

Mass Text for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2-6,8-9

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord
that you keep for those who fear you.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 2nd September
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-4:50pm
St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6:30pm Alexander & Anthony
Kays' Intentions (C Kay)

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

SUNDAY 3rd September
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 7:30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass Fr John Lavery R.I.P.

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11:00am Sally Carty R.I.P. (S. Higgins)

Mass times for the coming week

MONDAY 4th September
Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 5th September
St John's: 9:30am Margaret and Christopher
Doran R.I.P. (C. Doran)

WEDNESDAY 6th September
English Martyrs: No 9:30am Mass

English Martyrs: 11:00am Requiem Mass for
Cyril Verling R.I.P.

English Martyrs: 7:30pm
Extraordinary Form Latin Mass Pamela Ormrod
R.I.P. (A Johns)

THURSDAY 7th September
St John's: 9:30am

FRIDAY 8th September English Martyrs: The Na-
tivity of The Blessed Virgin Mary
English Martyrs: 9:30am Val Claridge's Inten-
tions

SATURDAY 9th September
English Martyrs: 9:30am John and Christy Daly
(Intentions and welfare)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10:00-10:30am

Weekend Masses as usual



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3rd September 2017
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

In your prayers, please remember...

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, Ian Bosely, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly and all the sick of the parish.

A Very Special Birthday! Please join in wishing Val Claridge a Very Happy 80th Birthday for Friday 8th September which will be celebrated at the Mass of The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary at English Martyrs on that day.

We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32) Essential Training for Catechists This course, sponsored by our Diocese, has been arranged for the following Fridays in Lent in the hall behind St John Vianney Church, Charlton Rd, Wantage, OX12 8ER from 7:30-9:00pm. Limited spaces so early registration is recommended. Contact Jacky at jackymattam@btinternet.com. No charge, but a donation will be appreciated.

Friday 23rd February
Friday 2nd March
Friday 9th March
Friday 16th March
Friday 23rd March

St John's Music Group will be taking a break for the summer and will resume on Sunday 10th September. We welcome new singers and musicians. If you can play a musical instrument or would like to sing please come and join us. We especially need both another soprano and a tenor, so if you can hold a tune in your head and sing in tune please do come along. Our practice nights are Fridays at 7.15pm in the hall at the back of the church, commencing 8th September. Please contact Sue Hunt on 01491 835787 or Mary Hill on 01491 836078

Mass Intentions

One of our rich Catholic traditions is having a Mass said for a particular intention, maybe for a loved one or a deceased family member. Do consider asking to have a Mass celebrated for your intentions.

English Martyrs Church is open for prayer Monday to Friday mornings until 1pm. (All day with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3.00-4.00 on the 1st Friday of each month) **If you have a key please do not lock the church.**

Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September Full details on Noticeboards. It's all in a very cause, so please sign up to participate. If you're unable to do that then volunteers are needed at both our churches to help man them throughout the day—please call Douglas Henderson 01235 for English Martyrs and email lilandia_abad@hotmail.com or raymondjameseaton@yahoo.com for St John's.

Parish Safeguarding Rep
Kate Keating
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CWTA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for St John's Church,

A message for altar servers from our Bishop Philip: "I would like to invite all the altar servers in the diocese to a special event at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 9th September. The event will include a Eucharistic Procession and Holy Half Hour, formation and testimony about serving, and team games. The day begins at 10am in the Discovery Centre, and ends at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch and your server's robes. You can register your attendance as an individual or parish group by contacting Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 (ext 222) or by email at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk"

Diocesan Day for Catechists Saturday 14th October 2017 at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth For everyone involved or interested in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day will consist of :

Mass of Thanksgiving for all Diocesan Catechists;
'Scripture in Catechesis' by fr Richard Ounsworth,OP;
3 forums on using Scripture in children, youth and adult Catechesis;
presentation of Scriptural resources for all ages and contexts;
times of prayer, discussion and fellowship;
lunch provided.
Register: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01590681874

Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017 Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! All Masses are in the Old Rite. To book go to <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>.

Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry -In conjunction with Maryvale Institute and FFM our Diocese is running a special one year certificate course for anyone involved in parish ministry. This would be particularly beneficial for catechists, members of the pastoral council, youth leaders, those working with families, youth, and ministers of Holy Communion. It involves a study of various aspects of the parish mission such as youth, families and the mission to the sick and housebound and helps people to understand the mission of a parish and the practicalities of reaching out in the task of evangelization. Details on church noticeboards and funding help is available from the Diocese

Childrens' Sunday Liturgy at English Martyrs & St John's is now taking a break for the summer and will start again in September when the children go back to school

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.

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