

Mass Text for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:12-13, 15-18

Response:

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven, says the Lord; Anyone who eats this bread
will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 2nd June

Vigil Masses for Corpus Christi

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

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

**English Martyrs: 6.30pm Mo and John Elsley's
Intentions on their 57th wedding anniversary**

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

SUNDAY 3rd June

Corpus Christi

**English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass For the conversion of England**

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11:00am Fr Michael Murphy RIP

Mass times for the coming week

**(English Martyrs is open mornings, Tuesday to
Friday 9.15am-1pm, for private prayer)**

MONDAY 4th June

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 5th June—St Boniface

St John's: 9.30am Joan Walker's Intentions

WEDNESDAY 6th June

**English Martyrs: 9.30am Mr and Mrs Elsley RIP
(Perp)**

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

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass Patrick Kinsella's Intentions

(B Kinsella)

THURSDAY 7th June

St John's: 9.30am Phyllis Green's Intentions

FRIDAY 8th June—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**English Martyrs: 9.30am Val Claridge's Intentions
(SVP)**

**SATURDAY 9th June—The Immaculate Heart of
Mary**

**English Martyrs: 9.30am For all young people of
our pastoral area (M Parris-Dollar)**

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

Weekend Mass times as usual



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3rd June 2018
Corpus Christi (Yr B)

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the Old Covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus. In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the New Covenant made in the Blood of Christ, we truly become one with His Body and Blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room ([Hebrews 10:1](#)).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real, what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel, and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God. In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist. What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant, and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

Scott Hahn

In your prayers, please remember:

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



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

ADVANCE NOTICE of CANCELLATION OF 11am MASS AT ST JOHN’S, Sunday 8th July. Please note that there will be no 11am Mass on this day due to the closure of the town centre for the Festival of Cycling.

Adoration at St John’s—will take place on Saturday 9th June at 4.30pm (directly before Mass) and continue every Saturday thereof.

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*. You can *Share the Journey* by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organising your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385



Would you like to be involved with the Children's Liturgy Group at 9am Mass at English Martyrs?

It would be helpful to have more people involved especially on a regular basis or even just when you are available. We often have a large group and need people to help with activities, reading the Gospel or prayers with the children. Please consider joining us, it will be a rewarding experience. (DBS check will be required) Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. **Also required.... Volunteers to help out with the Children’s Liturgy Group at St John’s 11am Mass.** We are currently short of help at St John’s and would welcome volunteers who could contribute towards the running of children’s sessions. Contact the Parish office for details.

Thames Isis Pastoral Area Youth Events—The final TIPA youth event before this summer will be a **Spy Trail in Oxford on Saturday 21st July (not 7th July as previously advertised).** We'll meet at 10am in the Oxford Ice Rink car park. Completing the Trail will take approximately 2.5 hours. We'll aim to have lunch at Nando's (£10 per child) around 1/1:30pm and return to the Oxford Ice Rink for collection by 3pm. To avoid disappointment, let Melanie Parris-Dollar know by **Monday 25th June** if your youngsters would like to come because places are limited. Email tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

CWTA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for St Mary’s Church, Wallingford

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.

On Sunday 24th June (the week after First Holy Communion), the candidates of both parishes are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes and come to a special celebration in their churches (this will take place at 9am at English Martyrs and 11am at St John’s) where they will be presented with their certificates, followed by refreshments.

Joint Parish BBQ and Welcome Weekend, Revised date of Sunday 9th September — We are looking for volunteers to help run this event. If you enjoy the BBQ and would like to see it take place this year, please consider helping out on the organising team. If we don’t have enough people who can help to run it, it will not take place. Please contact the parish office for more details.



ADOREMUS YOUTH CONGRESS. Saturday 8th Sept 11.30am-5.30pm. Liverpool Echo Area-Auditorium. Cost £10. Parishes and schools are invited to send young people to the Adoremus Youth Congress which has been developed to compliment the main event. The keynote speaker at the Youth Congress is Katie Prejean, from Louisiana. In the afternoon there will be youth streams for those 13-15, 16-17, 18-20 year of age. The aim of the day is to help young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet. The day features CJM, Rise Theatre, Cardinal Nichols, CAFOD, Animate, Salesians, Joel’s Bar-One Hope Project. There will be an opportunity to highlight the Synod on young people which will be happening in October of this year. Resources to help prepare for the event of available on the Adoremus Youth website. Young people whatever their church background will have a positive experience on the day. To book places go to adoremusyouth.co.uk

Missal order—The Repository will soon be placing an order for Missals. If you would like to order a Missal, please put your name down on the list at the back of church, or contact the Parish Office.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

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