

**Mass Text for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

**Response:**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Second Reading:** I Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to  
him.’

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

**Communion Antiphon:**

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,  
alleluia.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**Saturday 20th May**

**Vigil Masses of The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**St John’s:** 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Richard Kelly RIP  
(A Talbot)

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

**SUNDAY 21st May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**English Martyrs:** 9am Pro Populo

**St John’s:** 11am Mick Carty RIP (S Higgins)

**Mass times for the coming week**

**MONDAY 22nd May**

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

**TUESDAY 23rd May**

**St John’s:** 9.30am

(Followed by reciting of the rosary)

**WEDNESDAY 24th May**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Bert William Johns RIP  
(A Johns)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction)

**English Martyrs:** 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass—Conal Patrick McGarvey RIP  
(A Lukic)

**THURSDAY 25th May—St Bede the Venerable**

**St John’s:** 9.30am Tommy McCaron’s Intentions

(C Jeffery)

**FRIDAY 26th May—St Philip Neri**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am

Anne Elizabeth Johns RIP (A Johns)

**SATURDAY 27th May—St Augustine of Canterbury**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Carolyn Dobie’s  
Intentions (C Lyall)

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

*Weekend Masses as usual*



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**PARISHES OF  
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**21st May 2017**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (Yr A)**

Jesus’ ‘farewell discourses’ are a bit like a teacher’s final lesson before an exam  
..... packed with important advice. “If you love me you will keep my command-  
ments.” “Love one another as I have loved you.” “The Spirit of Truth will abide  
with you when I am gone.”

Love of course is key to all Jesus’ last minute advice. There’s lots we already know  
about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say  
where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we  
don’t keep secrets of have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one’s  
needs before our own. It’s the same with God; we show God we love him by keep-  
ing his commandments. Commandments aren’t there to create unnecessary disci-  
pline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less  
clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas,  
such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or reproduction.  
For instances such as these, Jesus left us an ‘Advocate’ a ‘Spirit of Truth’. We are  
promised that the ‘Spirit of Truth’ will guide us through all of life’s  
difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it’s down to  
us.



**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.



**Administrator Required**—A vacancy has arising for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. The successful applicant will be located at the Parish Office in the Presbytery at Didcot.

*Hours of work:* 28 per week, hours each day to be agreed

*Salary:* £9.19 - £11.34 per hour

*Experience and Qualifications required for the role:*

Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial skills, time management and prioritisation skills

Computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets, database management and use of the internet

Experienced in book-keeping and knowledge of accounts

Experience of website management (training will be given)

Personal Attributes:

Sympathetic to the Ministry and Mission of the Catholic Church

Self motivated and flexible, with ability to work on own initiative and using own judgement without supervision, able to cope with change and work under pressure.

Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience.

Closing date for applications: 5th June

Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/> or available from the parish office. Please return to Fr Phillip Harris, English Martyrs Church, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Telephone 01235 812338

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

Kath Oldham—[katholdham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katholdham@hotmail.co.uk)

**CTWA Prayer Cycle**

Please pray for  
St Agatha’s and St James’, Brightwell–cum–Sotwell

**Flower Demonstration**—There will be a demonstration of arranging church flowers for a pedestal on Monday 22nd May at 2.30pm at St John’s Church in Wallingford, by Pam Seymour, a local experienced demonstrator. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you are interested in flower arranging or may like to join our rotas, or if you are just interested, please do come. The demonstration is for both English Martyrs and St John’s. Please ring the parish office for more details, or speak to Gay Bosley.



**Didcot Meet the Candidates 2017**

Your chance to quiz the General Election Candidates in Didcot.

Didcot Churches have organised an Election Forum for anyone in the constituency to hear from and question the candidates standing in the General Election. It will take place at Didcot Civic Hall on Friday 2nd June - doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start, and the session will last two hours.

**PENTECOST VIGIL LIVE FROM ROME**, Saturday 3rd June 3pm to approx 7pm  
St Edmund’s Parish Centre, Corner of Oxford Rd & Radley Rd Abingdon OX14 3PL  
Pope Francis has invited Christians worldwide to join him in the Circus Massimus to celebrate 50 years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We shall be streaming the event live in the Parish Centre. All welcome, come for all or part. Refreshments provided. Details from Abingdon parish office, 01235 520375

**Secular Franciscan Order Day of Recollection, 3rd June**—to be held at Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley. The theme of the day will be around ‘Evangelisation in the 21st century in the charism of St Francis of Assisi’. The day will include two spiritual talks, devotions, time for prayer and reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All welcome, begins 9.30am with refreshments until 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, refreshments available. Offerings gratefully received.

**Cleaners at English Martyrs**—Thank you to those who previously kindly volunteered to help clean the church. Please speak to Connie Lyall after Mass at the weekend so that a rota can be arranged.

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

**The next Carmelite day** at Boars Hill is on Wednesday 31st of May after the 9:30 mass. It will be led by Sue Pacey OCDS and the title is 'Pauline: the spiritual mother of St. Therese of Lisieux.

*Telephone Number for SVP*

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

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