

Mass Text for Easter Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response:

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
Alleluia, alleluia.

MASS TIMES for the coming two weeks

Saturday 31st March

Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday

English Martyrs: 8pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY 1st April

Easter Sunday

*English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form
Latin Mass*

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

MONDAY 2nd April

No Mass Today

TUESDAY 3rd April

No Mass Today

WEDNESDAY 4th April

No Mass Today

THURSDAY 5th April

No Mass Today

FRIDAY 6th April

No Mass Today

SATURDAY 7th April

No Mass this morning

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

*English Martyrs: 6.30pm Joseph Hughes Snr
RIP (T Hughes)*

SUNDAY 8th April

Second Sunday of Easter

English Martyrs: 9am Pro Populo

*St John's: 11am John Quartermann RIP
(M Quartermann)*

MONDAY 9th April—The Annunciation of the Lord

No Mass Today

TUESDAY 10th April

St John's: 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 11th April

*English Martyrs: 9.30am Val Claridge's Intentions
(J and M Elsley)*

THURSDAY 12th April

St John's: 9.30am

FRIDAY 13th April

*English Martyrs: 9.30am Deceased parents and
relatives of Mick and Margaret O'Connor*

SATURDAY 14th April

*English Martyrs: 9.30am Eithne Naughton's
Intentions (M Logan)*

Weekend Mass times as usual

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



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1st April 2018
Easter Sunday

Surrexit Christus! Alleluia! – Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The great Triduum – the Three Days – which we have just celebrated: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, lead us through the greatest events ever to occur in history. They take us from the Last Supper where Jesus took bread and wine and told his Apostles, “This is my Body... This is my Blood”, to his redeeming Passion and Death on the Cross, to his bursting forth from the tomb as he rose triumphant from the dead as the first light of dawn brightened the sky on the morning of Easter.

These are not just historical events but are even now transforming our world and human lives – for these are the events of our salvation, the concrete action of the God who loves beyond all imagining, who intervenes in a fallen world engulfed in sin and death, and transforms that world at its people by giving himself for them. He gives himself, his Body and his Blood, lifted up in the Upper Room, lifted up on the Cross, lifted up even here today in Didcot and Wallingford on the altar in our churches. His gift of himself is for all time – for the people of today as much as for the people of two thousand years ago – and his gift brings us salvation and the continued means of receiving his grace and salvation through his Church and the sacraments he has established.

Easter is a time to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us in dying and rising from the dead. It is also the time to imitate the first person who discovered the empty tomb – Mary of Magdala – who went running to tell Peter and John what she had found. We too also need to go and tell others of the joy we have found in the Lord and his Church – the Lord who gives himself for us, the Lord who has defeated sin and death for us, the Risen Lord who offers his salvation and new life to everyone. That is truly Good News! Let us proclaim it with joyful hearts! Surrexit Christus! Alleluia! – Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Fr Phillip

Mass Text for Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: I Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 after Easter on 15th April.

Data Protection Co-ordinator URGENTLY needed—Following the new legislation on data protection, the Diocese have requested that all parishes appoint a volunteer Data Protection Co-Ordinator, who will work with the parish office and Diocesan Data Protection Officer. Training will be provided. If you think you could help support us in this important role, please contact the parish office.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address.

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, Wallingford

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 are 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.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for April

This month Pope Francis asks us to turn our attention to economics. We are asked in our 'throwaway' society to consider how our financial choices affect the rest of the world. We can see it all too clearly at the moment in our struggle to clean up the world's oceans, and the impact our waste has had on our marine life, beaches and food chain. We have to start looking for a an economy that serves the good of all and not simply our own short term insular needs.



We are asked to join this month's prayer intention, **"that economics may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths."**

Season of Easter

Easter isn't just one day; it's a 'season'. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday". The gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the last supper.

Gift Aid boxes for 2018/19 are now available for collection from the back of church. If you donate to the church via direct debit, a box will be available for you for second collections only. Thank you for all your contributions!

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:

£1352

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