

Mass Text for the Second Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 24th February

Vigil Masses for the Second Sunday of Lent

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

St John's: 5:00pm Kathleen Green RIP
(C Mundy)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 25th February

Second Sunday of Lent

English Martyrs: 9:00am Eileen O'Brien RIP
(A O'Brien)

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 26th February

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 27th February

St John's: 9.30am Holy Souls (D Kennedy)

WEDNESDAY 28th February

English Martyrs: 11.30am Requiem Mass for
Terence McLoughlin RIP

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass—Mary Daly RIP

THURSDAY 1st March—St David

St John's: 9:30am Noel Clifford's Intentions

FRIDAY 2nd March

English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton's
Intentions (D Lazarus)
(Church open all day for private prayer,
adoration 3-4pm)

SATURDAY 3rd March

English Martyrs: 9.30am Anne Johns' Intentions
(D Lazarus)

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

**Weekend Mass times as usual plus Extraordinary
Form Latin Mass on Sunday 4th March at 7.30am**



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25th February 2018
Second Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

When Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the high mountain, they would have had no idea of what was going to happen: that the man they had been following as disciples would be transfigured dazzlingly in their sight, that they would see him speaking with Moses and Elijah, and that they would hear the voice of God speaking from the cloud proclaiming him to be his beloved Son. No wonder they were frightened!

Yet this was an experience that had been given to them not to cause fear, but to deepen their faith and trust in Jesus. For Jesus is revealed to them, for a short while, in his glory; he is revealed as the Word of God whom Moses (the one who received the Word of God in the form of the Law) and Elijah (representative of the prophets who had received and communicated God's Word in prophecy) converse with; and he is also revealed as Son by the overshadowing cloud and the voice that speaks from it. All three revelations deepen the disciples' faith in Jesus and strengthen that faith as it will soon be tested as the events of his Passion and Crucifixion unfold. Our Lord's glory, glimpsed here for the only time before his Resurrection, his identification as the Word of God and Son, opens the disciples' eyes to see clearly who he is for a moment.

Our faith - just like Peter's, James' and John's - is a faith that is living, because it is in a living person: Our Lord Jesus Christ. But because it is a living faith, it does at times need deepening and we should take every opportunity we can for deepening our faith. Our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving are ways in which we put into practice our faith and so help to deepen it. This week in our prayer, let us try to spend a little time to sit down with the Gospel passage describing the Transfiguration and let ourselves join the disciples on the mountain in our imagination, so that we too might glimpse something of Our Lord's glory, and welcome him more fully into our lives as the Word of God and the Father's beloved Son.



Fr. Phillip

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, 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.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place 10-18 March at St Joseph’s Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God’s blessing on their society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph’s Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Called and Gifted is coming to our area again! This process has been running for over 3 years around the diocese. It is about helping parishioners discover their calling, beyond that of being for example a parent, spouse or what you do at work. Your call is about using the particular gifts or charisms given to you when you were baptised. These charisms are the most fruitful way that we can love and serve others in our daily life. You can read much more on the diocese website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted or ring Clare Simpson 01235 847804 to talk further or book a place. Clare can also connect you with parishioners who have already done it. It starts on Saturday 10th March 9am - 4pm in Abingdon.

Heavenly Harrods

New season stock has arrived including cards and gifts for Mothers day on March 11; St Patrick’s day and Easter. There are also a selection of CTS booklets on a Lenten theme. Come and have a browse after mass.

Essential Training for Catechists—Five sessions to cover five essential themes in children and adult catechesis and children’s Liturgy of the Word, held at St John Vianney Church in Wantage on Friday evenings between 23rd February and 23rd March. More information on the noticeboard—email jackymattam@btinternet.com to book your place.

Food Bank—Donations for the food bank are always welcomed—a list of items needed is on both church noticeboards. A box is at the back of church for donations. Items are collected and delivered to the Wallingford and Didcot food banks on a regular basis, and distributed from there to the needy of the area. Thank you in advance for your support.

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, Cholsey



Chrim Mass—Once again we have booked a bus to take parishioners to the Chrim Mass in Portsmouth this year, on Tuesday 27th March. The bus will leave Our Lady and St Edmund’s in Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs in Didcot at 8.15am, returning at 3pm. Tickets are £12 each, payment on booking. Please call the parish office to book, or email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SVP SOUP LUNCHES

The dreadful famine in South Sudan continues. To help alleviate the suffering of children the SVP are once more running the Lenten Soup Lunches with the proceeds going to the Baby Feeding Centres in the Sudan. These lunches continue every Friday in Lent from 11.30am. at St John's. Please support if you are able to.



Women’s World Day of Prayer, 2nd March 2018

The service this year for the Wallingford area is being held at The Methodist Church, in St Leonard’s Square, Wallingford, on Friday 2nd March, at 6.30pm.

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname (situated in north east South America) and the theme is “All God’s Creation is Very Good”. On March 2nd the service will be celebrated in 170 countries and islands and in the British Isles where some 6,000 services will be taking place. Men, women and children are all welcome to attend so please do come and perhaps invite a friend or neighbour too.

Tea and cake will be provided after the service, which lasts about one hour.

Easter Raffle at English Martyrs—Tickets will be on sale for the Easter Raffle 3/4th, 10/11th and 17/18th March. It will be drawn on the 18th March.

A Lenten Recollection Day at Littlemore will be led by Fr. Paul King on Saturday 3rd of March 10:00 until 4:00pm. Numbers permitting we will have Mass in the Newman Chapel at 10 :00am. Tea and coffee provided but bring a packed lunch. Please put your name down on the form at the back of church if you would like to attend.

New Sacristans needed in both churches—if you are interested in helping out, please contact the parish office. The role is held on a rota basis so commitment is less the more people who are available. Please consider helping out your parish by getting involved in this valuable role.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

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£1356

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