

Mass Text for Palm Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

MASS TIMES for the coming week

SATURDAY 24th March

Vigil Masses for Palm Sunday

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

St John's: 5:00pm Paul Connolly RIP (M Gould)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Pro Populo

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

SUNDAY 25th March

Palm Sunday

English Martyrs: 9:00am Veronica Gordon's Intentions (J Gordon)

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 26th March

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 27th March

No Mass at St John's this morning—

Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral at 11am

WEDNESDAY 28th March

English Martyrs: 9.30am Simeone Stone RIP (Foundation)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass Lucy Norris' welfare (A Johns)

THURSDAY 29th March—Maundy Thursday

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Eithne Naughton's Intentions and welfare

FRIDAY 30th March—Good Friday

English Martyrs: 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY 31st March—Holy Saturday

English Martyrs: 10.30am Traditional Polish Blessing of Easter Food

English Martyrs: 8pm Easter Vigil—Pro Populo

Sunday 1st April—Easter Sunday

English Martyrs: 7.30am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass—Pro Populo

English Martyrs: 9am—Pro Populo

St John's: 11am



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25th March 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King;
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.”

Words from the lovely Passiontide hymn, “My song is love unknown”, by Samuel Crossman set to a beautiful tune by John Ireland. These words capture something of the drama that we celebrate today on Palm Sunday: Jesus, being welcomed into Jerusalem, and then, within a few days, being rejected, condemned to death, crucified and dying on the Cross for us.

As we enter into the final week of Lent, Holy Week, we confront ourselves with all that Jesus has done for us as our Saviour. Yes, with those people in the Passion Reading from St Mark's Gospel today, we welcome him and rejoice at his coming, waving palms around, shouting, “Hosanna”! But we also have to join in with them later and cry “Crucify” – hard words that remind us today and on Good Friday of why Jesus came into this world: to offer himself as the one true Sacrifice for our fallen humanity.

Let us enter fully into the drama of Holy Week by recognising that “Love unknown” of God for us, where “Hosanna”, as we welcome Our Lord, and “Crucify”, as he bears our sins, become part of our journey with him towards the joy of Easter and the Resurrection to eternal life.

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 after Easter on 15th April.

Easter Triduum 2018

(All services at English Martyrs unless specified)

Maundy Thursday (29th March)—Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday (30th March)—Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3pm

Holy Saturday (31st March) Blessing of Easter Foods, 10.30am; Easter Vigil, 8pm

Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection (1st April):

7.30am Extraordinary Form Latin Mass, English Martyrs; 9am English Martyrs;

11am St John’s

Data Protection Co-ordinator 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.

Heavenly Harrods

New season stock has arrived including cards and gifts for St Patrick’s day and Easter. There is also a selection of CTS booklets on a Lenten theme. Come and have a browse after mass.

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 Agatha’s, Brightwell

Good Friday Walk of Witness, Didcot—

Refreshment at Methodist Church – 10:45am – 11:10am

Walk of Witness from Methodist Church to Amphitheatre at the Orchard Centre – 11:15am – 11:20am

Service starts with children’s activity – 11:30am

Service ends with some time of worship – 12:00pm – 12:15pm

No Tea and Chat next Wednesday at Wallingford—please note.

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.

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.

Easter Raffle at English Martyrs—Congratulations to our winners—Noel Clifford, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Boscott, Mrs Freeman, Carmel, Anna Talbot, Pat McLoughlin and Des Healy.

Easter Services sign up rota—is now on the noticeboard at English Martyrs to be completed by available readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. Please put your name down if you can help.

Next Mass at Milton Manor—Sunday 1st April at 6pm.

The next Men’s Group meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th March after the 7.30pm Latin Mass. This month Fr Phillip will give a reflection on the Passion, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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:

£1426

*Second Collections this weekend:
Easter Flowers*

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