



# 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.



## Third Sunday of Lent~ Year A 15th March 2020

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Mary McVann RIP
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	The Intentions of English Martyrs PP & People of the Parishes
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Paddy Curnow RIP
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Feast of St Patrick Bishop of Ireland</i> Pauline Feely RIP
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March		6.30am Mass	
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am Mass 1.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration		<i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March		11am Mass 11.30am Stations of the Cross	Holy Souls
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Mary Thomas RIP

**Please pray:** For all those who have died recently especially Elsie Cavanagh her Funeral will be at 12noon on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn. Please also pray for the sick especially: Allan Irvine, John Connors, 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.

**SORRY DUE TO COVID-19 THERE WILL BE NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY**

**CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:** The Bishops of England and Wales last Tuesday took the decision that we had moved from stage 1 to stage 2 in the Church's response to Covid-19. Stage 2 is when there are a number of cases in local communities. Given the chief scientific advisor has stated there are likely to be 10,000 cases across the UK at this time that is the case. In this stage the Bishops state:

- We need to suspend distribution under both kinds and Holy Communion should be taken on the hand.
- Suspend the physical sign of peace, remove water stoops, don't use hymn books, don't pass round collection bags or baskets.
- Regular washing of hands is very important. Unfortunately, we are not able to make hand sanitiser available to all but both churches have plenty of soap water and hand driers please use these if you need to wash your hands because you have sneezed or coughed since you last washed them. Also remember hygiene Catch it, Bin it Kill it.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms is to refrain from attending Liturgy, public events, nor attend the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic. You should be self-isolating if you have a high temperature or new continuous cough.
- Suspend catering functions. **On Friday the decision was made to close kitchens for all users except for the purposes of a deep clean.**
- **Advise those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home. Most Sunday Masses are a large parish gathering.**

Please note: If you miss Sunday Mass because you are self-isolating or fall into the vulnerable category you are exempt from the Sunday obligation during the Covid-19 outbreak. See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/> for latest Bishop's Conference guidance.

**First Holy Communion:** Parents Meeting The next parents meeting for candidates from both parishes will be looking at the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March starting at 9.45am in the Hall and then the Retreat Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 12:45pm till the end of the Vigil Mass for Sunday which starts at 6:30pm

**English Martyrs** Next Children's Session Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am to 12 noon in the Hall.

**Bible Study:** Continues at English Martyrs at 10.30am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March all welcome

**Adoration:** Every Thursday of Lent from 1 to 4pm at English Martyrs. Sign up sheet in lobby, all welcome to drop in for some time of quite prayer before the Lord.

**Our Common Home (The Environmental Crisis):** PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE ON Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm we will watch "Before the Flood" a 2016 National Geographic Documentary Film narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

**Penitential Services:** English Martyrs 7pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**St Augustine Lenten Lunches, English Martyrs Coffee Morning and The Passover Meal:** HAVE ALL BEEN CANCELLED AS ADVISED BY THE BISHOPS IN ENGLAND & WALES REGARDING ANY GATHERING WHERE FOOD OR DRINK ARE PREPARED & DISTRIBUTED.

**Children's Easter Play at English Martyrs:** at the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Rehearsals immediately after Mass in the Church every Sunday till Easter continuing this Sunday.

**The Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday** This year will be celebrated in English in the Ordinary Form (Latin Rite) at English Martyrs as follows: 7.30pm **Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April** Mass of the Last Supper with washing of the feet, 3pm **Good Friday** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

9pm **Easter Vigil Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.** **Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** Sunday Mass times remain the same as usual.

**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES AT EASTER:** By donating a lily for any personal intention. Please place the completed intention slip, along with a £2.00 donation, in the basket at the back of the St Augustine's Church. The lilies will be displayed in the Lady Chapel over the Easter period along with your intentions. Thank you

**Prayer & Praise Meeting at St. Peter's Gloucester:** Our special speaker this month is Dick Venning, who is reflecting on "What is in a Name?" **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020** starting at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, London Road, Gloucester.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** During the Season of Lent Bishop Declan is once again inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love. Each Liturgy will start 7pm and the one's closest to us our on **Thursday 26 March** - Holy Rood, Swindon and **Thursday 2 April** - St Gregory, Cheltenham

**Christian Meditation Group:** Meets at Our Lady's Church Hall, every Friday from 1.00pm until 2.00pm and invites anyone interested to join them in prayer and meditation to come along.

**Refresh:** The next Refresh organised by the Church in Tuffley will be at St George's Church this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm all welcome

**Explore Easter 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Three Tuffley schools are sharing a packed timetable for the week. That's a lot of children coming to hear the wonderful story of how much our God loves us and how he made a way for us to be with him forever. We will need some help! It really doesn't matter what you think you can or can't do, just come and be with us and mingle with the little ones and experience their joy. Those who come to help always come back again. If you have even just a morning available, please have a look at our timetable in the porch and sign up to help. Thank you!

**English Martyrs Quiz Night:** A fantastic result and evening and congratulations to the organisers of this annual event. They raised £ 272.58 Well done!

**Parish Finances:** **English Martyrs:** Cash Offertory 8<sup>th</sup> Mar £88.97 Cafod so far £364.72. **St Augustine's** Reports monthly

