

Mass Text for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: I Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

Response:

Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 13th January

Vigil Masses for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Maria and Severyn Szczepanski RIP

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

SUNDAY 14th January

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11:00am Family Marsh Abad (in thanksgiving) (R and L Eaton)

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 15th January 2018

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 16th January

St John's: 9.30am Lisa Oosterloo-Schuiling RIP (A-M Bromley)

WEDNESDAY 17th January—St Anthony of Egypt

English Martyrs: 9.30am Peter Evans RIP (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—Jonathan Harvey RIP

THURSDAY 18th January

St John's: 9:30am Mike Smith's Intentions (A Watson)

FRIDAY 19th January

No Mass this morning

English Martyrs: 1pm Requiem Mass for Patricia Ann Abrams RIP

SATURDAY 20th January

English Martyrs: 9.30am Fr Andrew Moss' Intentions

Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reciting of the rosary

Weekend Mass times as usual



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14th January 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

We hear in the Gospel this week the calling of the first disciples. First John the Baptist tells two of his own disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God and they immediately leave John and follow Jesus. After staying with him the rest of that day, Andrew then tells his brother, Peter, "We have found the Messiah" and then takes him to meet Jesus.

Following the Lord always involves witness: a passing on to others of who Jesus is. Sometimes this is done simply by the very act of our following him; sometimes it is through our words or our deeds. The first disciples of Jesus begin to bear witness to him immediately; later on, when sent out into the whole world by Jesus as Apostles, they would bear witness to him by giving their very lives for him. Those who received their witness in turn have borne witness and so the Catholic faith has been passed on through all the ages even to us.

Being called by Christ and following him also clearly involves others. Faith is never exclusively about my relationship with God: we belong to Christ's body, the Church, and the Church is made up of all the baptised. St Paul tells us that our "bodies are members making up the body of Christ". Everything we do therefore affects others and goes to help, we pray, in building up his Church.

Let us ask ourselves, in what ways do I bear witness to the Lord Jesus in my life and in the life of the Church? How can I tell others more effectively of his importance in my life through what I do and what I say?

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

Safeguarding Training—The Diocese is running safeguarding training sessions at Our Lady and St Edmunds Church in Abingdon on 20th January. If you haven't had training for a while and would like to attend, please email Soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place. Times as follow:

Saturday 20th January 2018

Creating a Safe Environment Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm
OL & St Edmund of Abingdon, 1 Radley Road, ABINGDON OX14 3PL

Saturday 20th January 2018

Refresher Training – 1.30pm – 4.00pm
OL & St Edmund of Abingdon, 1 Radley Road, ABINGDON OX14 3PL

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children White Flower Appeal—SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

SVP Gift Boxes—The SVP would like to thank Parishioners for your generous response to our appeal for donations of toiletries for our Christmas initiative. We delivered gift boxes to Winterbrook Care Home, The Old Vicarage, Moulsoford, and Westgate House, Wallingford. These gifts were enthusiastically accepted and the Managements have expressed their grateful thanks to you all. We will certainly repeat this next year.

The **Alpha Course** is starting again at St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Abingdon on Sunday 21st January, between 6pm and 8.30pm. The evening starts with a hot supper, followed by a talk and then discussion in small groups about anything to do with the Christian faith. The course is fantastic for both those curious about the Christian faith, and those who have been Catholics for many years and want to develop their relationship with the Lord. It covers subjects such as "why did Jesus die for us", "who is the Holy Spirit", "how do I read the bible". Why not come and see for the first week - you will receive a warm welcome! Please ring Clare via the parish office on 01235 520375.

Parish diaries for 2018 are now available from the back of church. Please help yourselves—they are free of charge.

Parish Safeguarding Rep
Stefanie Harford
Tel: 07846559700

CWTA Prayer Cycle
Please pray for
St Agatha's, Brightwell

Senior's Lunch—Thursday 8th February. Please sign up on the list in the church porch at English Martyrs if you would like to attend. This month is a special Vietnamese lunch!

The next Fundraisers meeting will be held on 25th January at 10.30am in the team room at English Martyrs.

Interested in joining a Men's group? A space to talk about male spirituality, and meet others with an interest in sharing their Faith. Why not come along and try it out. The group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at English Martyrs immediately after the Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at about 8 p.m. The first meeting will be on the 24th January, and it would be really helpful if you could let graham_urquhart@hotmail.co.uk (or 07876 242511) know if you intend on coming along. Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic? Why not ask them if they would like to attend our RCIA course to find out more about the Catholic faith. Please email the parish office or Fr Phillip if you would like details.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th—25th January)— We will be hosting the following lunchtime sessions during this week: St John's Tuesday 23rd January at 12.30pm. English Martyrs, Thursday 25th January at 12.30pm. All welcome.

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. A form will appear in both churches in the next couple of weeks for names to be added to if you would like to attend.

Christmas Raffle—Many thanks to all those who contributed towards the raffle at English Martyrs. The winners were as follows: J Elsley, T Coyle, J Krakowska, H Hobin, D Denton, C Coyle, D Healy and D Kennedy. Congratulations to all!

Thank you for your contributions to Marys Meals with cakes and table decorations. we raised nearly £300 which hopefully will be doubled by the Double your Love campaign, If anyone doesn't want to recycle bits and pieces from decorations themselves, please leave at the back of church where they will be collected.

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News?
Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Telephone Number for SVP

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

Last week's Collection:

£1317

*Second Collection this week:
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*

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