

Mass Text for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1,8-9, 21-23, 26,
28-29

Response:

The stone which the builders rejected has become
the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 21st April

Vigil Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Joseph Hughes Jnr
(Tom Hughes)

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

SUNDAY 22nd April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11:00am Ron Brady's Intentions
(M Taylor)

Mass times for the coming week

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

MONDAY 23rd April—St George

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 24th April

St John's: 9.30am Private Intention

WEDNESDAY 25th April

English Martyrs: 9.30am Mary Guinan's health
and welfare (G Marr)
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass

THURSDAY 26th April

St John's: 9.30am Elizabeth Trainor RIP (Perp)

FRIDAY 27th April

English Martyrs: 9.30am Health and wellbeing of
Martin Connolly (J Connolly)

SATURDAY 28th April

English Martyrs: 9.30am Mavis Earley RIP
(A Richardson)

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

Weekend Mass times as usual



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22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – so called because of the Gospel Reading from John, Chapter 10. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. He is the Good Shepherd who knows his own and his own know him.

Whilst continuing to celebrate the joyous Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day, our focus shifts to the relationship we have with him. Like a shepherd who cares for his flock, Our Lord looks after us. We see this firstly in the events of Holy Week when he laid down his life for us his sheep and then rose triumphant on Easter Day; but we see this also in the fact that he knows us as his flock and we know him.

What does this mean? It means that as individual disciples and as members of the Church in this place, we recognise him as the one who guides us, the one who saves us, the one who calls us to follow him throughout our lives. For this reason we especially think of how we have been called to follow him and how we might respond ever more authentically to that call.

We ask ourselves, what is my vocation, my calling? How is the Lord calling me to follow him? Am I being called to a particular ministry or state of life? Marriage? Priesthood? Celibacy? Consecrated life? Let us reflect on the Good Shepherd's love for us, laying down his life for us and then respond generously to his call in our own lives.

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

Refugee Project Development Manager required by the Diocese for 14 hours a week. Details on noticeboard, apply by Tuesday 1st May.

Sherry Weddell, author of *Called and Gifted*, and *Forming Intentional Disciples*, is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. On Friday 18th May 2pm - 7pm she will be speaking about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Sat 19th May 9.30am - 4.30pm Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The annual Carmelite day pilgrimage to Walsingham takes places on 23rd June 2018. Details are on the noticeboards—if you are interested in booking a place please call Liz Beaton on 01993 703052, email ebeaton345@gmail.com

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
St Agatha's, Brightwell

Pentecost Prayer and Party— Sunday 20th May at 2pm, at English Martyrs. We are preparing to host this event for Didcot Churches Together this year, and need an organising team. If you would like to help out, please let the parish office know. There will be a meeting on Thursday 26th April at 7pm, at the presbytery for all who can help.

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—There are still number of boxes left at the back of both churches. Please remember to pick up your box after Mass. Thank you.

Marriage Care is a faith-based charity which draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide relationship counselling services to thousands of people across England and Wales each year and have local counselling centres in Oxford and Abingdon.

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