

Mass Text for The Most Holy Trinity

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52-56

Response:

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Second Reading: II Cor 13:11-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are the children of God,
God has sent into your hearts
the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 10th June
The Most Holy Trinity

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Eileen Doherty RIP
(Naughton family)

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

SUNDAY 11th June
The Most Holy Trinity

English Martyrs: 9am For the intentions of the First Holy Communion candidates

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 12th June
Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 13th June—St Anthony of Padua
St John's: 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 14th June
English Martyrs: 9.30am Fr Peter Brady on his Golden Jubilee of Ordination (T Coyle)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

THURSDAY 15th June
St John's: 9.30am

FRIDAY 16th June
English Martyrs: 9.30am For Pamela van Hefton (A Johns)

SATURDAY 17th June—Our Lady on Saturday
English Martyrs: 9.30am All Souls (K & D Henderson)
(Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and reciting of the rosary)

Weekend Masses as usual



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11th June 2017
The Most Holy Trinity (Yr A)

We only have to switch the TV on to know there is plenty of evil in the world, but in today's Gospel John reminds us that if we know and believe in God we can stand up to that evil. But how do we even begin to know God? Do we think of a God who created the world billions of years ago but has been pretty quiet since? Do we think of God who sent his Son to save us, but only know it because the story sits in a bible up on the book shelf? Or do we think of a God who made us, a God who sent his Son to teach us, and a God who sent his Spirit to guide us through each day of our lives and through each generation that walks the earth?

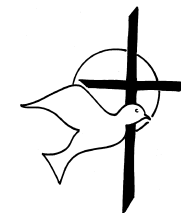
The Trinity might be a bit of a theological mystery to us, but that doesn't mean to say that we are not able to understand anything of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us.

God the Father is all around us. God's miracles are in front of our eyes when we wake up in the morning and in the night skies before we go to sleep. We live on the only planet able to support life in our universe. God's miracles are there for all to see in our breath-taking landscapes, in our oceans teeming with life and in mankind itself. How often do we stop to praise God's creation or appreciate the miracles that surround us?

God the Son came to teach us with stories and signs. He came to reveal God's plan for us. God the Son came to show us the way to God the Father. God's Son came to us in a great manifestation of God's love. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Spirit of God is the part of God left to guide us and lead us. The Holy Spirit is something we can completely forget about ... or something we can call on every day, in every choice and in every decision we make.

Today John tells us that God is the light that helps us stand up to evil wherever it raises its head. Knowing God helps us to share that light.



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.



ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 24th June 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. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk **“The Gift of Knowledge” by Deacon John Edwards** 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.

The following month, on Saturday 22nd July, our guest speakers will be Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill OSA talking about the Gifts of Healings.

“Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy of Love) is the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the family, by Pope Francis. It's a wonderful document that requires some exploration. To that end we have invited Austen Ivereigh from Catholic Voices to lead us in a presentation allowing us to access the riches of this important papal teaching. Please join us on Fri 16th June, following the evening Mass. The talk is open to the Pastoral Area and so it's likely it will take place in the Church itself, depending on numbers.

Power to Be: Every child has the power to achieve great things, But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Go to Cafod.org.uk/powertobe for more information.



A Day with Mary—at Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi in Lower Earley, Saturday 24th June. A day of devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Please see noticeboard for more details.



June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son”*. (Jn 3:16)

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.

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CTWA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for
St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh

Next Seniors' Lunch—20th July, at noon, in the tea room at English Martyrs. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend.

First Holy Communion Next Sunday 18th June at English Martyrs Didcot 9am Mass we will be celebrating our young parishioners and their families as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please be aware some pews will be reserved for the families and there will be many visitors and guests. By our warm welcome, joyful singing and reverent prayer we can share God's love and help make it a very special day for the children and their friends and families. Many thanks to Jacquie and Simone who have prepared the children for this special day in their ongoing journey of faith.

In October 2018 the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will cover the theme of **“Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”**. The Pope and all the Bishops want to hear the views of as many young people as possible, so everyone aged 13-29 has been invited to participate in an enormous survey! Many of you have already seen the Mega Youth Poll on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, but if you haven't, you can go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/synod-youth-poll> to complete the survey (it should only take about 15 to 20 minutes). There's also a survey for anyone who cares for or works with young people in England and Wales. Go to the same site above and scroll down the page to find the link.

It's a great opportunity to make sure that your voice is heard!

Great Western Park Activities Week - 31st July - 4th August 2017

A week long series of craft and fun activities for all ages will be held in Great Western Park commencing Monday 31st July. There are so many things to get involved with and we are seeking support for registration, refreshments, lending a hand with activities and crafts, as well as joining in the fun. If you would like to help please add you name and contact details against the activity(ies) you would like to be involved with. Many thanks for getting involved. (Details on noticeboard.)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June—For National Leaders



The arms business has a devastating impact on human rights and security, and damages economic development. Large scale military procurement and arms exports only reinforce a militaristic approach to international problems. As Christians we are asked to look for non-violent solutions to conflict. A wider security policy would have the opportunity to reallocate resources according to actual threats and benefits, including addressing major causes of insecurity such as inequality and climate change. In the month of June, Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention, **“.....That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.”**

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