



# 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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## Catholic Schools for the Parishes

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

[www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 524792

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

## Parish Administrator Marisa Wood

Core Office Hours from 9am to 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday based at

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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 met.  
Help us to reach out with joy and mercy, to build a loving, healing community.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## First Sunday of Advent 31<sup>st</sup> November 2019 Year A

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help!
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 30th Nov		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Deborah and Denis Lawson And Julie Monk RIP
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Veronica Rafferty RIP People of the Parishes
Mon 2nd Dec		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Concetta Alongi RIP
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Tony Doyle RIP
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec		10.00am Mass	Deceased members of the Greer Family
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Bozena and Ryszard Bondarczuk RIP People of the Parishes

**Please pray:** For those who have died recently especially: Dorothy 'Patsy' Gardner who died on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov and whose funeral is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 11.30am in St Augustine's **Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn especially Barbara's and Patsy's family and friends.** **Please also pray for the sick especially:** Allan Irvine, John Connors, Elsie Cavanagh, Jo Markey, Mary McVann, Susan Maher, David Rogers, Ellen Wagner, 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, Janet Peacey and Elizabeth Knight

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

**First Holy Communion Both Parishes:** The second children's session at St Augustine's is on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.45am in the hall. Please keep all the children who are preparing for Holy Communion and their families in your prayers.

**Discussion Group at St Augustine's:** Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Continuing discussion around Sister Wendy Beckett's book on prayer.

**Bible Study at English Martyrs:** Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 10.30am in the hall as we continue to study the Acts of the Apostles

**St Augustine's Prayer Group:** Will not be meeting in December but any prayers that you wish to place in the box in the porch will be gladly offered up by the prayer team.

**English Martyrs Children's Party:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Please obtain forms from Anne Houlihan or Liz Tomkins. These need to be returned no later than this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December for this popular event so please complete your forms immediately. . Thank you.

**St Augustine's Christmas Fete: Will take place NEXT Saturday 7th December from 11am-2:30pm. Raffle Tickets on sale after all Sunday Masses at St Augustine's. All our welcome to come and enjoy this popular event which will include refreshments. Contact Moira on 01452 619150 for any further details or help you can give. Thank you**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC NIGHT with dinner at English Martyrs:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm. Nibbles/ 2-course meal including a glass of wine or soft drink / lots of music! (Feel free to bring your own drink as well, if you want to!) Tickets are £11 Adult, £5 Child, £32 Family (2 adults, 3 children). Booking forms available from Nikki, Marisa and Fr Gerry. Parishioners from St Augsutine's welcome. Return your form with payment to Nikki, Marisa or Fr Gerry during this week if at all possible and ring Nikki on 07976 958402 to let her know you are planning to come.

**Christmas Masses 2019: Christmas Eve Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** English Martyrs Family Mass 5.30pm; St Augsutine's Family Mass 7.30pm; English Martyrs Mass during the Night 11pm with carols and the proclamation of Christmas from 10.30pm and light refreshments afterwards. **Christmas Day Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.** St Augustine's Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

**Christmas Eve - Family Mass at 5.30pm:** If you would like your child/children to dress up and take part in the nativity story during the mass please contact Nikki O'Neill or Lucy Pearce after mass this weekend or tel. Nikki on 07976 958402. Rehearsals will continue in the Church after the 9 am Sunday mass.

**Diocese of Clifton Year of Communion:** Begins this weekend. For further details and videos of the Bishop's Homily at the recent evening prayer see <https://cliftondiocese.com/communion/>

Musket in Windsor Avenue on Tues 17 Dec at 6pm. All welcome to come and bring some Christmas cheer to others.

**Newman Association:** There will be a talk on **Tuesday 3 December at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. All are welcome. Admission £3. Christopher Robson, a Charity Worker, the Secretary and freelance lecturer for Aid to the Church in Need, in the Diocese of Lancaster, will speak to us on Women in the Penal Period 1534-c1700.

**2019 YEAR OF PRAYER –PRINKNASH ABBEY CHAPEL** Come and join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 3-4pm for DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS and ADORATION led by Abbot Father Martin McLaughlin. Everyone is welcome.

**Diocese of Clifton 'Pastoral Ministry' Formation Course Information Evenings:** Bishop Declan has decided to train suitable Catholic lay women and men for the paid position of 'Pastoral Ministry' across the Diocese of Clifton. There have already been some information evenings and there will be a further meeting in our area at St Thomas More Parish Hall Cheltenham on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. where you will have the chance to learn more about the proposed training course which is due to start in September 2020. The meeting starts at 7.30pm, with refreshments at 7pm and will conclude by 9pm.

**Carol Singing:** Come and join the Church in Tuffley carol singers as they go The Knoll Care Home in Stroud Road on Fri 6 Dec at 2pm and The Pike and Musket in Windsor Avenue on Tues 17 Dec at 6pm. All welcome to come and bring some Christmas cheer to others.

**St Patrick's GAA Club RE-UNION EVENING** At Gloucester Irish Club, Horton Road Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. All past & present mentors, members, players & supporters welcome 7.30pm till late. Buffet, Monster Raffle, live Music, no tickets required.

**Recycle at The Redwell Centre:** Do you have items that are still in great condition or new? Would you like some extra money or space for Christmas? Do you want to grab some bargains? Drop of your item with a price and the Redwell Centre will sell it for you, you will receive 50% and 50% will go towards the running of the centre. Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am to 1pm. Further information from The Redwell Centre, Redwell Rd, Matson GL4 6JG 01452 381070.

**Church in Tuffley Christmas Hampers:** If you weren't here last weekend there is a folder in the lobby from which you may take a sheet and buy what is described so that we can help prepare 40 hampers along with the other Christian Churches in Tuffley for Christmas and help feed 160 or so people in need. Items need to be returned and placed in the Christmas Hamper crates no later than Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Help is also required on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am at St George's to pack the 50 hampers. Thank you for any support you can give,

**General Election 2019:** Copies of the Message from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales press release of 29<sup>th</sup> Nov on the General Election are available in the Church lobbies. It can also be found on our website on the newsletter page This Mon 2nd Dec there will be hustings for the Gloucester seat: Arrive from 7.00pm to submit questions with a 7.30pm start in The Parliament Room Gloucester Cathedral (Please note access is by stairs) Chaired by The Bishop of Tewkesbury The Right Revd. Robert Springett. The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Candidates have all confirmed they will attend

**Christmas card appeal for Prisoners of Conscience:** Amnesty International has supplied us with details of victims of injustice. To support them please take a free copy of 'Write for Rights', which gives details of the cases There are free cards for you to take. You will need to address and post the cards. Thank you

**St Augustine's APF (Red ) Boxes:** Are now due. If box needs picking up please ring Rosemary 01452 617730

**PARISH COLLECTIONS: English Martyrs:** 17<sup>th</sup> Nov £131.78 **Saint Augustine's Reports Monthly**

