

Mass Text for the Third Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name,
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 14th April

Vigil Masses for the Third Sunday of Easter

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

St John's: 5:00pm Elizabeth Constance White
RIP (Perp)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 15th April

Third Sunday of Easter

English Martyrs: 9:00am Val and
Ron Claridge's Intentions (A Johns)

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 16th April

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 17th April

No Mass this morning

WEDNESDAY 18th April

English Martyrs: Rossario Ellose RIP (Connie)

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass Living and deceased members of
Dipple and Johns families (A Johns)

THURSDAY 19th April

St John's: 9.30am Naughton Family's Intentions
(D Woodley)

FRIDAY 20th April

English Martyrs: 9.30am Michael Hawthorn RIP
(A Johns)

SATURDAY 21st April—St Anselm

English Martyrs: 9.30am Annie Furlong's
Intentions (D Woodley)

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

Weekend Mass times as usual



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15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Easter Joy!

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter this week, yet this does not mean that Easter is becoming a distant memory, for Christ's resurrection from the dead on Easter Day is an event that never ceases to lose its significance. The Church continues to celebrate it constantly every Sunday and especially in the six weeks after Easter through to the Ascension and Pentecost.

What Christ achieved by dying on the Cross and rising from the tomb continues to change people's lives through all time: his death is a redeeming death and his rising from the dead opens up new life for all his people. St John in our Second Reading today tells us that we have an "advocate with the Father" – this is Jesus, who is "the sacrifice that takes our sins away". Jesus has opened up for us a new relationship with the Father: it is a relationship of life, hope and love. Through him, we are offered new life, the forgiveness of sins and, by following him ever more closely, the opportunity to have God's love come to perfection in us. This is truly joyful Good News, as much today as on the first Easter Sunday nearly two thousand years ago.

Let us then continue joyfully to celebrate the Good News of Easter and to live our lives as those who day by day trust more and more in all that the Lord Jesus has won for us through his redeeming death and victorious Resurrection.

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. Classes will begin again on 15th April.

Share the Journey - a conference on refugees

Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 21st April 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* "Setting the Downtrodden Free" by Peter Hobbs; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website:

www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Following month's meeting: 19th May Guest speaker Fr Simon Penhalagan "Proclaiming the Lord's favour."

ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT

from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars

St Edmund's Church Parish Centre, 1 Radley Road, Abingdon OX14 3PL

Saturday afternoons 2 – 3:30pm

21st April God's Love Poured Out

28th April The Breath of God

5th May Baptism in the Spirit & Fire

12th May Gifts of the Holy Spirit

All welcome, no charge! Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides

For details phone Abingdon 528528

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

Fire Training—Saturday 28th April at 10.30am, at English Martyrs. It would be useful to have as many people as possible in the parish trained up on what to do in the event of a fire. Training will include instruction on the use of fire extinguishers. This promises to be an informative morning so please have a think about attending. Please let the parish office know if you can make it.

Flower Workshop—12th May 11am—1pm, cost £10, payment on booking please. Details on the noticeboard, please sign up on the sheet if you would like to attend, and give your money to Connie or Camilla at English Martyrs, or send to the parish office.

The Youth Club at Abingdon is organising an event at Youlbury Activity Centre, Boars Hill on 19th May. They will meet at Our Lady and St Edmund's Church at 9.30am and walk to Boars Hill, where there will be a variety of activities for the young people to participate in. Fr Rob will say Mass at 2pm and pick up time is 4.30pm. All participants need to bring a packed lunch and waterproof clothing. If you would like to take part in this event, please contact Our Lady and St Edmund's parish office, email Abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Online booking is also available, where you can decide on the activities that you'd like to take part in.

The Governors of St Amand's Catholic Primary School East Hendred are looking to recruit a full-time teaching assistant for a one year fixed term contract to support children with a range of Special Educational Needs from September 2018 (24 hours per week and 3 general lunchtime duties). Salary: Grade 4: 11-13; £15,807- £16,491 pro rata.

Visits to school are encouraged and our Headteacher, Helen Ellery, will be available to meet you. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment or find out further details: office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Candidates are required to use the CES support staff application form: <http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies>.

Gift Aid boxes for 2018/19 are now available for collection from the back of church. Please remember to collect your box.

Missio Boxes—Please bring your Missio boxes to church over the next few weeks for collection. If you would like to sign up for a box, please see Charles Hunt (Wallingford) or Brian McNamee (Didcot). Thank you.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.

Last week's Collection:

£1368

Second Collection this week:
St Barnabas Society

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