

**Mass Text for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 122

**Response:**

Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he shows us his mercy.

**Second Reading:** II Cor 12:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

**Communion Antiphon:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 7th July**

**Vigil Masses for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St John's:** Sacrament of Reconciliation:

4:30-4:50pm

**St John's:** 5:00pm Pro Populo

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30pm)

**English Martyrs:** 6.30pm Pro Populo

Mary Angela Evans RIP (June Wells)

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

**SUNDAY 8th July**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs:** 9:00am Robert Evans RIP  
(K Keating)

**St John's:** No Mass this morning

**Mass times for the coming week**

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

**MONDAY 9th July**

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

**TUESDAY 10th July**

**St John's:** 9.30am

**WEDNESDAY 11th July—St Benedict**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Laurence Turner's Intentions

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

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

**THURSDAY 12th July**

**St John's:** 9.30am

**FRIDAY 13th July—Votive Mass for the Sacred Heart**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am

**SATURDAY 14th July—Our Lady on Saturday**

**English Martyrs:** 9.30am Barbara Carrington RIP  
(A Richardson)

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

**Mass times as usual for the weekend**



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**8th July 2018**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin, and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham ([Romans 9:3, 7](#)).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master ([Matthew 10:24](#)). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him ([Luke 7:23](#)). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

Scott Hahn

**In your prayers, please remember:**

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



This weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downs who is visiting on behalf of APF Mill Hill.

**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.

**The final Thames Isis Pastoral Area 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. To book or for more information email [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Bereavement Support Workshop – Saturday 7th July, Winchester.** You are warmly invited to a workshop that will look at the process of a parish helping people going through dying and bereavement. Our main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There will also be a few speakers from parishes in our diocese. Please come if you are at all interested in learning more, even if you or your parish aren't currently doing any work in this area. It will be held at Milner Hall, next to the Winchester parish centre, between 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster, the Leader of the Pastoral Care Services team in the diocese, on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you cannot come but would be interested in registering your interest in this important pastoral care work, please email Philippa too, who is looking to help parishioners and parishes develop bereavement support.

**Day for Catechists - 20th October 2018** at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists)

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**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

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

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**

Please pray for  
The Free Church, Brightwell

**Didcot Fayre, 4th August**—we have a table booked at this event and are looking for volunteers to help man the stall between midday and 5pm. We are also looking for donations of cakes and plants to sell. If you can help at all, please sign up on the list at the back of English Martyrs this weekend. Thank you.

**Prayer Space** will also be available at the Fayre. If you can help to man Prayer Space as part of Churches Together, please get in touch. There will be a meeting on 25th July for all involved.

**RCIA course starting in mid-September**—If you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic, or if you are already a Catholic and would like to attend a refresher course, Fr Phillip will be running the next RCIA course after the summer. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

**Seniors' Trip to Bourton-on-the-Water**—pickup will be at 9am on 17th July from English Martyrs Church.

**Sea Sunday  
8th July 2018**

Take a closer look at the labels on individual items in your kitchen cupboard or wardrobe or at the many electrical goods which now have a place in our homes and you will see that just about every item has been manufactured or produced abroad. Where would we be without our seafarers? Do they get nearly the recognition they deserve? Seafarers are a marginalized workforce, generally unseen by the general public, even when in port. They work in difficult and often dangerous conditions, to support their families (often extended families) back home, and in so doing make huge sacrifices by being away for up to twelve months at a time.

**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)

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