



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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'Together, Reach Out and Welcome All with Joy, Compassion and Unfailing Love'

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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

Parish Prayer

O God, be at the heart of our parish and in all our hearts.

Strengthen our faith and our hope in Your promises.

Grant us a spirit of self-sacrifice, so that, with your grace,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may radiate Your love to everyone we meet.

Help us to reach out with joy and mercy, to build a loving, healing community.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time 25th Aug 2019 Year C

Responsorial Psalm	Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.
Gospel Acclamation	If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Communion Antiphon	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord, you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 24 th Aug		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sun)	May Campbell B'day RIP
Sun 25 th Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Marie Hill RIP Birthday Thanksgiving Fejiro Bakpa
Mon 26 th Aug		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Special Intention
Tue 27 th Aug	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Memorial of St Monica</i> John Conway RIP
Wed 28 th Aug		2pm Requiem Mass	<i>Memorial of St Augustine</i> George Britton RIP
Thurs 29 th Aug			<i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i> Fr Gerry Away
Fri 30 th Aug			Fr Gerry Away
Sat 31 st Aug	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sun)	In thanksgiving for Flit's Family Tracey Family RIP

Please pray for those who have died recently especially **George Britton** whose **Requiem Mass** will be at **St Augustine's** at 2pm on **Wednesday 28th August**. Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn. Please also pray for the sick especially: Allan Irvine, John Connors, Elsie Cavanagh, Jo Markey, Mary McVann, Susan Maher, 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, Keith Hill, Pat Murray, Pat Gilbert, Bridie O'Boyle and Janet Peacey.

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

English Martyrs and St Augustine's First Holy Communion Preparation: We are pleased to announce that Debbie Cottam and Tony Sharpe have generously agreed to lead the programmes for 2019-2020 in each parish once again using the I Belong Course Application forms and programmes will be available from next weekend 31st Aug/1st Sept in both parishes. Application forms must be completed and returned as indicated by 31st Oct.

Joint Parishes Pastoral Council: Will meet in English Martyrs Hall on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm.

St Augustine's Discussion Group: Will meet again on Wednesday 11th September in the Hall as they continue to discuss Wendy Beckett's book on Prayer.

English Martyrs Bible Study: Will meet again on Thursday 12th September at 10.30am in the Hall. After the summer break. Many thanks to Kathleen Withers for all her research and inspired insights into the scriptures.

St Augustine's Barn Dance: To be held in the church hall on Saturday 14th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 (Includes supper with tea/coffee). Raffle on the night. Please feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks. Funds raised will support our local parish project for 2019 'Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS).

St Augustine's 'Together in Prayer' Group: Will meet again on Wednesday 18th September probably in the afternoon in the Canterbury Room. In the St Augustine's church porch there is a small box for your prayer requests, the group will gladly offer these up at the next meeting. Please feel free to use this service at any time.

Strength to Strength 'The Practical benefits of daily prayer: A six session DVD series produced by Cafe designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Filmed in an engaging and humorous way with a TV studio audience. Each session lasts approx 40 mins with mid-point group prayerful reflections. Will start on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Church hall and will run for 6 consecutive weeks, The course is for BOTH parishes and you are welcome to invite/bring friends from other parishes.

Parishes Open Meetings Advance Notice: The meeting at St Augustine's will be held in the Hall on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm with a short report back at both Sunday Masses in the parish. The English Martyrs meeting will be held on Sunday 29th September in the Church shortly after the 9am Mass. Any questions you may have should be submitted in writing to either Fr Gerry or the vice chair of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council for your Parish – Flit Rogers in English Martyrs and Tony Sharpe at St Augustine's

Diocesan Curial Meeting: Do you want to get more involved in the parish and see a wider picture of all that ideally we should be doing? The Diocese are holding a Curial day on Sat 7th Sept covering things like: Social Media, being safe, secure and green, financial and IT systems, fundraising etc. A car will be leaving English Martyrs at 8.45am returning about 2.45pm. If you would like further information or to attend speak to Fr Gerry or Marisa.

Church in Tuffley 'Refresh': The autumn series dates and locations are as follows: Wed 18th Sept at Grange Baptist, Wed 16th Oct at English Martyrs and Wed 20th Nov at St George's all starting at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sharpe at St Augustine's or Flit Rogers at English Martyrs by 12 noon on Sunday 22nd September.

Silence before Mass: In order to give people time to prepare well BEFORE Mass - to reflect on what is about to take place, to ask for the graces they are seeking and to bring to mind and pray for the intentions they are bringing to Mass at all Sunday Masses we have about 5 minutes of being as quiet as possible ideally silent – the start of this time will be marked by the parish prayer being read out from the ambo which you are invited to join in with, see the front of newsletter, the end will be marked when the bell rings for the start of Mass.

Your Prayers: In this Diocesan Year of Prayer inspire other members of the congregation in both Churches by sharing your prayers which will be displayed in the Church. You can use the card provided in the porch or your own card/paper and return them anytime with or without your name. Please take a look at those already returned. Thanks to those of you who have returned a prayer in both parishes and please keep them coming in to inspire others.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Once again Fr Gerry will be travelling with Egalite Absolue a small Cheltenham based Catholic Charity as their chaplain leaving on Thurs. 12th Sept and returning in time for the evening mass on Sat. 21st Sept where he will pray for both parishes and especially the sick and housebound of our parishes. Supply cover is arranged for the weekend of 14th & 15th Sept. If you have any petitions you wish Fr Gerry to take to Lourdes please place them in a clearly marked envelope and hand them to him by Sun 8th September.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: English Martyrs: 11th Aug £98.76, 18th Aug £96.04, Donation £10.00 Saint Augustine's Reports Monthly. Thank you for your continued support.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

In today's gospel we hear a paradox. Jesus urges his followers to 'enter by the narrow door'. This is a constricted path and Jesus warns that there will be those who will be disappointed. Simply being alongside him, eating and drinking with him, does not guarantee entry to God's house. What does this mean for us? Are we confident that we will not be disappointed? Jesus points to the 'narrow door' that leads to the Kingdom, a place of abundant hospitality where all are welcome, not because of race, gender, ability or lineage but because of lives lived in genuine love and peace. Perhaps the door is narrow because of all the things which could stop us from entering like pride, fear or an assumption that we are guaranteed a place. If the narrow door leads to a Kingdom where all are welcome are we ready for that? A thought for this week: It is one thing to go to Mass every Sunday and observe the sacraments but does the whole of our life reflect this relationship with Jesus, leading us outwards in care and concern for the world far and wide, welcoming above all the stranger and the outsider

