

Mass Text for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord
the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming week**Saturday 6th May****Vigil Masses of The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Helen Healy RIP
(D Healy)

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

SUNDAY 7th May**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Leslie Pidgeon RIP
(Pidgeon family)

Mass times for the coming week**MONDAY 8th May**

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 9th May

St John's: 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 10th May—St John of Avila

English Martyrs: 9.30am Giselle, Mike and family
(A Gray)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

THURSDAY 11th May

St John's: 9.30am Ken Nichol RIP (Mrs Nichol)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

FRIDAY 12th May

English Martyrs: 9.30am Jean Williams RIP
(Almeida family)

SATURDAY 13th May

English Martyrs: 9.30am Rosaline Hood RIP
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and
reciting of the rosary)

Weekend Masses as usual



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7th May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr A)

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – so called because of the Gospel Reading from John, Chapter 10. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, he is the gate to the sheepfold of heaven and he lays down his life for his sheep. He is the Good Shepherd who knows his own and his own know him.

Whilst continuing to celebrate the joyous Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day, our focus shifts to the relationship we have with him. Like a shepherd who cares for his flock, Our Lord looks after us. We see this firstly in the events of Holy Week when he laid down his life for us his sheep and then rose triumphant on Easter Day; but we see this also in the fact that he knows us as his flock and we know him.

What does this mean? It means that as individual disciples and as members of the Church in this place, we recognise him as the one who guides us, the one who saves us, the one who calls us to follow him throughout our lives. For this reason we especially think of how we have been called to follow him and how we might respond even more authentically to that call.

We ask ourselves, what is my vocation, my calling? How is the Lord calling me to follow him? Am I being called to a particular ministry or state of life? Marriage? Priesthood? Celibacy? Consecrated life? Let us reflect on the Good Shepherd's love for us, laying down his life for us and then respond generously to his call in our own lives.

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 May:

A brief History of English Catholicism—discounted price of £1.00. On 4th May the Church celebrates the feast of the English martyrs who so bravely gave their lives for the Catholic faith in this country. This small booklet is a perfect way for parishioners to learn more about the rich and fascinating history of the Catholic faith in England.

Road to Pentecost, a prayer guide for Eastertide £2.50 per copy. A prayer guide leading you through a journey of 50 days of prayer and reflection in preparation for Pentecost.

Heavenly Harrods—We have a selection of confirmation cards and gifts and a selection of statues of Our Lady specially for the month of May, come and have a browse.

Deputy Head Vacancy—St Edmund’s Catholic Primary School, Abingdon

Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017 (January 2018 start would be considered), following the retirement of our current Deputy Head.

We are also currently advertising for a KS2 teacher for September 2017.

Further details of both posts are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack (01235 521558). Closing date for applications is 17th May 2017.

Pastoral Area Youth Activities

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

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep
Kath Oldham—katholdham@hotmail.co.uk

CTWA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for
The Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford

A Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—will be held at Stonehill House OX14 4AA on Saturday 27th May. This day is compulsory for all existing and future ministers. New faculties will be issued for all ministers on the day. Please email pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

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, Milton will be celebrated on 7th May at 6pm—all are welcome.

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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 20th May 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk “The Gift of Tongues and Interpretation” by John Vaughan-Neil 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

SPUC Meeting on Friday 12th May at 7.30pm, at St John Vianney Church, Charlton Road, Wantage OX12 8ER. Details on the noticeboard at the back of both churches.

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.

Telephone Number for SVP

**If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.**

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