



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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A 16th February 2020

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| 'Responsorial Psalm | They are happy who follow God's Law! |
| Gospel Acclamation | Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. |
| Communion Antiphon | They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. |

| DATE | ENGLISH MARTYRS | SAINT AUGUSTINE'S | MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY |
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| Sat 15 th Feb | | 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass | Linda Keogh RIP |
| Sun 16 th Feb | 9.00am Mass | 11.00am Mass | Sarah (Anniv) & Harry (RIP) Smith People of the Parishes |
| Mon 17 th Feb | | 9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass | Aniellka Jennings Anniv |
| Tues 18 th Feb | 7.00pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass | | Theodora Allum RIP |
| Wed 19 th Feb | | 10.00am Mass | P.L. Birthday Intention |
| Thurs 20 th Feb | | | Fr Gerry's Day off |
| Fri 21 st Feb | 10.00am Mass | | Sr Jacinta RIP |
| Sat 22 nd Feb | 9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass | 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass | Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle Martin McGuinness RIP John McVann Anniv |

Please pray: For all those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn. **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: Parents Meeting The next parents meeting for candidates from both parishes will be looking at the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in English Martyrs Church Hall. The material is aimed at parents not the children, If you need to bring a child(ren) with you there will be activities provided for them.

St Augustine's Next Children's session Sunday 23rd February starting at 9.45am in the Hall.

English Martyrs Next Children's Session Saturday 7th March 9.30am to 12 noon in the Hall.

Bible Study: The Bible Study returns to its usual English Martyrs venue at 10.30am on Thursday 27th February.

Coffee Morning at English Martyrs: Wednesday 19th February from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Shrove Tuesday 25th February: Pancakes, Pudding and Praise in English Martyrs Hall from 7.30pm. All welcome.

LENT 2020: Ash Wednesday is on Wed 26th Feb. 2020 our Masses with distribution of Ashes on that day will be at 10am in St Augustine's and 7.30pm in English Martyrs.

During Lent, on Wednesdays, except Ash Wednesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, there will be an early mass followed by breakfast alternating between the two parishes and in the evening there will be an opportunity for us to watch videos produced by the Bishops of England and Wales to enable us to deepen our understanding of 'Creation' and what we can do to help the climate emergency. The course will take place in St Augustine's Hall. Further details to follow.

The Easter Triduum this year will be celebrated in English in the Ordinary Form at English Martyrs as follows:

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper with washing of the feet Maundy Thursday 9th April,

3pm Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion Friday 10th April

9pm Easter Vigil Saturday 11th April

Easter Sunday is on 12th April our Sunday Mass times remain the same as usual 9am English Martyrs 11am St Augustine's

St Augustine Lenten Lunches: The popular and delicious Lent lunches will be on all Fridays during Lent from Friday 28th February to Friday 3rd April in the Hall starting from 12 noon. Proceeds to CAFOD and Together in Matson. All welcome

English Martyrs Quiz Night on Friday 6th March: This annual event in the hall starts at 7.30pm (prompt). Tickets are £4.00 for an adult and £2.00 per child, which includes a light ploughman's supper. Tea and coffee, and squash for the children. Family tickers (Adult and up to 3 children) are £11.00. team size is 6 but if you can't get a 6 together, come along anyway and we'll help you form a team on the night. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass and everyone is welcome. Why not come along for a fun family evening!

Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peter's Gloucester: Our special speaker this month is Deacon Colm Robinson, who is reflecting on the challenges we are faced with in the Beatitudes. **Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm.** All welcome.

St George's Entertainers' Red Riding Hood: In St George's Centre, Grange Road, Tuffley supporting the James Hopkins Trust. £5 for adults, £3 for children. Fun for all the family Show times Friday 21st Feb at 7.30pm and Sat 22nd Feb at 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tel. 01452 307456 to book tickets.

Leap Year Day Prayer Stations: On Sat 29th Feb from 10am to 2pm you are invited to visit St George's CofE Church and visit and pray at the Prayer Stations prepared by the Church in Tuffley. Tea and coffee and a warm welcome awaits. Use the extra day you have this year wisely, spend some of the time in prayer.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March: There are two events taking place in our Parishes using the material written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe on the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". 10.30am at Christchurch Abbeydale followed by coffee and cake and 2pm at St Barnabas Church followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

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 Afternoon Session – 12:30pm 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 by contacting Karen Thompson via recruitment@sphs.uk.com

English Martyrs – TUFFLEY LANE RESURFACING CLOSURES: You might not be able to access or leave the Church site by car on Monday and Tuesday of this week from 9.30am to 3.30pm as the road is scheduled to be closed. There is no indication online or locally that these works are delayed.

APF Red Mission Boxes: The total collected at St Augustine's for 2019 was £1,224.23. Thank you for your generosity. If anyone at St Augustine's would like a Red Mission Box please contact Rosemary on tel. 617730.

Coronavirus/Covid-19: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued Guidelines which can be viewed through the Clifton Diocesan website (cliftondiocese.com) or on cbcew.org.uk. In the foreword to the guidelines Bishop Paul Mason Lead Bishop for Healthcare, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales says: 'At the time of writing the risk to the public from coronavirus remains low. We issue these guidelines purely to enable Catholic churches and organisations to find in one place the relevant information to them. Because this is a rapidly changing situation, we may change these guidelines as the situation changes. But in the meantime, it will be crucial to ensure as you read these you check the latest guidance from Government At present we remain as individuals in England and Wales at low risk. As Catholics we reiterate the commitment of the Church to health care ministry. Ensuring we disrupt the spread of the virus is core to effective mission. Part of this is reassurance that we have no cause for fear.' Section 8 of the guidelines states: There is no need as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely

Parish collections: English Martyrs: Cash Offertory next week. St Augustine's Reports Monthly Thank you

