

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 6:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8

Response:

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading: I Cor 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Communion Antiphon:

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday 9th February

Vigil Masses for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

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

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Annie Furlong's Intention on her birthday (JL)

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

SUNDAY 10th February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Margaret and Christopher Doran RIP (C Doran)

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 11th February

No Mass this morning

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

TUESDAY 12th February

St John's: 9.30am Helen Elizabeth Doherty RIP

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone during Mass.

WEDNESDAY 13th February

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

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass Canon Francis Moran RIP

THURSDAY 14th February—St Cyril and

St Methodius

St John's: 9.30am Nikos Papadakis RIP

(R Papadakis and family)

FRIDAY 15th February

English Martyrs: 9.30am All Souls

(D & K Henderson)

SATURDAY 16th February -

Oru Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton RIP

(Naughton family)

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

Vigil Masses for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary

Time

St John's: 5pm William Cloughessy RIP

(A Tomline)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

SUNDAY 17th February

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9am Martin Connolly RIP

(J Connolly)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo



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10th February 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service. In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live (see [Exodus 33:20](#)). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word. God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (see also [Revelation 4:8](#)).

Scott Hahn

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.



Chrism Mass 2019, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – Once again the Pastoral Area have arranged coach transport to the Chrism Mass this year, on Tuesday 16th April. The bus will pick up from Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, travelling down to Portsmouth for Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. The return trip will be at around 3pm. The cost per person is £12. Bookings through Didcot Parish Office on 01235 812338, email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 9th April please.

For Vocations....

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" Do you think that the Lord wants to send you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Pope Francis's Monthly Prayer Intention February 2019

In the month of Saint Josephine Bakhita's feast day (February 8th), Pope Francis has chosen the 'Victims of Human Trafficking' as the theme for his monthly prayer intention. Human trafficking and modern day slavery affects men, women and children. It is amongst the fastest growing of international crimes and one of the largest sources of income for organised crime. And yes... it's happening in the UK! This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his intention "... **For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.**"

To do:-

Keep informed:- Visit www.care.org.uk an excellent website to get informed and offers starting points for practical action and advice on spotting the signs of abuse

Peace Actions for February 2019

- **February 17th is Racial Justice Sunday.** Use this event to address racial justice in some way, however small.
- Support Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 10th March** This year's focus is on ensuring that cocoa farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to live a dignified life. Make an effort to buy Fairtrade Chocolate.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

St Agatha's, Brightwell

Next Seniors' Lunch will take place on Thursday 14th February at Noon. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to go. Thank you.

The Youth Group will be meeting on Friday 15th February 7pm-9pm in the hall at St Johns, Wallingford for a discussion evening. Refreshments will be provided as normal. Look forward to seeing all the youth group members, plus any new ones aged 10+. For further details contact Andy Robins via the parish office.



SVP – SOCIAL & SKITTLES EVENING -15th MARCH - from 7pm.

You are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening at the HITHERCROFT SPORTS PARK. There will be a Bar & Raffle and a Fish & Chip supper (included in the price). Skittles will not be compulsory but will be great fun if you do take part! Tickets are £8.50 or £25.00 for a family and these will be available from 17th February after all Masses or from Helen via the Parish Office.



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. Please note the change of venue—this will now take place at St John's in Wallingford. 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.



Day of Recollection for Ministers of the Eucharist—this will take place on Saturday 30th March following the 9.30am Mass at English Martyrs. Bring your own lunch. Please call the parish office to confirm you can attend.

Thursday morning coffee at St John's—Please join us after 9.30am Mass on Thursdays to enjoy coffee and cake. Donations are put towards chosen charities—the coffee morning group support on a regular basis Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sri Lanka, Mary's Meals, Kids Aid Tanzania, Kenya Children Centres, our own parish Youth Group and currently the parish Confirmation programme. Come and enjoy the chance to catch up with friends and help a good cause at the same time!



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