



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 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 29th September 2019 Year C

Responsorial Psalm	My soul, give praise to the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.
Communion Antiphon	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
28 th Sept Sat		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Marie Hill RIP and her family
29 th Sept Sun	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Departed members of the Sweeney & Gray Families People of the Parishes
30 th Sept Mon		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Memorial of St Jerome Concetta Alongi RIP
1 st Oct Tue	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Memorial of St Thérèse of Lisieux Mina Ward (RIP)
2 nd Oct Wed		10.00am Mass	Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels Jane Conway RIP
3 rd Oct Thurs	10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 1-5pm Adoration		Fr Gerry's Day off
4 th Oct Fri		10.00am Mass	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi Cafod Family Harvest Fast Day Holy Souls
5 th Oct Sat	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Marie Hill RIP People of the Parishes

Please pray: For Danielle Doyle and her family at this sad time please remember her husband Tony Doyle who died recently 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.

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.

Parishes Open Meetings: At St Augustine's as notified the open meeting took place last Thursday evening a short feedback will be given after both Masses for Sunday this weekend. The English Martyrs meeting will be held this Sunday in the Church shortly after the 9am Mass.

Strength to Strength 'The Practical benefits of daily prayer': The second of six session CaFE DVD series by David & Giovanna Payne and Fr Emmanuel Mansford CFR continues this Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm, gathering from 7.15pm, in English Martyrs Church Hall with Giovanna speaking about Food for Thought. All welcome

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.

Bible Study at English Martyrs: Thurs 3rd Oct 10.30am in the hall All welcome as we continue to explore together the Word of God.

English Martyrs Adoration: First Thursday Adoration in the Church from 1pm to 5pm. New people are always welcome to commit for 30 minutes and sign on the sheet in the lobby but if you can't commit for that time why not come along for a few quite minutes before the Lord any time during the afternoon.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: Is this Friday 4th October. Give up something that day in support of those less fortunate and support CAFOD. The CAFOD appeal will be made and the collection taken next weekend of 5th/6th October.

T@3: In St Augustine's Hall on Tues 8th Oct at 3pm for tea, delicious cakes and friendly banter. Second hand books available for a donation and raffle.

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. Our next meeting will be in the Canterbury Room at 2.30pm on Tues. 15th Sept. All welcome.

October 'Extraordinary Month of Mission': Has been called by Pope Francis. This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment. We're called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. His Holiness invites individuals, schools, organisations, dioceses, parishes, communities, orders and congregations to get behind this worldwide Church initiative. So to gather the energy of the whole Church family and highlight that we're all called to share God's love, a global social media campaign has been running since August. And everyone can join in! Find out more about the #MyMission social media campaign. Some Mission Magazines are available in the lobby and more will be arriving soon so please take one together with the prayer card and use their daily reflections and prayer throughout the month. **Diocesan Missio Masses:** There will be 7 of these during Oct. The closest to us is at Sacred Heart Church, Moorend 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. **Cream Tea:** You are welcome to join us for Cream tea on Saturday 19th October in St Augustine's church hall 2-5pm. Tickets £ 3.50. All proceeds in aid of World Mission Sunday.

The Synod for the Amazon and Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman: The synod for the Amazon will meet in Rome from 6th to 27th October please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide Pope Francis and all those taking part. On 13th October Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared the first English saint who has lived since the 17th Century. You can gain more insights into his life, homilies and writings at <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/> which has videos, podcasts and many other things for you to explore. A novena of prayer proceeding his canonisation will begin this Fri 4th October which you can join if you have an email by signing up at <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/novena> if you don't have an email and wish to take part in the Novena please ask Fr Gerry who will print you a copy.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 1st 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.**

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 Sat 5th Oct. All welcome

Church in Tuffley 'Refresh': During these gatherings of Christians attending the three Churches in Tuffley we are currently reflecting and sharing our thoughts on the parables of Jesus with beautiful music provided by musicians from the Church in Tuffley and light refreshments and thus building unity The next gathering is at English Martyrs 7.30pm on Wed 16th Oct.

Prinknash Abbey Café: Is hosting its 2nd series of 'Time to Talk'. Starting this Wed 2nd Oct 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.

Admission to St Peter's Catholic Primary School: There are spaces in our current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 classes. If you have a child in one of these year groups, or know of a family that would be interested in a place, please contact the school by telephone (01452 524792 and ask for Mrs Harris) or by email (admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk).

PARISH COLLECTIONS: **English Martyrs:** 22nd Sept £82.53 **Saint Augustine's** Reports Monthly. Please can you to check your coins when putting them into the offertory, we are very grateful for your support, but our bank does not take foreign coinage which will therefore have to be given to other charities who have such facilities.

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



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Vacancy at The Diocese: We are recruiting a new Co-ordinator of Marriage and Life Co-ordinator based at Alexander House, Bristol. This role provides an opportunity to support and promote family life within the parishes of our diocese. The role of the Marriage and Family Life worker is key in supporting the implementation of the on the Clifton diocese website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> This post is part-time, three days a week (21 hours) closing 4th October 2019. For more information please email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 092 5595

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

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.

Celebrate Conference: Are you interested in exploring your Faith in a family setting? Then Celebrate Bristol could 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 .

Pastoral Ministry Formation Course – Information Evening: An evening on Wednesday 16th 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 22nd 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.

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