

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Est 4:17

WITHIN your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2,6-9 R. v.8

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

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy** 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** 1 S 3:9, Jn 6:68

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke** 17:5-10

**Communion Antiphon:** Lm 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**SATURDAY 1st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus**

9:30 Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

Rosary for Peace and confessions at English Martyrs, Didcot

4:30pm Adoration & Confessions will take place prior to the Vigil Mass at St John's Wallingford

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, Pro Populo

**SUNDAY 2nd October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot,

11:00am Mass St John's, Wallingford, Pro Populo

**MONDAY 3rd October Feria**

No Public Mass

**TUESDAY 4th October St Francis of Assisi**

11:30am St John's, Wallingford, Rosary for peace

12:00noon Mass St John's, Wallingford

**WEDNESDAY 5th October St Faustina Kowalska**

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

**THURSDAY 6th October St Bruno**

9:30am Mass at St John's Wallingford

**FRIDAY 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary**

9:30am Mass, English Martyrs, Didcot

9:30am - 4:00 pm English Martyrs, Didcot Church will be open with Adoration between 3pm-4pm

**SATURDAY 8th October Our Lady on Saturday**

9:30 Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

Rosary for Peace and confessions at English Martyrs, Didcot

12noon St John's Wallingford, Baptism of Aarya Alison Mehta

4:30pm Adoration & Confessions will take place prior to the Vigil Mass at St John's Wallingford

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's Pro Populo

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

**SUNDAY 9th October Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, Pro Populo

11:00am Mass St John's, Wallingford

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



English Martyrs  
Vale of White Horse  
Pastoral Area

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Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see [Romans 1:17](#); [Galatians 3:11](#); [Hebrews 10:38](#)). We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see [Galatians 2:20](#)).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

***Scott Hahn***



In your prayers, please remember: Jenny Evans, Mary Guinan, Maureen & John Logan Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Terry Appleyard, Joan Russell, Joan Turner, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Jidechi Ejiofor, Pat McLoughlin, Margaret Healy, Barry Molloy, David Woodley, Gladys Marr and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



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**Reconciliation (Confessions):** take place at English Martyrs, Didcot on Saturday morning after the 9:30am Mass, and at St John's, Wallingford prior to the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Tea and coffee will be available every Sunday after the 9am Mass at English Martyrs Church, Didcot, and after Sunday and Thursday Mass at St John's Wallingford.

Please continue to keep in your prayers and thoughts for families and friends of our congregation from Ukraine to end the violence and oppression they are experiencing. The Rosary is prayed each Saturday morning in English Martyrs Church after Mass and on Tuesday at 11:30 prior to Mass at St John's Wallingford for peace.

**Relic Tour: St Bernadette.** In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO LATIN MASSES AT ENGLISH MARTYRS.**

Next weekend collection is for CAFOD. 

Friday 7th October is "Autumn Fast Day"

**SUPPORT OF THE PARISH** Donations can be made online through the [parish website](#) **STANDING ORDERS** (can be gift aided if you pay tax). Setting up a standing order is easy to do. Either download the forms from the [website](#) or go online to your bank with our bank account details – A/c name: PRC DTR Didcot & Wallingford Sort code 30 93 04 A/c no. 00876748 Cheques should be made payable to PRC DTR Didcot & Wallingford.

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

**"The St Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank parishioners for their generous support at last weekend's masses. Many of you asked for our bank details for online payments; they are—St Vincent de Paul Society, sort code 60-60-04, account number 46078231.

Contact details; you can reach Dominic Knight, President of our local SVP group, on 07516 701917 or through the Parish Office on 01235 812338."

SVP Quiz Night at Brightwell Village Hall Friday October 14th at 6.30pm  
Chilli supper/licenced bar/ raffle. Tickets £10 adult, £5 under 18 on sale after mass.  
(Donations for raffle gratefully accepted) .

Joseph Kershaw (Didcot Sixth Form Year 13 student) would like to ask parishioners of English Martyrs and St Johns to donate to a mission trip to Uganda that he and some other young Catholic friends are planning for February 2023. They will be doing a sponsored barefoot walk in late October to raise funds, and any surplus will go towards the Catholic charity who run the orphanage they will stay at, Mercy for Life. There will be a second collection running from the weekend of the 8th and 9th October to the following Sunday. Alternatively you can visit their gofundme page at <https://gofund.me/ebabd789> if you would like to donate. More information is available at [mercyforlifeafrica.org](http://mercyforlifeafrica.org). Many thanks.

We have Furniture free to a good home. 1 Black Sofa Bed. 4 large orange sofa cushions. 3 gold stripe dining chairs, and 4 white dining chairs, ready for immediate collection from the Presbytery if interested please talk to Marie. 01235 812338.

A nice welcome to Father Dominic from the Children's Liturgy at English Martyrs, Didcot



English Martyrs, Didcot is seeking someone to assist our Groundsman/Gardener John Elsley, in the everyday maintenance of the garden and grounds. John is seeking someone who has a few hours per week to help him do some of the more difficult jobs, this will be an ongoing volunteer job, John is very willing to guide you and share any knowledge that is required to keep our lovely grounds. In the first instance please let Marie know in the presbytery office if you are interested. 01235 812338. [office@didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org.uk).

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

Our Safety Officer for all adult and child safeguarding issues is Stefania Harford, please contact Stefania via the parish office on 01235 812338, if there is no response and in an emergency then dial 999.