

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

First Reading: Apostles 14:21-27**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:8-13. R. Cf, v.1**Response:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**Second Reading: Apocalypse** 21:1-5**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 13:34**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!**Gospel: John** 13:31-35**Communion Antiphon:**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

SATURDAY 14th May St Matthias

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot Pro Populo

Followed by a Rosary for Peace and confessions at English Martyrs, Didcot

Confessions will take place prior to the Vigil Mass at St John's Wallingford

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's, Wallingford, Father Kevin Hoiles Welfare

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

SUNDAY 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot Elizabeth & William King R.I.P.

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

MONDAY 16th May 5th Week of Easter

10:30am Brompton Oratory Mass For Peace

TUESDAY 17th May 5th Week of Easter

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

12:00noon Mass St John's, Wallingford Christopher Almeida R.I.P. (M. Almeida)

WEDNESDAY 18th May 5th Week of Easter

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, Isobel Grace Intentions on her 1st Birthday (A. Richardson)

6:30pm English Martyrs, Didcot, 1962 Missal (Extraordinary Form) Latin Mass

Constance & Arthur Harris R.I.P.

THURSDAY 19th May Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth

9:30am Mass St John's, Wallingford Michael John Daly R.I.P.

FRIDAY 20th May 5th Week of Easter

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot Mary Guinan Welfare (A. Furlong)

SATURDAY 21st May 5th Week of Easter**NOTE: There is NO 9:30am Public Mass Today at English Martyrs, Didcot**1:30pm St John's, Wallingford **Wedding** of Nathaniel Hayward & Olivia Beazley

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5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's, Wallingford,

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot Pro Populo

SUNDAY 22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, O'Connor Family Intentions (M. O'Connor)

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



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By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is “making all things new.”

In His Church, the “old order” of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples “will be His people and God Himself will always be with them.” In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see [Ezekiel 37:27](#); [Isaiah 25:8](#); [35:10](#)).

The Church is “the kingdom for all ages” that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining “presbyters” or priests (see [1 Timothy 4:14](#); [Titus 1:5](#)).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's “dominion endures through all generations” (see [Philippians 1:1](#); note that the New American Bible translates *episcopos*, the Greek word for bishops, as “overseers”).

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His “faithful ones,” as those Jesus calls “My little children” in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the “new commandment” that He gave in His final hours. The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see [Romans 5:5](#)), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

**Scott Hahn**

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

In your prayers, please remember: Jenny Evans, Mary Guinan, Maureen & John Logan Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Terry Appleyard, Joan Russell, Rosa Maria Santos, Joan Turner, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Jidechi Ejiofor, Ellen Bailey, Liz Hawkes, 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 9:30 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 the 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.

Next weekend collection for Catholic Communications Network. The solemnity of the ASCENSION OF THE LORD is celebrated on **Thursday 26th May**.

Christian Aid Week 2022 It is Christian Aid Week 2022 from 15-21 May We can not do door to door collections, so we are distributing E-envelopes, and asking you to contribute through the on-line link tiny.cc/Didcot-CAid-Eng-Martyrs If you want to contribute another way put your contribution in an envelope with this slip, and deliver to any local church.



ENGLISH MARTYRS CHILDRENS LITURGY SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022

Unfortunately, due to holidays and shortage of Catechists we are unable to hold Children's Liturgy next Sunday. We are very much in need of parishioners to join the Children's' Liturgy Group, to support this vital part of our Parish Community. If you are interested, please speak to one of the catechists, Father Phillip or contact the Parish Office. There will be some basic training and all helpers are required to be DBS checked.

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

Do you have a neighbour who is in financial trouble? Are you or members of your family struggling with paying bills? Do you know someone who is having to make the choice between food and heating their home? The St Vincent de Paul Society has been helping those in need during the pandemic, and are prepared for the coming cost of living crisis. In addition to our regular work, we are now qualified to refer those in need to the Food Banks of Didcot and Wallingford. You can reach Dominic Knight, President of our local SVP group, through the Parish Office on 01235 812338. **The St Vincent de Paul Society** helps to tackle poverty in all its forms through practical assistance.

World Meeting of Families 2022, 22nd—26th June

The World Meeting of Families is held every three years. In 2022 it takes place in the Diocese of Rome but, through creative local initiatives in our dioceses and live-streaming, this is a truly global digital event. The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. The week is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event will be multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic dioceses.

Online Workshops for readers with 1:1 practice

Our Team is currently offering a couple of online workshops for parish readers.

Workshop 1 offers a general and brief introduction to the Liturgy of the Church and a more specific overview of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, as well as an overview of the practical skills required for reading in church.

Workshop 2 offers a general introduction to the Bible and a group study of a specific reading, using the 4 senses of Scripture, to equip parish readers so as to prepare and understand the depth of the texts they read.

A diocesan certificate is awarded on completion of the two workshops and of a reading practice with a diocesan listener.

The workshops will take place on Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10am to 1pm.

Find out more details and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

The Catholic Church of Saint Birinus Dorchester-on-Thames. (www.stbirinus.co.uk)

A Family of Ukrainian Refugees is coming to our parish. The Nahorny family consists of a Mother, Father, two teenage boys, and a girl of 8 years old. The father Igor and has worked in sunflower oil production, and is experienced in the building trade. The mother Oxana is a teacher of English language. They are bound to be traumatised and will feel lonely and uncertain. They arrive in a couple of weeks. The flat where they will be is newly refurbished. However, it is unfurnished. We shall need to give them all those things that will make a place of refuge a home they can love. Therefore, to achieve this goal they shall need our help and support. Listed below are a list of things that the family will need. Bunk beds for (17/5 year old boys) bed linen, dining table and chairs, kitchen equipment (Toaster, kettle, pots and pans, glasses, mugs, knives, forks plates etc, tea towels, Household equipment, TV, computer, rugs, chests of drawers, wardrobe, small sofa, armchair, towels, English Ukraine dictionary, Bicycles etc to get about. Fr John and Dr John Murphy, the Parish Administrator will provide coordination between the hosts and the parish. EWTN 24 hour Catholic Television Network can be found on channel 589 (Sky) Radio network channel 0147. 01865 340417

If you would like something placed in the newsletter, please let Marie have it by 1pm on a Wednesday, and I will include it if possible. Many thanks. didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. 01235 823448.

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.