

Mass Text for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Response:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading: I John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full
of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are
one, alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 12th May

Vigil Masses for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-4:50pm

St John's: 5:00pm Michael Carty RIP (anniv)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 13th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

English Martyrs: 9:00am Alice and
Romual Duniec RIP (J Krokowska)

St John's: 11:00am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming two weeks

MONDAY 14th May

No Mass Today

TUESDAY 15th May

No Mass Today

WEDNESDAY 16th May

No Mass Today

THURSDAY 17th May

No Mass Today

FRIDAY 18th May

No Mass Today

SATURDAY 19th May

No Mass this morning

Vigil Masses for Pentecost Sunday

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Mary Guinan's welfare
(A Talbot)

SUNDAY 20th May

Pentecost Sunday

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am

MONDAY 21st May

No Mass Today

TUESDAY 22nd May

No Mass Today

WEDNESDAY 23rd May

No Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

THURSDAY 24th May

St John's: 9.30am Imelda Nangle RIP (C Roberts)

FRIDAY 25th May—St Bede the Venerable

English Martyrs: 9.30am

Paul and Gillian Hrycho, on the occasion of their
wedding, in thanksgiving (A Hrycho)

Saturday 26th May—St Philip Neri

English Martyrs: 9.30am Anna Connelly RIP
(M Connelly)

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

Weekend Mass times as usual



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13th and 20th May 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter and Pentecost Sunday (Yr B)

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem, and a new house of David ([Psalm 122:4–5](#); [Revelation 21:9–14](#)). He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel ([Luke 22:29–30](#)).

The Twelve Apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel ([Galatians 6:16](#)). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry.

No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

Scott Hahn

Mass Text for Pentecost Sunday, 20th May

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:26-27

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

In your prayers, please remember:

Jenny Evans, Amanda Gender, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Sophia Farmer, Ann Tomline, Terry Appleyard, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly, Rosa Maria Santos, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



First Holy Communion Classes—Please continue to pray for the children of both parishes currently on the First Holy Communion programme.

St Amand's Catholic Primary School East Hendred

The Governors are looking to recruit a part-time teacher for a mixed EYFS/Yr1 teacher from September.

Are you an excellent, creative teacher who makes learning fun? We are a committed, hard-working, happy team who is searching for the right person to join us.

For more information, please visit St Amand's Catholic Primary School's website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk or contact the school office on 01235 833342

A Christian Response to Child and Adolescent Mental Health:

A day conference for parents, children's workers, youth workers, church leaders (and more!) who want to learn, develop their skills, and be equipped in the area of child and youth mental health. Saturday 26th May, 10am-4pm, St Andrew's Church, North Oxford, OX2 6UG. For more info and to book go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-christian-response-to-child-and-adolescent-mental-health-tickets-44102392443> For group booking discounts, please email Hannah – h.barr@viva.org The conference is organised by Doorsteps, Viva's Oxford-based

A Diocesan **Day for Readers** is taking place in St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on the 16th June, from 9.30 to 3.00 pm. The day will be led by Fleur Dorrell, Scripture Development Co-ordinator for the Bible Society and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and by the Formation for Mission team. More details on the day here::

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers>

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for
St Mary's Church, Wallingford

MISSIO BOXES—If you have a box at home, please return it to church now for counting. Thank you.

Churches Together in Didcot Pentecost Event—will take place at St Matthew's Church, Harwell on Sunday 20th May at 6pm. All welcome.

The next Senior's Lunches at English Martyrs will take place on 31st May and 28th June. Sign up sheet on the noticeboard for those who would like to come.

Weigh the Cake Fund Raiser—this will take place at English Martyrs over the weekends of 9/10 June and 16/17 June, and the draw will be 23/24 June. All entries welcome!

Pastoral Area Retreat for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist—this year's retreat day will be held on Saturday 16th June at Stonehill Barn, as usual. We should aim to start at 10am and finish by 4pm. The day will be led by Fr Rob Stewart. Please bring a packed lunch and enjoy the lovely grounds. Please confirm with Our Lady and St Edmund's parish office that you will be able to attend, email Abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2018—will take place on **Sunday 17th June** during the 9am Mass at English Martyrs. Please be aware that we have 30 candidates this year, along with their families and guests, so the church is likely to be very full for the occasion. It is worth putting this date in your diaries now and if you can possibly arrange to attend one of the other Masses on this weekend to avoid the crowds, please do so.

Date for your Diary—Joint Parish BBQ—This event will take place on **Sunday 1st July**. Please put the date in your diary, more details will be available in due course. We are still looking for volunteers to help run this popular event—please contact the parish office if you are interested in being on the organising team.



Seniors' trip to Bourton-on-the Water—Possible dates of 17th or 18th July 2018. If you are interested in this event, please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of English Martyrs. Places will be on a first come first served basis.

Gift Aid boxes—There are still number of boxes left at the back of both churches. Please remember to pick up your box after Mass. Thank you.

Telephone Number for SVP

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