



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



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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

## 6<sup>th</sup> January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 2019 Year C

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| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> | All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.                           |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.                |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. |

| DATE                           | ENGLISH MARTYRS   | SAINT AUGUSTINE'S              | LITURGICAL DAY<br>MASS INTENTIONS                   |
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| Sat.<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |   | 6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sun)</b> | James Hanratty (Anniv)                              |
| Sun.<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 9.00am <b>Mass</b>  | 11.00am <b>Mass</b>            | Veronica Rafferty RIP<br>People of the Parish       |
| Mon.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |   | 1:00pm <b>Requiem Mass</b>     | Martin Patrick O'Connor (RIP)                       |
| Tues.<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 9:30am <b>Adoration</b><br>10.00am <b>Mass</b>  |                                | Theodora Allum RIP                                  |
| Wed.<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |   | 10.00am <b>Mass</b>            | Claire Selman (nee Ashcroft) RIP                    |
| Thurs.<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 10:00am <b>Liturgy of the Word<br/>and Holy Communion</b><br>1pm-5pm <b>Adoration</b> |                                | <b>Fr Gerry's Day off</b>                           |
| Fri.<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Jan   |   | 10:00am <b>Mass</b>            | Linda Keogh (RIP)                                   |
| Sat.<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 9:30am <b>Rosary</b><br>10:00am <b>Mass</b>   | 6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sun)</b> | Annie Irvine RIP (Anniv)<br>Sister Mary Peter (RIP) |

**Please pray for those who have died recently** Martin Patrick O'Connor whose Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 1pm at St Augsutine's **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time & 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 and Janet Peacey.

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** One of the traditions associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord found in the is the blessing of homes. Using blessed chalk a householder marks the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+19). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless our home). Some blessed chalk is available at the back of the church for those who would like to practice this tradition. If you wish Fr Gerry to come and bless your home with holy water and prayers then please contact him as above,

**First Holy Communion English Martyrs Children Only:** The second children's session will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9:30am prompt and finishing at 12 noon in the Church hall.

**First Holy Communion St Augustine's Children Only:** The third children's session will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9:45am prompt in the Church hall.

**First Holy Communion Both Parishes Parents Evening Session:** This will look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance or Confession) and is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in English Martyrs Church Hall. All Catholic parents should attend. We appreciate it can be difficult to find someone to look after your children they can come and do some quiet activities at the back of the hall.

**T@3:** Every second Tuesday of the month in St Augsutine'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 Adult Faith Discussion Group:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the hall. All welcome. As it is the Diocesan Year of Prayer the group will be reading Sister Wendy Beckett's book "Sister Wendy on Prayer". Having completed the discussion on St. Luke's Gospel a few copies of the study guide that was used are available in the porch area. Please take one if you are interested.

**English Martyrs Bible Study:** Will meet next on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 10:30am in the Hall as they continue to study the Old Testament Book of Isiah. All welcome.

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

**ALL Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for either Parish:** Are asked to contact Fr Gerry by email or in writing to advise him whether or not they wish to continue being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion after Easter 2019 by **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**. All current Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion as well as new ones will be required to attend training before Easter 2019 and to be recommissioned/commissioned. Details of the training will be sent in due course to those who wish to continue and those who are approached by Fr Gerry and who agree to become new ones.

**ALL Current Readers at Sunday Mass for either Parish:** Are asked to contact their coordinator by email or in writing to advise them whether or not they wish to continue in that role after Easter 2019 by **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Those who would like to be considered for reading at Sunday Mass in the future are asked to contact Fr Gerry. Those wishing to continue being Sunday Mass readers and new ones will be required to attend training before Easter 2019 details of which will be sent out in due course.

**Prinknash Abbey:** On Sat 12<sup>th</sup> January: From 10:30am to 12noon Abbot Martin will focus on The Apostolic Age: The 1<sup>st</sup> Century of the Church. From 2pm to 4pm Abbot Martin and Dr Sarah Richards will Explore the origins of the early Church both take place in the Meeting Room which is adjacent to the Abbey Café and Shop. All welcome.

**'Christianity Explored' Church in Tuffley:** Is an informal and relaxed 7week course. Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking this is a place for you to explore what's life all about. It's free and you don't need to know anything about the bible and you won't have to pray or sing. The course starts on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan from 9am-10:30am with a light breakfast at The Vicarage, next to St George's on Grange Road. Please take a card from the lobby if you know anyone for whom this would be suitable and encourage them to attend.

**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.

**Crib Donations:** Will go to Help Madina our parish overseas project for 2018/9. Help Madina strive to improve the health and well being of the people living in the Madina district and throughout Sierra Leone, one of the poorest parts of the world with shocking health statistics. They run both medical and community projects. We hope to have a speaker next Sunday at both the 9am and 11 am Mass who will explain more. Website <http://www.helpmadina.org.uk/>

**Christmas Thanks:** Thank you to all who enabled our Christmas Masses to be joyful celebrations of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the: parish office, musicians & singers, altar servers, to those who organised the children's nativity/tableau and those children who took part in them, sacristans, flower arrangers, church cleaners, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, welcomers, those who did refreshments, and those who erected the cribs.

**Thank You:** Fr Gerry would like to thank you for your greeting cards, gifts and especially for your generosity to the Christmas collection.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** English Martyrs: Next week **St. Augustine's Reports Monthly.**

### Clifton Diocese Year of Prayer

On this Feast of the Epiphany we hear how king Herod summons the wise men to see him privately 'and sent them on to Bethlehem.' Herod points the wise men in the direction of Jesus but he does not go there himself. In celebrating the birth of the Lord we must be careful that our lives are not like that, pointing the way to Christ but not making the journey ourselves. In the Year of Prayer we are called to draw near to Jesus, to make the journey, as the wise men did, which leads us to kneel and adore the Christ child who has himself journeyed from his Father's side to bring us salvation.

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



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