedzik RIP (D Pedzik)

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



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**PARISHES OF  
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Didcot  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Wallingford**

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**27th January 2019**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**

Today marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is important to recognise that unity does not equate with being identical. As St Paul says in our Second Reading when speaking about the Body of Christ and how we are all part of it, "If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body?" Importantly we each have our own strengths and traditions but common to us all is our unity that we are all members together of the Church through our baptism, through our faith and through our mission. Europe is rapidly changing demographically because of the huge numbers of people who have been displaced from their homes due to terrorism and war. Some are already Christian, some not. We find ourselves as the Christian community in England and Europe with the huge challenge of communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ in this new climate. As individual church communities and as the Church, we all need to work at spreading the Gospel, not just in words and preaching but through our welcome, charity and witness.

Finally, one of the most important gifts we have all been given is prayer. We can all pray about the new challenges that are emerging in our times – pray that, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church may be given the strength and ability to reach out to all who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ and his Church.

Fr Phillip



**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](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or phone 0793 949 5774.

**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](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco) and contact: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Holocaust Memorial Day 2019, 27th January**

The theme for HMD 2019 'Tom from home' encourages us to reflect on how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide. 'Home' usually means a place of safety, comfort and security. On HMD 2019 we reflect on what happens when individuals, families and communities are driven out of, or wrenched from their homes, because of persecution or the threat of genocide, alongside the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to find and build new homes when the genocide is over.



**Candlemas, 2nd February**—The name Candlemas comes from the traditional observance of blessing candles and distributing the candles to worshippers. The candles recall the lights of Christmas. The candles also symbolize Simeon's words to Mary and Joseph in Luke 2:32 that Jesus would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."



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

**Ride and Stride 2018**—thank you once to again to all those who took part in the Ride and Stride last year in both the parishes. The total funds that have been reimbursed to us from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust amount to £929.66. This is an amazing figure! Well done and thank you again to all those who worked so hard on behalf of our churches.

**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.

**The Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February**—Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?



**Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News?**

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

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

**[www.didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org](http://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.

*Telephone Number for SVP*

**If you know of anyone in need please call  
01235 812338**

*Last week's Collection:*

**£1350**

*Second Collection this week:  
Cathedral*

*Thank you for your donations*

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

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

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**

St Mary's Church, Cholsey