

Covid-19 Additional recurring Information 23rd April 2020

Parish Office and Administrator: The Parish office at English Martyrs has been closed since 24th March. Marisa Wood has now been furloughed by the Diocese who will receive the 80% grant from the Government for employees on furlough. The Diocese will top that up to ensure she continues to receive 100% of her salary. Furloughed employees are not allowed to do any work related activities for their employers although they can volunteer. Marisa is doing some voluntary work for which Fr Gerry is very grateful. Fr Gerry will endeavour to keep on top of essential office work until Marisa returns.

Join us for your Parish Mass and services: Fr Gerry's Private Masses or services over Skype with live video starts as indicated in the liturgy planner above from one of the Parish Churches or if needs be the Presbytery, You can join this by becoming part of the EMAOC Parishioners Group by either contacting Fr Gerry through your Skype Account at his Skype Account fathergerrywalsh or by using the url <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> and joining as a guest,

Children's Resources: We are aware that most children will no longer be going to school. If you would like Christian resources for children, typically aged 7-12 year olds but adults and confirmation candidates enjoy these to, contact Debbie Cottam on deborahcottam@outlook.com who will happily email them to you. St George's CofE Tuffley Messy Church has a facebook page see https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Messy-Church-105102594480668/?_tn=HHH-R is worth visiting they will post an Easter Messy Church on Holy Saturday but already have some children posts.

Fr Gerry's Social Media Presence: At this unprecedented time Fr Gerry is happy to share his limited social media presence Twitter @GerryWalsh18, he is on WhatsApp his mobile number is 07748175602 and he is also on Skype see above.

Mass Offerings: Fr Gerry is offering daily mass and is happy to take requests for masses over the phone or by email or by post whether sent or by hand delivery see overleaf for details.

Parishes Finance: We are very grateful for all who give to either parish via standing order especially at this time when we have no cash collections. You can give to either parish by standing order with or without gift aid for the time being please contact Fr Gerry if you would like either of these. If you normally give by envelope at St Augustine's if you can afford too, we would be grateful if you put aside each week's donation and bring them when we can gather again safely. If you normally support the parish with cash and once again if you can afford to then you can now give a one-off donation to either parish by using the PayPal button which is found just beneath the pictures of the Churches on the parishes website. The Diocese are endeavouring to reduce parishes costs including reducing the levy they charge to meet central costs and by putting staff on furlough. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Websites worth exploring: <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/> with Abbott Christopher Jameson has helpful resources to help people live through the pandemic and lockdown Including Shaping the Day, Isolated, Helpful Stories, How to.

<https://millionminutes.org/> Is a site about engaging with Young People which came into being as result of the Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis conversation with and on Young People and the Encyclical he wrote called Christus Vivit. Aimed at those who wish to engage with Young People whether as parents or catechists.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/> For details and links to livestreamed Masses celebrated every Thursday at 7pm by one of the Bishops of England and Wales from their Cathedral for the sick and their families, NHS front line workers and those working in social care etc.