

**Mass Text for the Feast of The Most Holy Trinity**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

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

**First Reading:** Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:4-6,9,18-20

**Response:**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:14-17

**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:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Communion Antiphon**

Since you are 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 26th May**

**Vigil Masses for The Most Holy Trinity**

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

***St John's: 5:00pm Madeline Carty RIP  
(J Douglas)***

***English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo***

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

**SUNDAY 27th May**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

***English Martyrs: 9:00am Perlita's Intention***

***St John's: 11:00am Pro Populo***

**Mass times for the coming week**

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

**MONDAY 28th May**

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

**TUESDAY 29th May**

***St John's: 9.30am Fr David Maskell RIP***

**WEDNESDAY 30th May**

***English Martyrs: 9.30am***

***Conal Patrick McGarvey RIP (A Lukic)  
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)***

***English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass Fr John Pearson RIP***

**THURSDAY 31st May—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

***St John's: 9.30am Ann Tomline's Intentions (SVP)***

**FRIDAY 1st June—St Justin**

***English Martyrs: 9.30am Deceased member of Guiry and Wickens families (P Guiry)  
(church open all day for private prayer, Adoration 3-4pm)***

**SATURDAY 2nd June—Our Lady on Saturday**

***English Martyrs: 9.30am Nora Byrne RIP (Foundation)  
(Followed by reciting of the rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation)***

***Weekend Mass times as usual plus Extraordinary Form Latin Mass on Sunday 3rd May at 7.30am, English Martyrs***



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**27th May 2018**

**The Most Holy Trinity (Yr B)**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed Himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood ([2 Peter 1:4](#)). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season—Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children ([Ephesians 1:4-5](#)).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism and renew in each Eucharist. By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading ([Deuteronomy 4:20,37](#)). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham ([Matthew 1:1](#)). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own. As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel ([Romans 9:4](#)), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

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, Terry Appleyard, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly, Rosa Maria Santos, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.



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

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*.



**Share the Journey**  
#sharejourney

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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385

**Fulfilled in Love: A Saturday retreat for married couples**—will take place on Saturday 30th June 10am—4pm at The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill, Oxford (led by Fr Liam Finnerty and Angelikka Capp). More details are on the noticeboard, please contact [retreat@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:retreat@carmelite.org.uk) to book (Tel 01865 735133).

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 31st May**

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise, which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. We are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the one who was himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

**The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** came into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

**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

**The next Senior's Lunches** at English Martyrs will take place on 31st May and and 28th June. Sign up sheet on the noticeboard for those who would like to come.

**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](mailto: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.

**Date for your Diary—Joint Parish BBQ**—This event will take place on **Sunday 1st July**. Please put the date in your diary, more details will be available in due course. We are still looking for volunteers to help run this popular event—please contact the parish office if you are interested in being on the organising team.



**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](http://adoremusyouth.co.uk)

**Telephone Number for SVP**

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

**Last week's Collection:**

£1392  
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**Parish Centre/Refurbishment Fund**

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