



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 Epiphany of the Lord 5th January 2020 Year A

Responsorial Psalm	All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Communion Antiphon	We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 4 th Jan		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 5 th Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Special Intention Fr FD Michael Griffett RIP
Mon 6 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Angela Jayatellike RIP
Tues 7 th Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Wyn Smith RIP
Wed 8 th Jan		11.30am Rosary 12 Noon Mass	Miss Frances Staunton RIP
Thurs 9 th Jan			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 10 th Jan		10.30am Requiem Mass for Joan Markey	Joan Markey (RIP)
Sat 11 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Neil Burns Snr Anniv James Hanratty Anniv

Please pray: For those who have died recently especially: Joan Markey who died on 24th Dec. Hr requiem at St Augustine's is this Friday 10th January at 10.30am **Please remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn especially Joan's 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.

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

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.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord 'Blessing of Homes: One of the traditions associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is the blessing of homes. Using blessed chalk a householder marks 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+19). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless our home). Some blessed chalk is available at the back of the church for those who would like to practice this tradition. If you wish Fr Gerry to come and bless your home with holy water and prayers then please contact him,

Joint Parishes Pastoral Council: Meets this Tuesday at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Hall.

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.

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.

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.

HIDDEN VOICES BRISTOL - Tackling Modern Slavery Together: A course to equip us in understanding, detecting, and preventing slavery and trafficking, whilst also enabling those affected. The process takes place over three sessions. Please come even if you cannot manage all three sessions. Time: 10.00-12.30 Dates: 11th January 2020 & then 25th January & 8th February. Where: St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawfords Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE Parking is available in Church Car Park on Pennywell Road. Please book if attending or for more information email: hvbristol@gmail.com "Hidden Voices Bristol" is part of the growing <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/> Hidden Voices Network

Sharing Our Story: On 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.

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 about what the Cathedral is offering.

Congratulations to Deacon Thomas Lawes: Who was ordained as a transitory Deacon for the Diocese of Clifton on 14th December and please God will be ordained to the ministerial priesthood during 2020. Please keep him in your prayers.

Parish collections: English Martyrs: Report next week St Augustine's Reports Monthly **Thank you all for your continued generous support.**

Year of Communion Reflection for Epiphany of the Lord

The story of the magi coming to see the baby in the manger complete with gifts, is familiar to most. But it is more than a simple story, more than the beginning of Matthew's Gospel. It is more than just telling us about the fact that Jesus came to save all people, regardless of race or place in life. It is a story of vision, gift and ultimately of transformation. It is thought that the magi who came from the East did so by reading the stars, markers along the way that ultimately led them to the small stable wherein they encounter the Christ-child. What were the markers that they used? How did they know which ones to follow? Once there we hear how they have brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. There is no sense that one gift is better than another. Each gift is important for what it is. What we go onto hear is that when the magi encounter the Christ-child their lives are transformed. They return by a different route - it is not simply that they are warned in a dream - they have been changed and are able to see a different way for themselves. We, too, when we are open to encountering Christ, have the possibility for transformation, for change, for taking a different path or for going deeper into our relationship with God. It takes courage to respond but the rewards are enormous.

