

**Mass Text for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 111:4-9

**Response:**

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

**Second Reading:** I Cor 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Communion Antiphon:**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, for his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**Saturday 4th February**

**Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St John's:** 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 4.30pm)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm

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

**SUNDAY 5th February**

**The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs:** 7.30am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass Richard Guinan RIP (G Marr)

**English Martyrs:** 9am Pro Populo

**St John's:** 11am Fr Eamonn Whelan RIP

**Mass times for the coming week**

**MONDAY 6th February**

**Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am**

**TUESDAY 7th February—**

**St Paul Miki & Companions**

**St John's:** 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY 8th February**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Theresa Fisher RIP (C Wheatley)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass

**THURSDAY 9th February**

**St John's:** 9.30am Private Intention (M Laver)

**FRIDAY 10th February**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Thomas Houston RIP (C Lyall)

**SATURDAY 11th February**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Valentine John and Lily Annie Finch RIP (Perp)

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

**Milton Manor:** 11.30am Sung Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

**Weekend Masses as usual**



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**5th February 2017**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)**

Our Lord calls us in the Gospel today to be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world”. That is a big challenge – a challenge which we could easily feel daunted by. However, as his Church, his people, we can respond positively to his call because everything we think, say and do must be rooted and grounded in him, our Lord Jesus Christ.

At baptism, we become a new creation, even if we are just new-born babies. We also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, strengthened when we come to confirmation. Our lives therefore have been changed, empowered by God so that we do have the potential to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are called to reflect the one who called us – Jesus Christ – and he gives us the ability to do this.

It is very easy to think that others should be better Christians or do more. Today's Gospel challenges us to ask ourselves, how am I being the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Strengthened by the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and the sacraments of the Church, let us all grow in confidence that we can ourselves be salt and light, bringing Christ and his Gospel to others by the way we live our 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.



**Pastoral Area Youth Events**

***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](mailto:leader.tipa@gmail.com)

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for 2017**

**Comfort for the Afflicted.**

We have grown to believe that those with a disability aren't looking for sympathy; that they are just looking for the same opportunities as everybody else. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't extend them a helping hand. In particular, those living with a disability and have the misfortune to be a refugee or to be living in poverty, especially need our prayers and our support. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention, "**.... That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.**"

**Exchange family wanted** to host a French student for around a month between February and June this year. If this is something you would like to do, contact the parish office for further details.

**Don Bosco Camp**—This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Carmelite Days**—The first of this year's series of Carmelite Days is on February 22nd after the 9:30am Mass at Boars Hill. The title is :- Teresa of Avila, a life of change, growth, conversion and total giving of self to God and others. Led by Fr. Matt Blake OCD. Watch this space for the date of the Carmelite Film Club.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**  
Kath Oldham—[katholdham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katholdham@hotmail.co.uk)

**CTWA Prayer Cycle**  
Please pray for  
The Ridgeway Community 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).

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?** Fr Phillip will be running the RCIA course on Tuesday evenings, starting on Tuesday 7th February at 7pm. Please speak to Fr Phillip, or call the parish office if you are interested in attending.

**Sung Latin Mass at Milton Manor**—Saturday 11th February at 11.30am. Fr Phillip will be celebrating Mass, all are welcome.

**Talk on St John of the Cross**—Barbara Thacker will be giving this talk on Thursday 9th March, at 7.30am, in the altar room at English Martyrs. All are welcome.

**Safeguarding Officer required**—The voluntary post of Safeguarding Officer for both parishes has become available. If you can help in this role, please contact the parish office. Full training will be given. A big thank you to Kath Oldham for all her efforts over recent years.

**CTS Monthly read** \_ The booklet for February is 'The message of St Bernadette' available at 'Heavenly Harrods' at the reduced price of £1.00 during February to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the apparitions. Please leave payment at Heavenly Harrods.

**Heavenly Harrods at English Martyrs and the Repository at St John's (open after Mass on Sundays)**

Come and browse our new stock of statues, St Patrick day cards and gifts for Mothers day. First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts will be available from next month.

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