

**Mass Text for Pentecost Sunday**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts: 2:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
**Response:**

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** I Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

**Communion Antiphon:**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week****Saturday 3rd June**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**St John's:** 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

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

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

**SUNDAY 4th June**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**English Martyrs:** 7.30am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—Pro Populo

**English Martyrs:** 9am Robert Lazarus RIP (S Cunniffe)

**St John's:** 11am

**Mass times for the coming week****MONDAY 5th June**

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

**TUESDAY 6th June**

**No Mass this morning**

**WEDNESDAY 7th June**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Deceased members of the Dipple and Johns families (A Johns)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

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

**THURSDAY 8th June**

**St John's:** 9.30am

**FRIDAY 9th June**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Emi and Dini, in thanksgiving (R Perera)

**SATURDAY 10th June**

**No Mass or Confessions this morning**

*Weekend Masses as usual*



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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Wallingford**

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**4th June 2017**

**Pentecost Sunday (Yr A)**

“Receive the Holy Spirit...”

When Jesus says to us, “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he is offering us the most amazing gift of God’s life and presence. Just as the gift of the Holy Spirit changed and enlivened for ever the lives of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost so that they were no longer content with staying within the four walls of the upper room, but went out into the waiting world to tell others about Jesus, so each one of us, when we accept the gift of the Holy Spirit, is changed and enlivened in his service and sent out.

This Pentecost Sunday we will witness this wonderful gift being given to Selva who is going to be baptised and confirmed in English Martyrs. Let us reflect on our own baptism and confirmation and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. May we all choose to be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit and allow him to change us and enliven us so that we too might go out into our world to tell others about Jesus.

*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.



**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](http://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.

**Pentecost Sunday Outreach, Orchard Centre, 4th June, 2pm**—Churches Together, Didcot Area are planning to hold an outreach event in the Orchard Centre, by Sainsbury’s in Didcot, on Pentecost Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, at 2pm. We intend to have a Praise Time together with a band at 2.00pm and would love to see you there, as we celebrate Pentecost together and look to share God’s love with the shoppers and local community.



There will be some drumming flash mobs taking place earlier too, so if you want to see the last of these we suggest you get there just before 2.00pm!

Children’s activities; testimonies of how the church is blessing the town; a prayer tent; outreach; free candy floss; and a wonderful message to proclaim ... we hope to see you there!

**“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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Congratulations to Selvendran Ramar on the occasion of his baptism and confirmation on Sunday. Please keep Selva and his family in your prayers as he continues his journey of faith.

**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.

**Gift Aid Certificates**—If you would like a gift aid certificate for the tax year 2016/17, please contact the parish office.

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

Kath Oldham—[katholdham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katholdham@hotmail.co.uk)

**CTWA Prayer Cycle**

Please pray for  
St Mary’s Church, Cholsey

**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.

**PENTECOST VIGIL LIVE FROM ROME**, Saturday 3rd June 4.45pm to approx 7pm St Edmund’s Parish Centre, Corner of Oxford Rd & Radley Rd Abingdon OX14 3PL Pope Francis has invited Christians worldwide to join him in the Circus Massimus to celebrate 50 years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We shall be streaming the event live in the Parish Centre. All welcome, come for all or part. Refreshments provided. Details from Abingdon parish office, 01235 520375

**Mass at Milton Manor** will be celebrated on Sunday 4th June 2017 at 6pm. All are welcome.

**Administrator Required**—A vacancy has arising for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. The successful applicant will be located at the Parish Office in the Presbytery at Didcot.

*Hours of work:* 28 per week, hours each day to be agreed

*Salary:* £9.19 - £11.34 per hour

*Experience and Qualifications required for the role:*

Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial skills, time management and prioritisation skills

Computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets, database management and use of the internet

Experienced in book-keeping and knowledge of accounts

Experience of website management (training will be given)

Personal Attributes:

Sympathetic to the Ministry and Mission of the Catholic Church

Self motivated and flexible, with ability to work on own initiative and using own judgement without supervision, able to cope with change and work under pressure.

Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience.

Closing date for applications: 5th June

Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/> or available from the parish office. Please return to Fr Phillip Harris, English Martyrs Church, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Telephone 01235 812338

**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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Doherty, sister of Eithne Naughton, who died recently. Her funeral took place in Ireland and she was buried at Didcot Cemetery last week. Let us hold her and her family in our prayers.

**Telephone Number for SVP**

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

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**£1356**

**Second Collection this week:  
Parish Centre/Refurbishment Fund**

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