



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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2020 Year A

Responsorial Psalm	The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Gospel Acclamation	The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'
Communion Antiphon	Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 11 th Jan		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	James Hanratty Anniv
Sun 12 th Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	William Gannon RIP People of the Parishes
Mon 13 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Special Intention JJ
Tues 14 th Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Jack Williamson Anniv
Wed 15 th Jan		10.00am Mass	Mark Taylor RIP
Thurs 16 th Jan			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 17 th Jan	10.00am Mass		John Stinton RIP
Sat 18 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Emer Leonard RIP Mary McVann RIP

Please pray: For those who have died recently especially: Robert Taylor whose funeral is at the Crematorium at 11.30am this Tuesday **Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn especially. 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 is undergoing chemotherapy.

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

First Holy Communion: We welcome candidates and their families to both parishes this Sunday. **Parents Meeting** The next parents meeting for candidates from both parishes will be looking at the 'Word of God' this 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.

Journey in Faith: If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic in 2020 please speak to Fr Gerry as soon as possible.

Discussion Group: Continues to explore Wendy Beckett's Book on prayer. Their next gathering will be on Wednesday 22nd January in St Augustine's Church Hall.

Bible Study: Continues at 10.30am in English Martyrs Church Hall on Thursday 23rd January.

T@3: This social gathering in St Augustine's Hall returns for the first gathering of the new decade 2020 at 3pm this Tuesday 14th January. Come along and enjoy some delicious cakes and great company.

Christmas Masses and Easter Triduum Survey: In order to inform discussion Fr Gerry and the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council are asking you to complete a short survey about Christmas Masses and the Easter Triduum this Sunday.

Epiphany House Blessing: For those who wish there is some blessed chalk in the Church lobbies which you may use to mark the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+20). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless our home).

Soul Space: At St Georges CofE, Grange Road starts this Sunday 12th January 2020, from 3.30 pm. Christian Worship for all ages, with young people leading.

Alpha: Will start this Monday 13th January and run for 7 sessions concluding on Monday 24th February. This Monday Alpha will be held in English Martyrs Hall starting at 7pm for supper and input from 7.45pm. Alpha is being coordinated by Helen McGeogh, Tuffley Pioneer. The evenings are particularly aimed at those new to the Christian faith although all are welcome.

Refresh: The Church in Tuffley invites you to the next Refresh evening which will be this Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm at the Grange Baptist's, Grange Road. All welcome.

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 2.30pm, the next meeting will be on Sunday 19th January, at English Martyrs, 247 Tuffley Lane, GL4 ONX All welcome! Contact Cheri cheri.steele@mail.com or 07865999567.

Diocesan events for the area at English Martyrs: English Martyrs Parish Hall is hosting a Rite of Election information evening on Wednesday 22nd January aimed at those who are journeying towards becoming Catholic in the near future, their sponsors catechists and anyone who is interested. Refreshments at 7pm, start 7.30pm conclude at 9pm, for further details see the newsletter supplement online They are also hosting the Gloucestershire Youth Network Meeting on Tues 28th January from 6.30pm to 9pm which will be looking at 'volunteer and catechist recruitment & retention in parishes.

Sharing our Story: Diocesan Catechists day and for others who are interested at St Brendan's Six Form College, Brislington 10am to 3pm. Key note speaker David Wells. See newsletter supplement online for further details.

PRINKNASH ABBEY RETREAT DAYS: Will continue in 2020, led by Abbot Martin McLaughlin and Dr. Sarah Richards. Each Retreat Day has its own theme, and offers an opportunity for quiet time, free time, confession, and Mass. Everyone is welcome. The first 2020 RETREAT DAY is SATURDAY 25 JANUARY – start 10am in Meeting Room. Finish 3.30pm. Theme "Jesus rose early and went to a quiet place to pray": A day to embrace peace and solitude. Further details on Poster on Church Notice Board, and on the Prinknash Abbey website www.prinknashabbey.org

Consecration of England to Our Lady of Walsingham: On 1st January the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God the Bishops of England formally launched Behold 2020. This give us an opportunity to consecrate ourselves to Our Lady on 25th March having followed 33 days of preparation starting on 21st February and will culminate with the Consecration of England by all the Bishops to our Lady on the Sunday 29th March. Further details at <https://www.behold2020.com/dedication-1> Prior to that Clifton Cathedral will be hosting a Triduum of prayer from 20-22nd of February when they will receive the statue of Mary from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham as part of the preparation for the year of dedication. More information will follow in due course.

