



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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CONFESSIONS: Are available on request as long as social distancing and hygiene covid-19 procedures are followed. Please contact Fr Gerry as above. It is strongly suggested by Cardinal Nichols, see his Holy Week message, that we all make a good examination of conscience & a perfect act of contrition going to confession when we can safely gather again

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.



Easter Sunday Year A 12th April 2020

NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL PRIVATE MASSES AT 10AM EXCEPT THE EASTER VIGIL

THESE MASSES CAN BE JOINED LIVE VIA SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>

DATE	INTENTION OFFERED AT PRIVATE MASS FOR THE CHURCH, PARISHIONERS' AND SOCIETY/DAY	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 11 th April	9.00PM EASTER VIGIL	Margaret & John Knight 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Sun 12 th April	For families	EASTER DAY People of the Parishes
Mon 13 th April	For Prisoners and their families & all who work in prisons	Joseph Jennings Birthday
Tues 14 th April	For the Queen and members of the Royal Family	Private Intention
Wed 15 th April	For those facing financial difficulties	Anielka Jennings RIP
Thurs 16 th April	For all NHS staff and other key workers	Deceased Member of the Gray and Sweeney Families
Fri 17 th April	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	Holy Souls
Sat 18 th April	For the Sick especially those intensive care	Allan Irvine

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially Brenda Kelly, Keith Hill and Kelvin MacDonald and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn. **Please also pray for the sick especially:** Those in hospital with Covid-19, 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, Moni Mitchell, Jim Young, 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.

**Fr Gerry, Marisa Wood and the Joint Parishes Council would like to wish all Parishioners a Blessed and Holy Easter 2020.
Stay Safe and Keep Well**

Radio Broadcast: Led by Cardinal Nichols at 8.10am on Radio 4 for Easter Sunday 12th April.

HELPING EACH OTHER: People who are not in a risk category and who have the time are encouraged to join official government and council run volunteer groups such as the NHS Volunteers or via the official volunteer hub for Gloucestershire which can be found at: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/>

As parish communities many of you know each other as friends and talk to each other regularly please continue to do so and look out especially for the most vulnerable that you know who may be confused or lonely directing them to where they can get help as required. Please send any prayer requests to Fr Gerry which he will remember in the private mass and his daily rosary. If you know of anyone who would like to speak to him again let him know.

Covid-19 Supplementary Document: A number of things are going to remain more or less constant for a number of weeks in this Covid-19 pandemic so a two pages of Supplementary Information have been produced covering the following topics What to do when there are no Public Masses and Services, what's happening about other liturgical things, Easter duties, Act of Contrition, Prayer websites/apps, Free Catholic Resources and other useful websites. This can be found in the newsletter page of our website and a Covid-19 page which also has other things which maybe of interest.

Churches and Halls Closed: Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 23rd March both Churches and their halls are closed and there are no public masses or services until further notice.

English Martyrs Office Closed: Since Tuesday 24th March as required by the Diocese Marisa Wood our Parish Administrator has been working from home. She can be contacted via her diocesan email account as per the newsletter.

Meetings, Reconciliation Liturgies: All parish meetings are cancelled until further notice as are all public liturgies retreat days and concerts.

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.

Resources online from Holy Week: Fr Gerry led a Virtual way of the Cross around Tuffley which considers 5 stations from the perspective of women in these pandemic lockdown times. This can be found at <https://youtu.be/aWzSzpWUqSI>. He also gave the concluding reflection among a group of 4 Church leaders covering the Tuffley area and beyond and the Tuffley Pioneer this can be found at <https://youtu.be/oUbPn8pAus8>. There are plenty of recordings from the Vatican, the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham or Clifton Cathedral of Masses, Stations of the Cross and other things for you to look at if you have time.

Fr Gerry's Social Media Presence: At this unrepresented 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

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 weeks donation and bring them 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 parish website. The Diocese are endeavouring to reduce parish costs including reducing the levy they charge to meet central costs.

Thank you for your ongoing support

May Almighty God Bless you and your family this Easter

May He be with you in this time danger

May He bring strength to the afflicted

May He protect those untouched by disease

May He fill you with Joy as we celebrate the Resurrection.

May He give us renewed Faith and Hope in the Resurrection

May He give us renewed love and courage that we may trust in His power to save and reach out to all who need our care.

May He who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ our brother, endow you with the prize of immortality.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

