

Mass Text for Christ the King

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

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

Second Reading: I Cor 15:20-26,28

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father
David!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 25th November
Vigil Masses of Christ the King

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

St John's: 5:00pm David Watson RIP
(A Watson)

English Martyrs: 6:30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 26th November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

English Martyrs: 9:00am Francis and
Margaret McLoughlin RIP (P & T)

St John's: 11:00am Pro Populo

**If you have a Missio Box, please remember to
return it to church as soon as possible for
counting. Thank you.**

Mass times for the coming week
(English Martyrs is open mornings, Tuesday to
Friday 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)

MONDAY 27th November

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 28th November

St John's: 9:30am Margaret and Thomas Lee RIP
(M Hill)

WEDNESDAY 29th November

English Martyrs: 9.30am Deceased parents, rela-
tives and friends of O'Connor and Mee families
(M & M O'Connor)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

THURSDAY 30th November—St Andrew

St John's: 9:30am Cyril Tomline RIP (SVP)

FRIDAY 1st December

English Martyrs: 9:30am
(Church open all day for private prayer)

SATURDAY 2nd December—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10:00-10:30am

*Weekend Masses as usual plus Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 7.30am*



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26th November 2017
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Yr A)

Many saints and Church leaders have seen a connection between Christ's words in the Gos-
pel for the Solemnity of Christ the King (see [Matthew 25:31-43](#)) and His promise to be
present in the Eucharist (see [Matthew 26:26-29](#); [Mark 14:22-25](#); [Luke 22:15-20](#)).
For instance, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say of her work with the destitute:
"In Holy Communion we have Christ under the appearance of bread. In our work we find
Him under the appearance of flesh and blood. It is the same Christ. 'I was hungry, I was
naked, I was sick, I was homeless.'"

St. John Chrysostom, the great patriarch of Eastern Catholicism, said the same thing in the
fourth century: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore Him when He is
naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect Him outside
where He suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who
said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of
my brothers you did also to me' . . . What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded
with golden chalices, when He is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying His hunger, and then
with what is left you may adorn the altar as well."

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is
stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see [Daniel
7:13-14](#)). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment
(see [Isaiah 66:18](#); [Zephaniah 3:8](#)). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in to-
day's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in
the Gospel today.

These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our
faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as
ourselves (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#)).

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love (see [James](#)

In your prayers, please remember:

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

Date for your Diaries: **Our Advent Penitential Service** will take place on Thursday

Advent Day of Recollection—Please don't forget to sign up for the Advent Recollection Day, led by Fr. Paul King at the Newman Centre, Littlemore. Lifts are available. Forms are at the

A vacancy has arisen in the parish for a Financial Assistant/Book-keeper. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact the parish office for more information. Closing

OHCT Ride and Stride 2017—Thank you very much to all parishioners for your help raising money for the Ride and Stride event on 9th September. The total raised from St

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School - Admissions Arrangements September 2019

As required by regulations, the Governing Body of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019-2020. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 27th November 2017 until 12th January 2018. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website

www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk.

Comments on the arrangements should be sent to Chair of Admissions Committee, St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3PP **by 12 noon on 12th January 2018.**

The Governing Body will consider all comments received before determining its admissions

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics enough to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their

Congratulations to Maureen Logan, who celebrates her 90th birthday this weekend. Happy Birthday!

Parish Safeguarding Rep
To be announced

CWTA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for
St Mary's Church, Wallingford

Church Open Days—English Martyrs will be open for private prayer next on Friday 1st December, and then on Friday 5th January.

A huge thank you to all those who helped to run the hugely successful quiz night last week. Everybody had a great time and enjoyed good food and great company. We look forward to the next one!

SVP FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE HERE! - This weekend after both Masses. Christmas cakes for sale, along with a beautiful cake to be raffled.

DONATION OF TOILETRIES The SVP are distributing toiletries to the local nursing homes. If you would like to donate a bar of soap, toothbrush, shampoo etc, to give a gift to the residents there will be a basket at the back of church until December 10th for distribution on the 11th. Thank you for your generosity.

SOUP LUNCHESES—will take place throughout Advent. Watch this space.

Help needed to deliver Mass times flyers to the new houses on Great Western Park in Didcot. Please see Fr Phillip if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas at Heavenly Harrods at English Martyrs



Advent and Christmas are in the air at Heavenly Harrods. There are a variety of cards boxed or single large or small. Advent calendars with or without glitter! Angels, scented candles and much more. Come and

Carmelite Spirituality Group—will meet next on Friday 1st December English Martyrs at 2:00pm.

National Youth Sunday

On National Youth Sunday we put our younger parishioners at the heart of the celebration, remembering that it is the youth of our parishes that will take our Church forward.

“Every young person has something to say to others. He or she has something to say to adults, something to say to priests, sisters, bishops and even the pope. All of us need to listen to you!”

Pope Francis

The Future of Youth Work in Thames Isis

The group supporting the work of Melanie Parris-Dollar, our Pastoral Area Youth Worker, is looking for the widest possible response to ensure that her work, and that of volunteers across our parishes, can be maintained after the grant from the Diocese ends in 2018. Please pick up a

Telephone Number for SVP

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

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£1368***

Second collection this week

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