**Sunday 15th November 2015**

**Reading Martyrs**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal & S Giles Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *184 (EH)* Offertory Hymn: *907 (SG)*

Communion Hymns: *367 (EH) & 927 (SG)* Recessional Hymn: *181 (EH)*

Voluntary: *Fugue in E flat BWV 552.*

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The departed: Willis Brooks, Doris Howman, Mary MacDonnell, Doris Smith, Nellie Swain and Freda Wicks.



 *Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is*

*Not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone*

*who loses his life for my sake will find it. Matt 10.39*

This Sunday we mark the Feast of the Reading Martyrs.  One of

these men was a former vicar of S Giles, Blessed John Eynon.

He was a Benedictine monk at Reading Abbey, but also served

as the pastor of the local parish here at S Giles. At the time of

the reformation he refused to surrender the parish to the

authorities and was taken to Reading Abbey. He was executed at the abbey gateway with Blessed Hugh Faringdon and Blessed John Rugg. They were beatified in 1895.

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**Psalter Week 1**

**Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1.**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

16 November

Tuesday

17 November

Wednesday

18 November

Thursday

19 November

Friday

20 November

Saturday

21 November

**Sunday**

**22 November**

**Reading Martyrs**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Monday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time

No Services

Tuesday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Thursday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time

09.00 Mattins

18.30 Evensong

19.00 Low Mass

Friday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Christ the King**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**Bed for a Night volunteers needed!**Once again this year we will be helping with sheltering the homeless in Reading during the coldest period of winter.   If you are able to help one night a week with food and other assistance, please talk to the clergy.

**SINNERS AND SAINTS** series will continue on Thursday 26 November at 7.30.  Our speaker will beFr Mark Laynesmith, (Chaplain to the University of Reading). He will be speaking about S Alban, the great Celtic saint, the first recorded English Martyr.

The Deadline for **Christmas Shoeboxes is TODAY.**

**Advent Lessons and Carols** will be held on Advent Sunday 29 November, at 6.30pm.  A beautiful way of marking the beginning of this most solemn season. All Welcome!

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***The Holy Martyrs shed their blood on earth for Christ; therefore they have received an everlasting reward.***

**COLLECT**

Lord, we honour your martyrs Hugh Faringdon, John Eynon and John Rugg who were faithful to Christ even to the point of shedding their blood for him. Increase our own faith and free us from our sins, and help us to follow their example of love.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (2 Maccabees 7: 1 - 2 & 9 - 14)

*A reading from the second book of Maccabees*

It also happened that seven brothers were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste some pork, which the [Law](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6916) forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.' With his last breath he exclaimed, 'Cruel brute, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) raise us up, since we die for his laws, to live again for ever.' After him, they tortured the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands,  courageously saying, 'Heaven gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I have no concern for them; from him I [hope](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5889) to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same torments and tortures. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection to new life.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM**

**Response:** ***Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

**THE SECOND LESSON (Hebrews 10: 32 - 36)**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Remember the great challenge of the sufferings that you had to meet after you received the light, in earlier days; sometimes by being yourselves publicly exposed to humiliations and violence, and sometimes as associates of others who were treated in the same way. For you not only shared in the sufferings of those who were in prison, but you accepted with joy being stripped of your belongings, knowing that you owned something that was better and lasting. Do not lose your fearlessness now, then, since the reward is so great. You [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) need perseverance if you are to do God's [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) and gain what he has promised.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 10: 34 - 39)**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set son against father, daughter against mother, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law; a person's enemies [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be the members of his own household. 'No one who prefers father or mother to me is worthy of me. No one who prefers son or daughter to me is worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his [life](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) lose it; anyone who loses his [life](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) for my sake [will](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) find it.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Lord, may these gifts which we bring you in sacrifice to celebrate the victory of Ss Hugh Faringdon, John Eynon and John Rugg fill our hearts with your love and prepare us for the reward you promise to those who are faithful.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Lord, you give us the body and blood of Christ your only Son on this feast of your martyrs Hugh Faringdon, John Eynon and John Rugg. By being faithful to your love may we live in you, receive life from you, and always be true to your inspiration. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

***Amen.***