

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia

First Reading: Apostles 13:14, 43-52**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 99:1-3,5. R. v.3**Response:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 10:14**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my
own sheep and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 10:27-30**Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down
his life for his sheep and willingly died for his
flock, alleluia.

SATURDAY 7th May 3rd Week of Easter

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, Lech Wiczorek R.I.P. (E. Reigner)

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

12:00noon English Martyrs, Didcot, Baptism, Esther Grace Maria Wells

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

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's, Wallingford, Pro Populo

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

SUNDAY 8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

11:00am Mass St John's, Wallingford Winnie & Nnamdi Obieniu Private Intentions (W. Obieniu)

MONDAY 9th May 4th Week of Easter

No Public Mass

TUESDAY 10th May 4th Week of Easter

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

12:00noon Mass St John's, Wallingford Ron & Mary Almeida Intentions (A. Johns)

WEDNESDAY 11th May 4th Week of Easter

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot,

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

THURSDAY 12th May 4th Week of Easter

9:30am Mass St John's, Wallingford

FRIDAY 13th May 4th Week of Easter

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

SATURDAY 14th May St Matthias

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot

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, Pro Populo

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, Pro Populo

11:00am Mass St John's, Wallingford



English Martyrs
Vale of White Horse
Pastoral Area

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Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

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 and Durrie Marr and all the sick and housebound of the parishes.



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Reconciliation (Confessions): Please book an appointment by calling the parish office: 01235 812338 or attend after the Saturday 9.30am Mass at English Martyrs Didcot, or before the Saturday 5pm Mass at St John's Wallingford.

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.

This weekend collection for Clergy Training Fund.
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.



The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are Looking for a Called & Gifted Administrator
Part time - 5 hours per week—Reporting to the Leader of Called & Gifted Team Salary – £12 per hour Remote working from home with occasional attendance at meetings/training. If you would like a confidential discussion about this role, please contact: Gerry Penfold Tel: 07802 608549
E-mail: gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk For job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk: **Closing Date: Monday 16 May 2022**
Interview Date: Monday 23 May 2022

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

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.