



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 Five Sunday of Ordinary Time 22nd September 2019 Year C

Responsorial Psalm	Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
Gospel Acclamation	Open our heart, o lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Communion Antiphon	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept, may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
21 st Sept Sat	No morning Rosary of Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	<i>Feast of the St Matthew</i> People of the Parish
22 nd Sept Sun	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Philip Moloney (Anniversary)
23 rd Sept Mon		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	<i>Memorial of St Pius</i> For Great Grandchild & Family
24 th Sept Tue	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i> Deceased members of the Smith Family
25 th Sept Wed		10.00am Mass	John Conway RIP
26 th Sept Thurs			Fr Gerry's Day off
27 th Sept Fri	10.00am Mass		<i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i> Holy Souls
28 th Sept Sat	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Marie Hill RIP and her family

Please pray: We send sincere condolences and prayers to Danielle Doyle and her family at this sad time. In your prayers remember her husband Tony Doyle who died last week his Requiem Mass will be held at English Martyrs on Friday 11th October at 11.00am. 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 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: 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, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley GL4 0NX 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.

St Augustine's: You are welcome to join us for Cream tea on Saturday 19th October in church hall 2-5pm. Tickets £ 3.50 and will be on sale 21st September In aid of World Mission Sunday.

English Martyrs prayer group: Our next prayer group will be on Thursday 3rd October. Many thanks.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER 2019. Join us for Divine Mercy Prayers, Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament and Benediction led by Abbot Martin in Prinknash Abbey Chapel 3.00pm to 4.00pm on SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Parishes Open Meetings: The meeting at St Augustine's will be held in the Hall on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm. 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 this Sunday 22nd September.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1 October at 7.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Fr Tony Pazhayakalam, Assistant Parish Priest based at St Thomas More, will speak to us on The Church in Kerala.**

Church in Tuffley 'Refresh': Wednesday 16th October at English Martyrs and Wed 20th November at St George's. 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

QUIET PRAYER GROUP: We are a group of people from a number of different churches who meet about once a month to share a time of quiet prayer and contemplation together. The next meeting is at St. George's church, Grange Road, Tuffley on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Faith in Action: Would your parish like to be involved in the new Faith in Action Diocesan Award for young people? This national award is a great way to involve young people in parish life through the service of others! Come along to an information morning on Saturday 5th October at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. BS5 0TX. To book your place email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

Prinknash Abbey Cafe is hosting its 2nd series of 'Time to Talk'. Starting on the 2nd October 10-11.30am with a welcome and short talk by Jola Malin, author of a book about the grief of losing someone through suicide. The idea is to have a space where we can talk about any aspect of mental health; our own, someone else's, or the way it is treated. Please come along on any Wednesday morning, 10-11am, where a table will be set aside for us. Everybody is welcome. Of all faiths, and none.

Celebrate Conference: are you interested in exploring your Faith in a family 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. We have some great speakers, worship and fellowship, dedicated streams for the children and young people specifically designed for each age group. Come along and see for yourselves? For more information and booking website www.celebrateconference.org/bristol

PARISH COLLECTIONS: English Martyrs: 15th Sept £54.89 2nd collection £71.50 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 £473.00 and Loose Plate £721.90 Thank you for your continued support.**

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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.

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.

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

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