

Christ The King (Psalter Wk II)**Entrance** Antiphon Cf Rv 5:12;1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 122:1-5

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading: Col 1:12-20**Gospel Acclamation:** Cf. Lk 21:36**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia**Gospel: Lk 23:35-43****Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord sits as king for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace. .

SATURDAY 19th November Our Lady

9:30 Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot—Johannah Dipple (Anne Johns)

- 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

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's— Marie Simon

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot— Deceased Family & Friends of Lazarus Family

SUNDAY 20th November—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot, - Parents & First Holy Communion Candidates

11:00am Mass St John's, Wallingford—Benefactors

MONDAY 21th November (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

No Public Mass

TUESDAY 22th November St Cecilia

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

12:00noon Mass St John's, Wallingford, Migrants

WEDNESDAY 23th November St Clement

9:30am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot—Health Care Workers

THURSDAY 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

9:30am Mass at St John's Wallingford, - Alan Wedgwood (Gay & Ian Bosley)

FRIDAY 25th November - St Catherine of Alexandria

9:30am Mass, English Martyrs, Didcot— Frederick John Newman RIP (E. Sanders)

SATURDAY 26th November, Our Lady

9:30 Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot, Marie Simon

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 Ambrose John-Baptiste (Jan Baptiste Grant)

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot— Frederick John Newman RIP (E. Sanders)

SUNDAY 27th November First Sunday of Advent (Yr A)

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot—Chris John-Baptiste (Jan Baptiste Grant)

12:00noon Mass St John's, Wallingford— All Deceased family members of the Armed Forces



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.



They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross.

They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

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.



Welcome Connie

Are you free on Wednesday 30th November from 11:15am? Come let us share good old time memories and laughter over tea/coffee and light lunch at the English Martyrs Tea Room for Connie Lyall.

THE CHOSEN TV SERIES

THE CHOSEN is the first-ever multi-season tv series about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. The intention of the show is to focus more deeply on the people who encountered Jesus and to show Jesus through the eyes of those who met him, in a way that is more personal, intimate, and immediate. It is the highest crowd-funded media project of all time. The makers of the series have expressed that they desire for The Chosen to be seen by over one billion people and in every country in the world. Seven seasons are planned. We have the Poster book for The Chosen at the back of both Churches on a Stand. Feel free to view it, borrow it (return before weekends) and share your thoughts with family and friends.



A Huge Thank You!....From SVP

The SVP would like to thank both parishes for their generous support in our recent fundraising activities. The collection at all Sunday masses in September raised £595, and the enthusiastic participation in the Quiz Night led to a surplus of £450. This will give our local group the funds to help the rapidly growing number of individuals and families who are coming to us for assistance. So—a big Thank You. And look out for pictures of the Quiz Night which we will put up shortly at the back of our churches. Our contact number for those in need remains 07516 701917. Dominic Knight.

What a privilege and a grace to bring our Lord in His body and Blood to His sons and daughters at masses or to those who are unable to be at masses. It is an awesome grace, an unmerited blessing to touch and carry the Lord. Are you an Eucharistic Minister? Have you been away not exercising this great ministry? Please speak with or send an email to Father Dominic on dadeiza@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



A Family Fast Day “Thank You”...From CAFOD

Thank you for your prayers and for holding a collection in your parish (English Martyrs & St John the Evangelist) this Family Fast Day. Please pass on our thanks to all your parishioners for your parish’s donation of £186 which we received recently to our World Food Crisis Appeal. Your parish total is £186. Your parish’s gift will mean we can get food and clean water to more families like Talaso’s. As well as giving practical help, your prayers, fasting and collection are a gift of friendship, of love and of hope.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for November 2022

We are invited to join in Pope Francis’ prayer intention “Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war.”



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.



Ten Year Plan: “You Will Be My Witnesses”

You will recall a letter Bishop Philip wrote to everyone of us, October 16th, 2022. A few copies of the Diocesan Strategy Document titled “You Will Be My Witnesses” were made available as draft strategic plan for consultation. If you had a copy, brilliant. If you don’t, it is available online for download...<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/> The consultation is ongoing across the diocese. It is now your turn to speak out. We plan to meet in English Martyrs Church, November 25th at 7.30pm. Please come along. Make your voice heard. Tell us what you think of this plan. The reports shall be collated and submitted to the diocese before December 15th.

Home for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic Community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-living-crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in you heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, the we’d love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.



Who is Father David O’Sullivan?

Have you read about Fr B V Mille, Father James Campbell, Father A V Olney, Fr T Walsh and a long list of others who built our parish community, the faith and the Churches? These priests served us from the 1930s till just yesterday. Do you know what they look like? Have you seen any of them lately? As for me, Yes, I have seen Father David O’Sullivan and Father Philip P Harris but not Father Olney. What does he look like in real life? Let us bring back and keep their memories. Do you have any of their photos? We can borrow it, make a copy and return the master copy to you. We plan to frame them and put them up in our sacristies. Please send an email to dadeiza@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you any. Thank You.

Children’s Liturgy Christmas Cards

Do you want home-made Christmas cards? Our lovely children are preparing Christmas to be on sale after Masses, November 27th. Each card will be 50p. Donations are welcome. Our children have chosen to support one local charity and children in Ukraine. They will give the total income to our Local Foodbank (to support those in difficult circumstances in our arear) and Cafod (Children in Ukraine) from the sales.

Confirmation

Have you been involved in preparing candidates or catechumens for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you prepared to put yourself forward to do it again? It could be your first time. We would love to hear from you. We have an enthusiastic number waiting and anxious to do the program. Please send an email to dadeiza@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Our Church, the English Martyrs Didcot will be open daily for private prayers between 8am and 5pm.