

Mass Text for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: I Cor 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 27th January

Vigil Masses for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St John's: 5:00pm Christopher and
Margaret Doran RIP (C Doran)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 28th January

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am

Margaret 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 29th January

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 30th January

St John's: 9.30am Arthur Roland Harris RIP

WEDNESDAY 31st January

English Martyrs: 9.30am John Russell RIP

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form

Latin Mass—Richard Guinan RIP (M Guinan)

THURSDAY 1st February

St John's: 9:30am Constance Irene Harris RIP

FRIDAY 2nd February

English Martyrs: 9.30am Fr James McCaffrey

OCD RIP (A Johns)

(Church open all day for private prayer)

SATURDAY 3rd February—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am Gladys Edwards RIP

Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and
reciting of the rosary

Weekend Mass times as usual plus Extraordinary

**Form Latin Mass on Sunday 4th February at
7.30am**



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28th January 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see [John 12:31](#)).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see [Exodus 20:8-11](#); [31:12-17](#)), and His deliverance of his covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see [Deuteronomy 6:12-15](#)).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see [Mark 3:22](#)).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see [Judges 11:12](#); [1 Kings 17:18](#)).

And as God by His word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see [Psalms 104:7](#); [Job 26:10-12](#)), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see [Psalms 106:9](#)), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see [Mark 4:39](#); [Zechariah 3:2](#)).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see [Acts 3:22](#)). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see [Daniel 7:14,27](#); [Revelation 12:10](#)), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Exodus 31:12](#)). In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

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, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, Martin Connolly, Rosa Maria Santos and all the sick and housebound of the parish.

English Martyrs will be open all day this coming Friday 2nd February for private prayer. All welcome.

Heavenly Harrods Sale

We have been having a stock take and there are lots of bargains to be had, to make room for our new Spring/Summer stock. Come and have a browse after mass. Prices range from £1.00 to £5.00 and there are even free items to take away.

The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills- to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg email me on PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins

Fire drill—We will be holding a fire drill at the end of Mass in both churches this Sunday.

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.

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.

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep

For all adult and child safeguarding issues, please call Stefania Harford Tel: 07846559700

CWTA Prayer Cycle

Please pray for St John’s Church, Wallingford

Bishop’s Visit—Bishop Philip will be visiting English Martyrs on Friday 16th February at 7pm for Vespers, and to bless the new stained glass windows and organ that have just been installed. It would be great if as many people as possible could come to this important occasion in the history of our church. Photographs of the installation of the windows are on the parish diary pages of www.thamesis.org.uk.

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!

SVP Tea and Chat this coming Wednesday, 2-3.30pm at St John’s. All welcome.

Mass Intentions—Part of our rich Catholic heritage is having Mass celebrated for particular intentions, especially departed loved ones. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most effective and best prayer we can offer this side of eternity for both the living and the dead. Please consider keeping this tradition alive by requesting for a Mass to be said for the intentions of your loved ones. Contact the parish office for further details.

CAFOD’s Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don’t have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.



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

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.

Telephone Number for SVP

If you know of anyone in need please call 07580539765.

Last week’s Collection:

£1392

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