St Augustine's 200 Club: All members are due to pay their annual subscriptions. Several numbers are now free due to parishioners moving away or dying. You have to be in it to win it. Please make a cheque payable for £12 to St Augustine 200 Club, Matson. Claire Cooper will be in the porch after each Sunday mass to collect your money New members always welcome. Together last year we raised £1235 for Parish Funds, Thank you for all your help and support.

200 Club English Martyrs 2020: We would love to have some more new members for 200 Club where £75 in total of winnings are awarded each month. Members annual payments are now due. Please see Ann Apperley, Tim Houlihan or Marisa.

Parish collections: English Martyrs: 29th Dec £47.18, 7th Jan £88.61 St Augustine's Reports Monthly Thank you all for your continued generous support.

Gloucester and District Christian Choir

The well received Christian Choir is returning for another concert on Friday 21st February in St Augustine's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets at £5 each will be on sale after weekend masses from 25th January. Please place the date in your diary and invite your friends as this is certain to be a good evening



Additional Newsletter Items for 12th January 2020

The role of the Marriage and Family Life worker: Is key in supporting the implementation of the Bishop's vision for the diocese in '*A Future Full of Hope*'. A job description & application form can also be found on the Clifton Diocese website. This is a part-time post, three days a week (21 hours). Closing date: Sunday 19 January. For more information please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or tel: 0117 902 5595.

The Governing Body of St Peters High School and Sixth Form Centre: are looking to appoint foundation governors. Applications from people with skills in the following areas are particularly welcome: Strategic Planning, Governance, Project management, Risk management, Change management, Financial management, Employment law and Practice Education. If you are interested, please contact the clerk to the governors Derek Newman_email: Dnewman@sphs.uk.com

Prinknash Ecumenical Prayer Group Course and Retreat on Christian Healing Ministry: Our recently formed Prayer Group St Joseph @Prinknash is running a Christian Healing Ministry Training course developed by The Christian Healing Mission (CHM). John Ryeland, the Director of CHM - will be leading a Retreat Day at Prinknash Abbey Meeting Room on 21st March from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Prior to that there is a training course which begins on Sat 1st Feb 11 am – 4.30pm and continues on Sat 8th Feb and Sat 7th Mar at the same times all in the Prinknash Meeting Room next to the café. The course and retreat is free although the accompanying workbook costs £6. Donations on the retreat day are welcome to cover costs.

Sharing Our Story: Next Saturday 18 January we welcome David Wells back to the Diocese to help us explore what it means to 'share our story'. David is well known for his deep theology, accessible presentation and self-deprecating humour. He will inspire us, nourish us and encourage us to keep sharing. In addition to his two talks, there will be a range of workshops on offer which will help new and experienced catechists and evangelists to engage more deeply with their role and mission. These will include: First Communion Preparation, accompanying parents, Confirmation catechesis, Sharing our Story – Alpha, Baptismal Preparation, Liturgy and Catechesis and Sacramental Rites. **All are welcome** to this day at St Brendan's College, Brislington, Bristol – no experience necessary. The day starts at 10am (with refreshments from 9.30am) and will finish 3.30pm, please bring a packed lunch.

'Called by Name' – an evening in preparation for the Rite of Election. This is an opportunity for catechumens, candidates, sponsors and anyone interested in supporting people who are preparing to become full members of the Catholic community to come together and reflect upon what it means to be 'Called by Name' which is central to the liturgy we celebrate at the Rite of Election. Our evening together will not simply focus on what happens at the Rite of Election but on its central important message, which is the desire to respond to a call from God. During the course of the evening we will also look at the liturgy itself and the Rite of Sending to the Rite of Election. Do come if you can. The date and venue for Gloucestershire is Wednesday 22nd January at English Martyrs Church Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Youth Ministry Parish Network Groups: Met for their initial meeting in October 2019 with a positive response from a few parishes. The purpose of these networks is to bring parishes together to support each other, learn new skills and explore opportunities to minister to young people. We ask that all parishes send a representative to the network meetings who can feed back to the PPC and other parish groups. The second in our series of four network meetings will look at volunteer and catechist recruitment & retention in parishes. The dates and venue for Gloucestershire is Tuesday 28th January at English Martyrs Church Hall from 6.30pm – 9.00pm