

**Mass Text for The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Entrance Antiphon**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.  
Listen to him.

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9.

**Response:** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-19

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is my Son, the Beloved,  
He enjoys my favour;  
Listen to him.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9

**Communion Antiphon:**

When Christ appears  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 5th August**

**Vigil Mass of The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**St John's:** 5pm

*Desmond O'Neill, R.I.P. (C Kay)*

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm

*Pro Populo*

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

**SUNDAY 6th August**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**English Martyrs:** 7.30am *Extraordinary Form Latin Mass*

*Michael Daly (Intentions)*

**English Martyrs:** 9am

*Carmel Coyle in Thanksgiving (P McLoughlin)*

**St John's:** 11am

*Pro Populo*

**Mass times for the coming week**

**MONDAY 7th August**

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

**TUESDAY 8th August** *St Dominic*

**St John's:** 9:30am

*Sr. Pasqueline, R.I.P.*

**WEDNESDAY 9th August** *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

**English Martyrs:** 9:30am

*(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)*

*The Norton Family (I. Langley)*

**English Martyrs:** 7:30pm

*Extraordinary Form Latin Mass*

**THURSDAY 10th August** *St Laurence*

**St John's:** 9:30am

*Eddie Morley R.I.P. (E Morley)*

**FRIDAY 11th August** *St Clare*

**English Martyrs:** 9:30am

*Father Etienne Robo, R.I.P. (A Johns)*

**SATURDAY 12th August**

**English Martyrs:** 9:30am *Our Lady on Saturday*  
*William Bertie King, R.I.P.*

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

*Weekend Masses as usual*



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**6th August 2017**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)**

When Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the high mountain, they would have had no idea of what was going to happen: that the man they had been following as disciples would be transfigured dazzlingly in their sight, that they would see him speaking with Moses and Elijah, and that they would hear the voice of God speaking from the cloud proclaiming him to be his beloved Son. No wonder they were frightened!

Yet this was an experience that had been given to them not to cause fear, but to deepen their faith and trust in Jesus. For Jesus is revealed to them, for a short while, in his glory; he is revealed as the Word of God whom Moses (the one who received the Word of God in the form of the Law) and Elijah (representative of the prophets who had received and communicated God's Word in prophecy) converse with; and he is also revealed as Son by the overshadowing cloud and the voice that speaks from it. All three revelations deepen the disciples' faith in Jesus and strengthen that faith as it will soon be tested as the events of his Passion and Crucifixion unfold. Our Lord's glory, glimpsed here for the only time before his Resurrection, his identification as the Word of God and Son, opens the disciples' eyes to see clearly who he is for a moment.

Our faith - just like Peter's, James' and John's - is a faith that is living, because it is in a living person: Our Lord Jesus Christ. But because it is a living faith, it does at times need deepening and we should take every opportunity we can for deepening our faith. This week in our prayer, let us try to spend a little time to sit down with the Gospel passage describing the Transfiguration and let ourselves join the disciples on the mountain in our imagination, so that we too might glimpse something of Our Lord's glory, and welcome him more fully into our lives as the Word of God and the Father's beloved Son.

*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, Ian Bosey, John Quarterman and all the sick of the parish.

**St John's Music Group** will be taking a break for the summer and will resume on Sunday 10th September. We welcome new singers and musicians. If you can play a musical instrument or would like to sing please come and join us. We especially need another soprano, so if you can hold a tune in your head and sing in tune please do come along. Our practice nights are Fridays at 7.15pm in the hall at the back of the church, commencing 8th September.

**Mass Intentions**

One of our rich Catholic traditions is having a Mass said for a particular intention, maybe for a loved one or a deceased family member. Do consider asking to have a Mass celebrated for your intentions.

**Congratulations** to Tania Dos Santo Pereira and Manuel Viveiros Coito who were married in English Martyrs this Saturday.

**English Martyrs Church** is open for prayer Monday to Friday mornings until 1pm. (All day with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3.00-4.00 on the 1st Friday of each month) **If you have a key please do not lock the church.**

**CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing**

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thu 7 Sep 7:30-9:00pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

**Retreat Day for the Deaf 9th Aug 2017** There will be a retreat day for the deaf at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email,

**Advance Notice of Dates for the Diary** Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September at English Martyrs and St John's and a 'Parish Day' to be held in the field behind English Martyrs on Sunday 10th September (details to follow)

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

Kate Keating  
07816 170360

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**

Please pray for St John's Church,

**Fatima Relics to visit our Cathedral** During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th August.

**Diocesan Day for Altar Servers** Bishop Philip invites all altar servers from across the diocese to join him for a special 'Day for Altar Servers' on Saturday 9th September. More details to follow but please keep the day free in your diary.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)** – Saturday 19th August 11.00-4.00 `You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass celebrated by Fr Nicholas Broadbridge; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Gift of Miracles" by Deacon John Foley and Fr Nicholas Broadbridge 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

**CTS read of the month – A retreat for everyday Life** Summer is the perfect time to spend a little extra time with God, relaxing in the garden or even on the beach! CTS are doing one Read of the Month for July, August and September - A Retreat for Everyday Life. It's the ideal book to slip into a handbag or take on holiday, to help us deepen our relationship with Christ. Copies available from 'Heavenly Harrods' for the discounted price of £1.00.(please leave monies at Heavenly Harrods)

**Church Notice Boards (Excluding Rosters, School and SVP)** Would anyone wishing to put up a notice in either English Martyrs or St John's please pass it via the Parish Office first. Many thanks.

**Childrens' Sunday Liturgy at English Martyrs** is now taking a break for the summer and will start again in September when the children go back to school

**Fanning the Flame** 21st-25th August 2017 - Hampshire Camp. 'An exciting week of Faith, Fun and Fellowship, for young people aged 10-25!' For more information or to register please

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