



# 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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Year C

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept		6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sun)</b>	People of the Parishes
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00am <b>Mass</b>	Pat O'Donnell Anniv Patrick Neade Anniv
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		Eddie Wilkey RIP
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept		10.00am <b>Mass</b>	For the Sick especially CL
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr Gerry Away in Lourdes</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>No Mass</b>	Memorial of St John Chrysostom <b>Fr Gerry Away in Lourdes</b>
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>No rosary, Mass or Confessions</b>	6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sun)</b>	John Conway RIP

**Please pray:** 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 are now available in both parishes and can be found in the lobby. Application forms must be completed and returned as indicated by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the latest.

**English Martyrs Prayer Meeting:** In the Church hall next meet on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 8pm to 9.30pm all welcome.

**T@3:** Come and join us for tea and cakes and a good chat this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in St Augustine's Hall. All welcome.

**English Martyrs Coffee Morning:** The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 am- 12 noon all welcome please bring a friend.

**St Augustine's Discussion Group:** Will meet again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Hall as they continue to discuss Wendy Beckett's book on Prayer.

**English Martyrs Bible Study:** Will meet again on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** Due to be held in the church hall next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 (Includes supper with tea/coffee). Please buy your tickets this weekend or at least let the organiser's know if you intend to come. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 or other Christians along.**

**Parishes Open Meetings Advance Notice:** The meeting at St Augustine's will be held in the Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 by 12 noon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Faith and Light Gloucestershire:** 'To live friendship with people of an intellectual disability.' For people of any age, their families and friends. We meet for faith sharing followed by food and fun activities. On the third Sunday of the month at 3pm, restarting on 15<sup>th</sup> September, at English Martyrs, 247 Tuffley Lane, GL4 ONX. Theme 'New Beginnings'. All welcome! Contact Cheri [cheri.steele@mail.com](mailto:cheri.steele@mail.com) or 07865999567.

**Eucharist with the LGBT+ community:** At St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawfords Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm followed by refreshments and social.

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

**MacMillan Cancer support Coffee Morning:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12noon at St George's Centre Grange Road Tuffley. EVERYONE WELCOME PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US! (Bring a cake if you like?)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Once again Fr Gerry will be travelling with Egalite Absolve a small Cheltenham based Catholic Charity as their chaplain leaving on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and returning in time for the evening mass on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept where he will pray for both parishes and especially the sick and housebound of our parishes. If you have any petitions you wish Fr Gerry to take to Lourdes please place them in the envelopes in both lobbies clearly marked by 12 noon Wednesday.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** A three-day Vocations Discernment Retreat, organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, will be held at Downside from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The talks during the retreat will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. The residential cost with all meals included is £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House or £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing. The non-residential cost with all meals included is £40. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser, Rina Bird, at [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com)

**Vacancy Clifton Diocese is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator.** This is a part-time post for 3 days a week based in Bristol. For an application form and job description contact [Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com) or ring 0117 902 5590 or see [www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us) The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> September so the bulletin entry could be for two weekends starting 7/8<sup>th</sup> and then 14/15<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you

**Second Collection:** Next week for Home Mission Sunday.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** English Martyrs: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept £100.64 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £113.20 Saint Augustine's Reports Monthly. Thank you for your continued support.

**There is a supplement page to this newsletter which you can see on line**



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**Please Welcome Fr Paul Brandon for our Saturday Vigil Mass on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> September and Fr Stephen Squires from Evesham for our 2 Sunday Masses on 15<sup>th</sup> September who are covering Fr Gerry whilst he is in Lourdes on Pilgrimage.**

**Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019: 'Baptised and sent'** It's 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's encyclical *Maximum Illud* called on Catholics to bring the Good News to all peoples (*Missio Ad Gentes*). So to commemorate this anniversary, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM). This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

For the four weeks of October 2019, the Holy Father has approved four themes:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church.
2. The witness of missionary saints and martyrs.
3. Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological formation for mission.
4. Missionary charity as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activity and communities too poor to support themselves, through Missio.

Through these dimensions the Holy Father invites us to renew and reawaken our commitment to mission.

At the beginning of October everyone will receive a Missio Magazine and will be encouraged to consider having a Missio Red Box. Fr Gary Brassington Diocese of Clifton Mission Coordinator has organised 7 Missio masses around the Diocese in the month of October. The closest to us is at Sacred Heart Church, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. The final Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at Clifton Cathedral at 7pm on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Pastoral Ministry Formation Course – Information Evening:** An evening on Wednesday 16 October at St Patrick's, Brockworth to learn about a proposed course in Pastoral Ministry starting January 2020. All are welcome to find out more. 7.00pm Refreshments, 7.30pm Start, 9.00pm Finish.

**Clifton Cathedral Year of Prayer 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019:** 'Beauty, Spirit Matter'. Speaker Aidan Hart subject 'Praying with Icons'. Entrance by ticket only £10 in advance from [www.cliftondioces.com/beauty-spirit-matter](http://www.cliftondioces.com/beauty-spirit-matter) or by telephoning 0117 9025591 from 10.30am until 3.15pm

**Launch of the 'Year of Communion':** Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to come together ahead of the launch of the '*Year of Communion*'. There are two events to which the bishop extends an invitation to our parishes, schools and communities. On Saturday 19 October we gather at St Brendan's College, Brislington, (9.15am -2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*. If you would like to come along please let Fr Gerry know and the Adult Education office by Monday 14 October at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

On Friday 22 November at 7pm in our **Cathedral**, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the *Year of Communion* starting Sunday 1 December. As we did with the *Year of Mission & Year of Prayer*, each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day:** Is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Give up something that day in support of those less fortunate and support CAFOD. The CAFOD collection will be taken on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Canonisation of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman:** This will take place at St Peter's in Rome on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17<sup>th</sup> century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. To prepare for this momentous occasion, a new website has been created by the Oratories of England, with information about Newman, including on the second miracle, updates on the canonisation, videos, blogs, podcasts and more. Visit the official website at [newmancanonisation.com](http://newmancanonisation.com)

**CALLING ALL EU (European Union) CITIZENS & ALL WHO HAVE EU PASSPORTS:** All EU citizens (those holding EU passports, including their children born in UK and those married to UK citizens ) after 'Brexit' must apply for residency in UK. Otherwise there is a danger that if travelling abroad you might not be allowed re-entry the UK after 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in the event of a 'no-deal Brexit'. Because there is a real possibility of 'Brexit' without an agreement, **it is very advisable to make your application before 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019.** It is vitally important that those concerned (including people from Latin America holding Spanish passports and from Angola, East Timor, Goa etc holding Portuguese passports) understand the steps they need to take if they wish to remain in UK after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. For those who have lived in UK less than five years there is a 'pre-EU Settlement' application. For those here for more than five and less than ten years there is a particular EU Settlement application; for those over ten years there is a slightly different application. It is relatively simple in most cases, but you must apply to the '**EU Settlement Scheme**' **before end of June 2021 otherwise you could become an 'illegal immigrant'**. For more information visit: [www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status](http://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status)