

Mass Text for All Saints (Novus Ordo)

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6 R. Cf. v.6

Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

SATURDAY 31st October, ALL SAINTS

St John's, Wallingford 5pm Anthony Scott & Margaret Scott (Maria Gina Scott) **Open to the public —please book a seat**

SUNDAY 1st November, ALL SAINTS

English Martyrs, Didcot 9am Pro Populo **Open to the public —please book a seat**

English Martyrs, Didcot Private Extraordinary Form Latin Mass 11am Noel Clifford (Intentions)

THIS MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED —for live streaming go to: www.facebook.com/English-Martyrs-and-St-John-the-Evangelist-Catholic-Churches-174623299248782/

MASS TIMES for the coming week—to book (physical) attendance at Public Masses please use these links or contact the Parish Office

English Martyrs <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/english-martyrs-mass-tickets-112265930420>

St John's <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-johns-mass-tickets-117514359613>

MONDAY 2nd November ALL SOULS

English Martyrs, Didcot 9.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/english-martyrs-catholic-church-tickets-125602318917>

St John's, Wallingford 6pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-johns-wallingford-catholic-church-tickets-125604158419>

TUESDAY 3rd November (no Mass)

WEDNESDAY 4th November St Charles Borromeo

English Martyrs, Didcot 6pm Noel Clifford's Intentions on his birthday **THIS MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AND FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ADORATION, CONCLUDING AT 7pm** —for live streaming go to:

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THURSDAY 5th November Feria

Private Mass 9.30am Mrs Freeman (in perpetuity)

FRIDAY 6th November Feria

Private mass 9.30am The Dayao Family, RIP (Connie Daly)

SATURDAY 7th November, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's, Wallingford 5pm Pro Populo **Open to the public —please book a seat**

SUNDAY 8th November, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs, Didcot 9am Marie Clare Trevor, RIP (in perpetuity)

Open to the public —please book a seat **THIS MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED** —for live streaming go to: www.facebook.com/English-Martyrs-and-St-John-the-Evangelist-Catholic-Churches-174623299248782/

Please make sure your mobile phone is turned off during Mass if you attend in person.



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1st November 2020

All Saints

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18).



Fiesole San Domenico Altarpiece (Fra Angelico?), c. 1450

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations. Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." [UK translation, "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord."] Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Scott Hahn

In your prayers, please remember: Jenny Evans, Christopher Almeida, Mary Guinan, Maureen & John Logan, Margaret Goldsworthy, Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Terry Appleyard, Joan Russell, Rosa Maria Santos, Joan Turner, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Jidechi Ejiofor, Ellen Bailey, Bill and Liz Hawkes, Mick O'Connor, Pat McLoughlin, Margaret Healy, Barry Molloy and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



APF Mission Boxes At the moment it is difficult to return your boxes. An option is to count your offerings and write a cheque made out to A.P.F. then send that to the parish office with your name and a reference of "St. Johns" or "English Martyrs" as appropriate. If you cannot do this please contact the parish office and we can put you in touch with the collectors.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Joanne Mosley will be starting as the new Parish Administrator on Tues 3rd November. This means the parish office will be open mornings Tuesdays to Fridays from next week. Anne will be handing over to Joanne throughout November.

TO BOOK TO ATTEND MASS:

English Martyrs

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All Souls Monday 2nd Nov 9.30am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/english-martyrs-catholic-church-tickets-125602318917>

St John's

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OR CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY - PHONE or E-MAIL or SEND A LETTER

60 PLACES AVAILABLE at ENGLISH MARTYRS, DIDCOT and

26 PLACES at ST JOHN'S, WALLINGFORD

For **LIVESTREAM** of masses go to

<https://www.facebook.com/English-Martyrs-and-St-John-the-Evangelist-Catholic-Churches-174623299248782/>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES.

www.didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Please book an appointment by calling the parish office.

Parish Safeguarding Rep

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

SVP—If you know of anyone in need please call 01235 812338

BACK 2 BASICS – Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

The FFM team have created an online group input that will help all adults wanting to know more about their faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our Back 2 Basics offers 6 sessions that aim explore the beautiful meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of God's infinite mercy. We will be looking at this sacrament using artworks, group activities and discussion, and offer an introduction to Catholic morality, looking at topics such as the dignity of the human person, grace, sin, freedom, conscience, human happiness, and the call to holiness.

This online course is open to everyone: all adults, parents, grandparents and catechists. The Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented **this November, every Monday from 7 pm to 9 pm**

We will finish each session with a time of prayer, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

To Register for this course:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZArcuusrDkuH91xaOhE8B_Kzyj2Q3yGpk7V

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Alongside All Saints Day this weekend it is **Bamenda Sunday** in our Diocese, when we remember and pray especially for our sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese of Bamenda. Our Dioceses have been twinned for some 46 years now and it has been a great blessing and enriching for both Dioceses. We shall remember and give thanks for the six wonderful priests we have on loan from the Archdiocese, all now working in our Diocese. Our second collection on Bamenda Sunday is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support during the coming year. We appreciate that this is a difficult time financially for many parishioners, but please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in the challenging times they are facing. The Lord loves a cheerful giver and will bless you manifoldly! We pray that the schools in Bamenda will reopen safely, enabling children to resume their studies at long last. If you are not able to donate at Mass this weekend, please donate securely online via <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

Ananias Training

Many of us long for our friends and family to have faith but we don't know how to start a conversation and often there is a culture of silence around talking about God. Yet everyone is searching for meaning and purpose to their lives. How can we listen, understand and accompany our families and friends according to where they are? There is some new training available in the diocese, which shows how to encourage others, affirming them gently and showing them the next step in a possible spiritual journey. It is called Ananias training and is named after the disciple who played an important role in accompanying St. Paul. We will offer 3 weekly sessions initially, in small groups on Zoom, with options of mornings or evening. To find out more, please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Prayer Requests

"Why should we not expect great things of God? We serve One who is all powerful" (St Teresa of Avila) Do you have prayer requests that you would like others to pray for? The diocese has 70 intercessors who pray for others in need. Our intercessors have discerned that God uses their prayers to change people's lives and situations. Please contact them with any prayer requests which will be treated with full confidentiality through emailing Sr Rosaleen intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk