



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 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 15th September 2019 Year C

Responsorial Psalm	I will leave this place and go to my father.
Gospel Acclamation	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Communion Antiphon	How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Masses and Liturgies in the Parishes

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 14 th Sept		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sun)	John Conway RIP
Sun 15 th Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Tom Henderman (Anniv) People of the Parishes
Tue 17 th Sept	10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		
Wed 18 th Sept		10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Sat 21 st Sept	No morning rosary, mass or confessions	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sun)	People of the Parishes

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

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 31st October at the latest.

St Augustine's Discussion Group: Will meet again on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Hall as they continue to discuss Wendy Beckett's book on Prayer.

St Augustine's 'Together in Prayer' Group: Will resume again this Wednesday 18th September at 2.30pm 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 CaFE DVD series by David & Giovanna Payne and Fr Emmanuel Mansford CFR which is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church and filmed in an engaging and humorous way with a TV studio audience. Will start on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm, gathering from 7.15pm, in English Martyrs Church Hall, and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings. All welcome. Why not come with a Christian friend or prayer partner so you can support one another in your prayer life.

Parishes Open Meetings Advance Notice: The meeting at St Augustine's will be held in the Hall on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm at St. Augustine's there will be a social 'Cheese and Wine' prior to the meeting, from 7.00pm to 7.30pm. All welcome. There will then be 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 by 12 noon on Sunday 22nd 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 this Sunday 15th September, at English Martyrs, 247 Tuffley Lane, GL4 ONX. Theme 'New Beginnings'. All welcome! Contact Cheri cheri.steele@mail.com or 07865999567.

Church in Tuffley 'Refresh': Resumes this Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Grange Baptist Chapel. All welcome. Future dates and venues are Wed 16th Oct at English Martyrs and Wed 20th Nov at St George's

Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peters Catholic Church Gloucester: During this month's prayer meeting on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.30pm we will have guided prayer and music ministry led by Tony Wadley. All welcome.

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

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: Is on Friday 4th 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 5th/6th October

ICONS, PRAYER OF THE HEART and THE MYSTERY OF THE ROSARY: In December 2018 BBC Radio 4 aired "Creation of an Icon". In this series of five short programmes the writer and iconographer Aidan Hart spoke about the process of painting an icon from beginning to end. On **October 26th**, in Clifton Cathedral Apostle Room, Aidan will be talking about the meaning of icons and how we can pray with them. He will be joined by Mother Sarah (Orthodox nun and chaplain) and Sarah Richards (Benedictine Oblate) who will talk about 'prayer of the heart' and praying the 'mystery of the rosary'. The day begins at 10:30am and continues to 3.15pm with light refreshments. Entrance is by ticket only £10 in advance from www.cliftondioces.com/beauty-spirit-matter or by telephoning 0117 9025591.

Thank you: To all those who arranged and attended the coffee morning at English Martyrs on Wednesday. £155.45 was raised for Milestones School Gloucester.

Second Collection: This weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: English Martyrs: 8th Sept £96.38 August Standing Orders £1486.00, Building Fund £195.00 Outstanding hall Loan after the next repayment collection by the Diocese will be ~£4,260 on which we pay 2.75% pa interest and £17,500 in Parishioners' interest free loans for the car park. **Saint Augustine's August Standing Orders** £1,079, Cash in envelopes £???? and Loose Plate £???? 2nd Collections £???? **Thank you for your continued support.**

Year of Prayer reflection for 15th September 2019

At the heart of today's Gospel is the theme of mercy. This is the mercy shown to the younger son when, having lost everything he had been given, decides to return to his father repenting and seeking forgiveness. The mercy shown to him is not something he earned but was there waiting for him, freely and joyfully given. There is no sense of reluctance or condition attached just gratitude for the one who was lost but has now returned. There is something for all of us in this message of great peace and joy. God is happy to forgive. He welcomes sinners with an open embrace and a warm heart. When we let go of our pride and present our own vulnerable self to God, there is always an open door. This unearned forgiveness is God's surprise for us. Pope Francis in an Angelus reflection once said; Mercy towards a human life in a state of need is the true face of love". He went onto explain that it is by loving the other that one becomes a true disciple of Jesus and that the face of the Father is revealed. Can we offer the same forgiveness shown us to another? Can we be the face of God's joyful mercy?



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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, Moored Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU on Wed 9th October at 7pm. The final Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at Clifton Cathedral at 7pm on Wed 23rd 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.

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 18th to Sunday 20th 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

Celebrate Bristol: Are you interested in exploring your Faith in a family friendly setting? Then ***Celebrate Bristol*** could be for you! We are holding a weekend conference at St Bede's Catholic College in Bristol on the 26th and 27th October that is sure to be great fun and faith filled. We have great speakers, worship and fellowship, dedicated streams for the children and young people specifically designed for each age group. Why not come along and see for yourselves! For more information and to book see our website www.celebrateconference.org/bristol

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. 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.

Canonisation of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman: This will take place at St Peter's in Rome on 13th October 2019. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th 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

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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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