

Mass Text for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

R sponsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6

Response:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: I Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 3rd February

Vigil Masses for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St John's: 5:00pm Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Thomas Houston RIP (C Lyall)

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

SUNDAY 4th February

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass (Sexagesima) - Bishop Francis Walmsley RIP

English Martyrs: 9:00am Pro Populo

St John's: 11:00am The Eaton Abad Family (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 5th February

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 6th February—St Paul Miki & Companions

St John's: 9.30am Sarah Green RIP (M Rice)

WEDNESDAY 7th February

English Martyrs: 9.30am Canon Anthony Ford RIP
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)

English Martyrs: 7:30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass (St Romuald) - Fr Peter Madden RIP

THURSDAY 8th February

St John's: 9:30am Fr Kevin Pelham RIP

FRIDAY 9th February

English Martyrs: 9.30am Molly Lehey RIP (A Talbot)

English Martyrs: 3pm Requiem Mass for Sheila Avratidis RIP

SATURDAY 10th February—St Scholastica

English Martyrs: 9.30am Valentine John and Lily Annie Finch RIP (Perp)
(Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reciting of the rosary)

Weekend Mass times as usual



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4th February 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see [Genesis 3:17-19](#)). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see [Isaiah 11:12](#); [61:1](#)). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.


But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see [Isaiah 42:6](#)), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see [Mark 5:41-42](#)). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see [Mark 14:28](#); [16:7](#)).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see [Ephesians 2:5](#)).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We, too, have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see [Hosea 6:1-2](#)).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His Gospel.



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.

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.

Donations Box—We often get the poor and needy visiting English Martyrs during the week looking for donations—to this end we have put up a box in the church porch so that anyone willing to contribute to the poor can do so. Thank you in advance for your support.

URGENT – YOUTH WORKER APPEAL

As you may be aware, an urgent appeal was launched before Christmas. This was for funds to continue beyond this year the post of Youth Worker for our Pastoral Area. There were letters in church for all on the parish database. Some were picked up, and we are grateful to the small number who responded. The remaining letters have now been delivered or mailed. On the pledges we receive by the end of February will depend whether the post can be continued. Please mail completed responses to Holy Rood Church in the envelope provided, or put in the Youth Worker Appeal Response box at the back of church. Further appeal leaflets and response forms are also available in church. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

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

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 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

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.thamesisis.org.uk.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for February 2018

Say “No” to Corruption

This month we are asked to consider what we understand by corruption. Most of us would consider that corruption is an abuse of power for personal gain. But corruption isn't just about accepting bribes or channelling money for dishonest reasons. Corruption can be about the mishandling of our world's resources with one eye on gain and with no thought for the poorest in our world or for the planet itself. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis’s prayer intention that **“That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.”**



Peace Actions for February 2018

At some time during Lent, think of someone close to you whom you have been unwilling to forgive. Use this reflection to think of your own need for forgiveness. In addition to the usual confession times, there will be a Reconciliation Service during Lent where individual confessions can be made. Date and time to be confirmed.

Remember to support Fairtrade Fortnight, which begins on February 26th, and to promote it both in the home and the workplace.

WALLINGFORD FOOD BANK

Grateful thanks to Waitrose who have contributed £2000 towards the purchase of a half size shipping container to be used for storage. At the moment houses and garages are being used to store food which has then to be transported to the Foodbank on the Bull Croft. More information in the January Newsletter on the notice board at the back of church. Also grateful thanks for the food donations made by our parishioners. If you would like to donate food, there is a box at the back of church. There is always a shortage of basic foods such as UHT milk, fruit juice, cereal, hot dogs, corned beef and sugar, please check there is at least a three month sell by date on items donated.

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:
£1501*

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