



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## Catholic Schools for the Parishes

St Peter's Catholic Primary School [www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 524792

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre [www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

## Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** St Augustine's 6:30pm Saturday and 11:00am Sunday English Martyrs 9.00am Sunday

**CONFESSIONS:** English Martyrs Saturday after morning mass St Augustine's Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm & on call

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Year C

**Christmas Masses:** Christmas Eve Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5:30pm St Augustine's, 7:30pm English Martyrs and 11pm St Augustine's. Christmas Day Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec English Martyrs 10am  
**Fr Gerry, Marisa Wood and the Joint Parishes Council:** Wish you and your families and friends a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas and a safe journey to those travelling.

**Christmas Collection:** The offertory collection at the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is your offering to Fr Gerry's yearly salary, for which he is very thankful.

**Crib Donations:** Will go to Help Madina our parish overseas project for 2018/9.

**Christmas Office Closure:** The office is scheduled to be closed from after business on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018 and reopen on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019 Following the death of Marisa's mother, the office maybe closed for a longer period. The next newsletter will be produced for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January

**Altar Servers for Christmas Masses:** At English Martyrs please let Debbie or Fr Gerry know if you intend to serve at either 7:30pm Christmas Eve or 10am Christmas Day Masses. At St Augustine's please let Ufuoma or Fr Gerry know if you intend to serve at either 5:30pm or 11pm Christmas Eve. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before mass is due to start  
**St Augustine's Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30pm:** Children coming to this Mass are invited to come dressed up as any person, angel or animal surrounding the birth of Jesus. There will be a selection of costumes at the back of the church to borrow on Christmas Eve. Please arrive early if your child wishes to take part at 5:30pm Mass.

**English Martyrs Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 7.30pm:** Would the children wanting to take part in the 'Nativity Story' during the Homily time, please meet with Nikki and Lucy immediately after mass this Sunday and arrive early on Christmas Eve for 7:30pm Mass.

**Please pray for those who have died recently especially:** Martin Patrick O'Connor whose Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 1pm at St Augstine's and Theodora Allum beloved mother of Marisa Wood's for details of Requiem Mass see below **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who mourn. Please also pray for the sick especially:** Allan Irvine, John Connors, Elsie Cavanagh, Jo Markey, Mary McVann, Susan Maher, Carmela Marusyczenko, David Rogers, Ellen Wagner, Barbara Wood, Kath Griffiths, Albert Turner, Shelia Robertson, Maria Oldfield, Janet Wagner, Andrea Brushneen, Joan Humphreys, Peggy Keogh, Lisa Knight, Maureen Moloney, Mary Gorman, Michael Gaffney, Elizabeth Bopoto, Marie & Keith Hill, Pat Murray, Janet Peacey and Marilyn, Sophie & family Woods.

**Theodora Allum Requiem Mass:** Will take place at Clifton Cathedral on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 12 noon followed by a reception at Berwick Lodge, Bristol. All friends of Marisa and family are very welcome to attend. Marisa and family say 'Thank you for your prayers and kind messages of condolences which have given us such strength, we are so fortunate. God Bless you all.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	LITURGICAL DAY MASS INTENTIONS
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec		6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sun)</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> People of the Parishes
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9:00am <b>Mass</b>	11:00am <b>Mass</b>	Veronica Rafferty RIP Beer and O'Keeffe families deceased
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am <b>Adoration</b> 10:00am <b>Mass</b> 7:30pm <b>First Mass of Christmas</b>	5:30pm <b>First Mass of Christmas</b> 11:00pm <b>Midnight Mass</b>	Caroline Maher Anniv People of the Parishes Patrick & Ruth Neade RIP
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>		Thanksgiving (KW)
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fr Gerry is away no mass in either Church. St Peter's London Road will have mass at 10am both days.		<i>St Stephen</i>
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec			<i>St John the Evangelist</i>
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec		12 Noon <b>Mass</b>	<i>Holy Innocents</i> Mr C C Mathew RIP
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am <b>Rosary</b> 10:00am <b>Mass</b>	6:30pm <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<i>St Thomas Becket</i> Private Intention (FL) People of the Parishes
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am <b>Mass</b>	11:00am <b>Mass</b>	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Theodora Allum RIP Maria Cross RIP
Mon. 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:30am <b>Adoration</b> 10:00am <b>Mass</b>	6:30pm <b>Rosary</b> 7:00pm <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Adoration after Mass till 9pm</b>	<i>Octave of Christmas</i>  Jessie Hall RIP
Tues. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11:30am <b>Rosary</b> 12Noon <b>Mass</b>		<i>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</i> John Kelly RIP and his family
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan		10:00am <b>Mass</b>	<i>St Basil and St Gregory</i>
Thurs. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	No Mass or liturgy at either Church St Peter's London Road will have Mass at 9:30am		
Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan		9:15am <b>Mass</b>	For those who have died who no relatives to offer Mass
Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:30am <b>Rosary</b> 10:00am <b>Mass</b>	6:30pm <b>Mass</b>	Joyce Kean RIP James Hanratty Anniv

**January Adoration at English Martyrs:** Will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 1pm to 5pm.

**T@3:** Every second Tuesday of the month in St Augustine's Hall at 3pm come and join us for lively banter and a refreshing cuppa and delicious cakes. The next T@3 will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**St Augustine's Discussion Group:** Will meet again on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm all welcome.

**Diocesan Briefing:** Copies of the latest edition of the quarterly diocesan team briefing document are available at the back of the church and can be found under newsletter tab of the website.

**St Augustine 200 Club:** Money is due in January for the 200 Club. Please make a cheque out for £12 payable to St Augustine 200 club –Matson. There are spare numbers if you would like to join. It costs £12 for the year. Together we have raised £1,235 for the parish & given out £1,225 in prizes during 2018. Thank you for all your help & support over the last year Claire Cooper will be in the porch most weeks in January after Mass to collect your money.

**Vacancies at St Peter's Catholic Primary School:** The school currently has a vacancy for a cleaner & a play team member. Please see the link on the school website below for more information and application pack. The closing date for both posts is Monday 7th January 2019. <https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies>

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** English Martyrs: Offertory £57.92 Saint Augustine's: Reports monthly.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH HALLS**



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