



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



Thirty Third Sunday of The Year
17th November 2019 Year C World Day of the Poor

Responsorial Psalm	The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.
Gospel Acclamation	Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
Communion Antiphon	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 16 th Nov		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Marie Tweedie RIP
Sun 17 th Nov	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Barbara Connors RIP and John Connors
Mon 18 th Nov		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Anielka Jennings RIP
Tues 19 th Nov	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln
Wed 20 th Nov		10.00am Mass	Irenna Bartska RIP
Thurs 21 st Nov	10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fr Gerry Away
Fri 22 nd Nov			Memorial of St Cecilia Fr Gerry Away
Sat 23 rd Nov	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Patricia Withers RIP

Please pray: For those who have died recently especially: Barbara Wood who died on 3rd Nov. Reception on Thursday 28th Nov at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass at 1pm on Friday 29th Nov at St Augustine's **Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn especially Barbara's family.** **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.

First Holy Communion Both Parishes: The first candidates meeting in English Martyrs Hall will be from 9.30am to 12 noon on Saturday 23rd November. The first candidates meeting at St Augustine's Hall will be from 9.45am to 11am on Sunday 24th November. Then at all Sunday Masses on 23rd and 24th November we will welcome families of children who will be making their First Holy Communion in 2020 to our Sunday Masses.

Bible Study at English Martyrs: Thurs 21st Nov. at 10.30am in the hall as we continue to study the Acts of the Apostles

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

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

Victorian Christmas Evening: Katherine Kear will be demonstrating flowers and the U3A Gloucester Recorder Group the music for this event this coming Friday 22nd November starting at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Tickets will be available this weekend from Monica Evans or Ann Apperley at £5 each. Proceeds for Missio.

Messy Church for Children: On Saturday 30th November from 3pm to about 4.30pm at English Martyrs. Christian crafts games and stories for all the family followed by a light tea. All families welcome.

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

St Augustine's Christmas Fete: Will take place this year on Saturday 7th December, 11am-2:30pm. Please support this event and put the date in your diary. We are looking for volunteers to help with stalls and to make donations for stalls. Sign the list in the lobby or contact Moira on 01452 619150. Thank you

CHRISTMAS MUSIC NIGHT with dinner at English Martyrs: Saturday 14th 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 and Marisa. Book soon as places are limited. Return your form with payment to Nikki or Marisa by Sunday 1st December. For more information, ring Nikki on 07976 958402

Christmas Masses 2019: Christmas Eve Tues. 24th Dec. English Martyrs Family Mass 5.30pm; St Augustine'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. 25th 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 start in the Church after the 9am mass from NEXT Sunday, 24th November.

Faith and Light (Gloucestershire): *To live friendship with persons 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 the new time of 2.30pm, this Sunday 17th November, at English Martyrs, 247 Tuffley Lane, GL4 ONX All welcome! Contact Cheri cheri.steele@mail.com or 07865999567

'Refresh': The next gathering "A Praise Party" will be at St George's this Wednesday 20th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm. Please bring some food to share with others. All welcome.

Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peters Gloucester: This Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.30pm During this month's prayer meeting our speaker is Danny Connors, who will be talking on his experiences of the Holy Spirit in his life. We will also have music ministry led by Tony.

'Year of Communion' Launch: This Friday 22nd Nov in Clifton Cathedral at 7pm. Fr Gerry and Paul Taylor Chair of our Joint Parishes Pastoral council will attend. If anyone else which to come then please speak to either of them.

Quiet Ecumenical Prayer Group: Friday 29th November at 2.30pm at English Martyrs. Everyone welcome. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

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 2 more in our area where you will have the chance to learn more about the proposed training course which is due to start in September 2020. These 2 meetings are at Our Lady of Lourdes Newent this Tues. 19th Nov and at St Thomas More Parish Hall Cheltenham on Wed. 11th Dec. both are start at 7.30pm, with refreshments at 7pm and will conclude by 9pm.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator Full-time 35 Hours Per Week: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and has this vacancy currently. For further details see the supplementary page to this newsletter.

Re St Augustine's 200 Club: Several numbers are now free due to parishioners moving away or dying so for £12 a year you could be entered into the monthly draw where £100 is given away in prize money. Please phone Claire Cooper 0452 614173 for further information. You have to be in it to win it.

Retiring Collections This weekend as part of the World Day for the Poor to support Gloucester City Mission and their night shelter for the homeless during this winter all donations will be match funded. Next weekend for the Diocesan Youth Service

PARISH COLLECTIONS: English Martyrs: 10th Nov £88.27. Monthly Standing Orders received for October 2019 Parish General Fund £1,406 Building Fund £195 Loans outstanding Hall Loan at 2.75%pa £2756 as at 21st October 2019. Car Park Parishioner Interest Free Loans £17,550 **Saint Augustine's:** October Standing Orders for parish £1,065 and October Envelopes and plate collections £1,080. **Thank you for your generosity in supporting your parish.**

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

More items re Diocesan events on an additional page on the website

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ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTER SHEET

Advent Retreat – ‘Growing in the light’ – Ammerdown Centre: Fr Richard McKay and Mrs Mary Hopper (both of St Nicholas of Tolentino Church in the inner city of Bristol) are leading a weekend Residential Advent Retreat at Ammerdown (near Radstock) on the theme of ‘Growing in the Light’, the Light of God that enables us to see differently - God, our own self, people and society around us, our Creation. This Divine Light leads us into deeper Communion with God, self, humanity and all Creation. Partly silent, partly discussion and sharing. 6pm on 29th November to after lunch 1st December at the Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW. Residential £280, non-residential £190. To book by November 14th, phone : 01761433709 or email: centre@ammerdown.org

Launch of the ‘Year of Communion’: 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. Anyone wishing to represent either parish please speak to Fr Gerry.

Diocesan Youth Gathering: To celebrate National Youth Sunday (NYS) 2019 in the Clifton Diocese, we are holding our annual Diocesan Youth Gathering on **Saturday 23rd November** at St Bede’s Catholic College, Long Cross, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. There will be great speakers, workshops, Diocesan Youth Forum and WYD 2022 launch! The day will begin at 11am and finish at 4pm. This event is for young people of Secondary School age and above. To book your place click on the NYS logo on www.cliftondiocese.com

St Matthew’s Infancy Narrative: As we begin next month to read St Matthew liturgically, John Huntriss leads an evening talk on deepening our understanding of the Jesus we encounter in Matthew’s Gospel. On **Wednesday 27 November**, from **7.30pm**, at **Emmaus House, Sleep Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol** where you will be given a warm welcome.

Clifton Cathedral: Are hosting an *Interfaith* evening session on **27 November, at 7pm** (refreshments are available from 6.30pm). The evening will focus on ‘Women and Faith’, an exploration of the changing role of women in three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It will be held in the **Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral**.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator Full-time 35 hours per week: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and has this vacancy currently in the Diocese. The Safeguarding Co-ordinator has a senior role in facilitating the ongoing development of safeguarding, demonstrating strong and inspiring leadership skills, supervision and the provision of expert advice to the Bishop, Chief Operating Officer, Trustees and Clergy and taking appropriate action in response to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either in Social Work, Police, Probation or Health, with specific experience in safeguarding at a senior level. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Lyn Murray, Chief Operating Officer, Clifton Diocese on 0117 902 5598. For the job description, personal specification and application form please visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing date for receipt of applications: 4 December 2019.

Catholic Singles: is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498