



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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SUN5DAY 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.



The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph 29th December 2019 Year A

Responsorial Psalm	O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
Gospel Acclamation	May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, let the message of Christ find a home with you.
Communion Antiphon	Our God had appeared on earth, and lived among us.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 28 th Dec		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Mary de Maria (Anniv)
Sun 29 th Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Thanksgiving Stewart Family Caroline Maher Anniv
Mon 30 th Dec		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Concetta Alongi RIP
Tues 31 st Dec.	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Theodora Allum RIP
Wed 1 st Jan 2020		11.30am Rosary 12 Noon Mass	<i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i> Linda Carroll B'day RIP
Thurs 2 nd Jan			<i>Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i> Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 3 rd Jan		11.00am Requiem Mass for Mary McVann	Mary McVann (RIP)
Sat 4 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Thomas Jospeh (Anniv) People of the Parishes

Please pray: For those who have died recently especially: Mary McVann who died on 4th Dec and whose Requiem is on Friday 3rd Jan at 11am with her, coffin reception on Thursday 2nd Jan at 4.30pm at St Augustine's Joan Markey who died on 24th Dec. Requiem TBC **Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn especially Mary's and Joans family and friends. Please also pray for the sick especially:** Allan Irvine, John Connors, Elsie Cavanagh, 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. **We also pray for** Mgr Liam VG and Parish Priest at St Peter's Gloucester who has been diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma and will be undergoing Chemotherapy starting in January 2020.

Thank you: To everyone involved in any way in preparing the two Churches for our Christmas Masses and for the liturgies over Christmastide. It is often said it 'takes a village to bring up a child' similar it takes a committed team who freely and generously give up their time to make our Churches and Liturgies what they are for Christmas. Thank you everyone!

Fr Gerry wishes to express his sincere thanks for all the presents and cards he received for Christmas and for your very generous Christmas offerings.

Office Closed: The Parish office is now closed till 9am on Friday 3rd January 2020.

First Holy Communion: English Martyrs The next children's session is on Saturday 11th January 2020 from 9.30am to 12noon in the Church Hall. St Augustine's The next children's sessions is on Sunday 12th January 2020 from 9.45am in the Church Hall. Parents Meeting The next parents meeting for candidates from both parishes will be looking at the 'Word of God' on Wed 15th Jan at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Church Hall. The material is aimed at parents not the children however if you need to bring a child(ren) with you there will be activities provided for them.

Discussion group: Continues to explore Wendy Beckett's Book on prayer. Their next gathering will be on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in St Augustine's Church Hall.

Bible Study: Restarts at 10.30am in English Martyrs Church Hall on Thursday 9th January 2020.

English Martyrs Eucharistic Adoration: Will be from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday 9th January 2020.

Going Away on Holiday or Travelling: We pray for all those parishioners who are away over Christmas & the New Year and for those travelling at this time that they will have safe journeys and that they will come back renewed and refreshed.

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.

God who Speaks: Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. For further information see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

Consecration of England to Our Lady of Walsingham: On 1st January the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God the Bishops of England will formally launch Behold 2020. This will give us an opportunity to consecrate ourselves and our parishes to Our Lady and will culminate with the Consecration of England by all the Bishops to our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Further details can be found at <https://www.behold2020.com/dedication-1>

St Peter's High School Casual Exam Invigilator Posts: St. Peter's are looking to recruit a number of Casual Exam Invigilators to join our invigilation team, £9.20/hour (includes holiday pay) Invigilators need to be available during the months of **November, May & June** and must be available for at least **6 sessions** per week Start Times: Morning Session – 8.45am start , Afternoon Session – 12:30pm start .The post requires you to oversee and supervise examinations and to ensure that guidelines and regulations for the integrity and security of the examination papers and procedures are followed during examination sessions. Further information can be found on the school website, Eteach or by contacting Karen Thompson via recruitment@sphs.uk.com

Parish collections: English Martyrs: **Standing Orders received in November** £1,406 Parish Fund £195 Building Fund both via the Diocese being the amounts individuals paid in October and £163 paid directly by individuals to the Parish.

Loose Offertory for 15th Dec £88.76. **Outstanding Loans:** Diocesan Loan for the Hall at 2.75% as at 20th December £1,255.54 and Interest Free Parishioner Car Park Loans £17,500 St Augustine's: **Standing Orders received in November** £1,073 via the Diocese being the amounts individuals paid in October and £874.02 paid directly by individuals to the Parish. **Loose Offertory and Envelopes** £1,081.75 **Thank you all for your continued generous support.**

Year of Communion Reflection for Feast of the Holy Family

In our Year of Communion, we are being asked to reflect on what it means to be in communion with one another, the wider world, creation and all of humanity. The Feast we celebrate today is not one of the 'perfect' family, but the feast of a family who had their fair share of worries and concerns. Within the context of this family Jesus grew up, experiencing love but also times of hardship. Whilst we may not know much about his early life, we can sense that from the very beginning he lived with parents who sought to do God's will. This is what makes them 'holy'. This seeking kept them alive to the needs of those around them, of the challenges which we can face and the courage it takes to choose the right path. As Christians we are called to discern the will of God and to be guided by it – in this way as a Christian family we grow in a deeper sense of being united in our vision and mission to proclaim the Gospel and live it courageously. It is our response to our personal and collective call to holiness.

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



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