

Mass Text for Palm Sunday

Hosanna to the Son of David,
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel,
Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass
without my drinking it, your will be done.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

Saturday 9th April

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

*English Martyrs: 6.30pm Marion Malek RIP
(Iza)*

SUNDAY 10th April

Palm Sunday

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Fr Cyril Elkington RIP

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 10th April

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 11th April

*Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral
(no Mass at St John's today)*

WEDNESDAY 12th April

*English Martyrs: 9.30am Ian Haplin RIP (Found)
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)*

*English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Fr Barry Angus RIP*

THURSDAY 13th April—Maundy Thursday

*English Martyrs: 7.30pm Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper*

FRIDAY 14th April—Good Friday

*English Martyrs: 3pm Celebration of the Lord's
Passion*

SATURDAY 15th April—Holy Saturday

English Martyrs: 10.30am Easter Blessing of Food

English Martyrs: 8pm Easter Vigil Pro Populo

Weekend Masses as usual



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9th April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today we celebrate Palm or Passion Sunday. We enter into the most sacred time of the year as we move from the great celebratory welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem, humbly riding on a donkey, to Holy Week with the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the death of our Saviour. We listen to all these events at Mass on this Palm Sunday as the Passion – this year using St Matthew's account – is read at Mass. It is a good preparation for this holy time.

Other preparations have also been going on. Our candidates for reception into the Church have been learning about the fullness of the Catholic faith and, God-willing, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil as we move from the sorrow of Good Friday to the joyful reality of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. I ask you to keep them particularly in your prayers this week.

We are all asked to prepare for this sacred time: Lent has given us six weeks of prayer, fasting and abstinence; also, various penitential services have been held in the Pastoral Area alongside the normal regular confession times. Preparing our hearts and souls for Holy Week and Easter is important, so, let us enter this sacred time prayerfully, meditating on the wonderful gift our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ has given us at the Last Supper – his own Body and Blood – and how this was made visible as he died on the Cross to save us from sin and death. That same redeeming sacrifice is made present here at every Mass and the joy of the Resurrection is poured out on us as we ourselves are transformed by Christ's saving sacrifice as we receive him in Holy Communion.

May this Holy Week be for us all a wonderful preparation for the joys of the resurrection at Easter and the promise of eternal life.

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 and all the sick of the parish.



CTS Read of the Month for the discounted price of £1:00

This month Pope Francis' prayer intention is young people. He asks that we pray that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or religious life.

This booklet is full of practical insights for young Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply but are not sure what steps to take.

Also:

New to CTS: **Road to Pentecost, a prayer guide for Eastertide £2:50 per copy.**

Beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday, this prayer guide will lead you through a journey of 50 days of prayer and reflection, in preparation for the great feast of Pentecost - often an unappreciated feast. The first forty days reflect on scripture and the Catechism, drawing our lives into the history of salvation. The final nine-day Novena of prayer, from Ascension to Pentecost, is dedicated to helping Christians to be open to a personal Pentecost in their own lives.

Both available from Heavenly Harrods

Heavenly Harrods has a new selection of gifts for first Holy communion including silver jewellery; rosaries and missals, There is also a selection of children's books and missals. Come and have a browse after weekend Masses.

East Hendred Youth Group - Sponsored walk for Cafod

The St Mary's Youth Group will be doing their annual 5K sponsored walk along the Ridgeway, to raise money for CAFOD on **Friday 28th April from 7-9pm**. All young people from the pastoral area (Yr 4 and above) are welcome to join them! The walk is always great fun and there will be marshmallows and hot chocolate to finish! Don't forget to bring a torch and wear comfortable clothes for walking. **RSVP by Sunday 23rd April. For more information email Veronica at veronicapaget@hotmail.com**

St Edmund's Youth Group

Saturday 6th May

8-10yrs - 1:30pm-2:30pm, 11-12 & 13-14yrs - 3pm-4:30pm

Hinksey Youth Group Film Club

Sunday 7th May, featuring '*Suffragette*' or '*Swallows and Amazons*' 2:30pm start. Mass at 4:15pm. Our Lady of the Rosary R C Church, Yarnells Hill, OX2 9BD.

Freedog in June—There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on **Saturday 10th June**. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at **1pm**. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around **£12** including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

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Kath Oldham—katholdham@hotmail.co.uk

CTWA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for
The Methodist Church, Wallingford

Easter Service Times

Maundy Thursday, 13th April: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, English Martyrs 7.30pm

Good Friday, 14th April: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, English Martyrs 3pm

Holy Saturday, 15th April: Blessing of Easter Foods, English Martyrs 10.30am
Easter Vigil, English Martyrs 8pm

Easter Sunday, 16th April: Mass 9am English Martyrs
Mass 11am St John's



Gift Aid Envelopes—If you donate to the church using Gift Aid, your box of envelopes for the coming year is now available for collection from the back of church. If you use direct debit, there will be a box of second collection envelopes for you instead of a standard box.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, Didcot

14 April 10.30am refreshments served at Didcot Methodist Church, The Broadway, followed by short ecumenical service at 11.20am outside Sainsbury's. All welcome

Cleaning at English Martyrs—The cleaners will meet on Good Friday at 10am to make sure the church is clean for Easter. Please turn up if you can—all help welcome.

Deputy Head Vacancy - St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Abingdon

Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack (01235 521558 or bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is 27th April 2017.

A Day of Recollection for Ministers of the Eucharist—will be held at Stonehill House OX14 4AA on Saturday 27th May. Please email pearroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Please pray for Eileen Naughton as she runs her 10th London Marathon on 23rd April for children with cancer. We wish her well!

Easter Raffle winners: 1st prize, Caroline Fishwick ; 2nd prize, Caroline Thompson; 3rd prize, Dickson family; 4th prize, Brian McNamee; 5th prize, Maureen

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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