

**Mass Text for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,  
O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
In the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1.4-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 95:1,3-5, 7-10

**Response:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**Second Reading:** Thess 1:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
so rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**MASS TIMES for the coming week**

**SATURDAY 21st October**

**Vigil Masses of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

**English Martyrs: 6:30pm Mary Guinan;s**

**Intentions**

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

**SUNDAY 22nd October**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo**

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

**Mass times for the coming week**

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

**MONDAY 23rd October**

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

**TUESDAY 24th October**

**St John's: 9:30am**

**WEDNESDAY 25th October**

**No morning Mass at English Martyrs**

**St John's: 1pm Requiem Mass for**

**Cyril Tomline RIP**

**English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form**

**Latin Mass—George William Dipple RIP (A Johns)**

**THURSDAY 26th October**

**St John's: 9:30am**

**FRIDAY 27th October**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am Thomas and**

**Agnes Lightfoot RIP (Foundation)**

**SATURDAY 28th October - SS Simon and Jude**

**English Martyrs: 9:30am**

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

*Weekend Masses as usual*



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**22nd October 2017**  
**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see [John 19:11](#); [Romans 13:1](#)).

In effect, God says to every ruler what he tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see [Ezra 1:1-4](#)). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see [Romans 9:17](#)). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see [2 Maccabees 6:7-16](#)).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see [John 18:36](#)) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see [Philippians 3:20](#)), we are called to be a light to the world (see [Matthew 5:14](#))—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see [Acts 5:29](#)).

We owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we bear God's own image (see [Genesis 1:27](#)). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see [Romans 12:1-2](#)).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see [1 Timothy 2:1-2](#)), until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord. *(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, Janina Krokowska, Ann Tomline, Terry Appleyard, Charlotte Pyatt, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards,

**We are all Witnesses (Acts 2:32) Essential Training for Catechists**

This course, sponsored by our Diocese, has been arranged for five Fridays in Lent, starting on Friday 23rd February, 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.

**Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan 1st -10th June 2018**

Celebrating the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Holy Land. Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton in conjunction with St Vitus Cathedral in Rijeka, Croatia, have arranged this 10 day programme led by Fr George Ngwa Parish Priest, Our Lady of Lourdes and Monsignor Matija Maticic, Rector of St Vitus Cathedral.

The cost of the pilgrimage will be circa £1,750 based on current exchange rates (both countries quote rates in US\$). Included are 4\* hotels on a half board basis, flights, relevant entry fees for places of worship, air-conditioned coach throughout the journey and local guides in both countries. Exit fees for Israel and Jordan are not included.

To book a place, or for further information, please contact Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office

**World Mission Sunday** is one of the most special days in the global Catholic Church. It unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, mutual friendship and support; both spiritual and material.

Annually, on the penultimate Sunday of October, Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish around the world. On this day the Universal Catholic Church joins together, through prayer and sharing, in support of dioceses and parishes too poor or young to support themselves.

This year we focus our attention on war torn South Sudan and the great efforts being made by the Catholic Church there to foster healing, mercy, peace and hope.



8.7 Million abortions have taken place since the abortion act was passed in 1967. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, please join the Good Counsel Network in praying and fasting for the end of abortion. For further information please see our website: [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

**Parish Safeguarding Representative**—Due to personal circumstances, this voluntary post is again vacant, and we urgently require a replacement. Full training will be given. For more details, speak to Fr Phillip or call the parish office.

**Carmelite Spirituality Group: English Martyrs**

Led by Barbara Thacker, the first meeting will be on Friday 3rd November at 2:15pm in the tearoom at English Martyrs (and on the 1st Friday of each month thereafter), finishing at 3:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Barbara will start with an introduction to the Carmelite Order following which the group will be reading and discussing *The Impact of God*, by Iain Matthew, OCD. All are very welcome.

**First Holy Communion**

If your child is going to be aged eight next year then it is time to enrol for the First Holy Communion course which will be beginning in November. Please register via the parish office by phone or email leaving contact details.

**Youth Group**—The next meeting will be on Friday 27th October, 7-9pm at St John's, for an evening of games. All welcome over the age of 10 years. Refreshments provided. Please contact Andy Robins via the parish office if you would like more information about the youth group.

**Day of Reflection**—A Day of Reflection will be held at Littlemore on 9th December, led by Fr Paul King. If you would like to attend please pass your name to the parish office.

**Music Co-ordinator/Music Director**

This position was proposed during the 'Our Parish's Future' programme and funds are now available to support it. The ideal person will be able to help co-ordinate the music in Didcot and Wallingford, work with and encourage the existing musicians and play keyboard/organ in Didcot. If you think this role could be for you, please speak to Fr Phillip.

Thank you to all those who contributed to generously to the SVP collection last weekend. A final total will be announced next week.

**Missio Boxes**—If you have a Missio Box please could you bring it to church for collection over the next few weeks. Many thanks.

*Telephone Number for SVP*

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

*Last week's Collection:*

*Second collection this week  
World Mission Sunday  
Thank you for your donations*

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**  
Post currently vacant

**CWTA Prayer Cycle**  
Please pray for