



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 meet.
Help us to reach out with joy and mercy, to build a loving, healing community.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Divine Mercy Sunday Year A 19th 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
Sun 19 th April	For families	People of the Parishes
Mon 20 th April	For the homeless and those in shelters and charities caring for them	Deceased Member of the Gray and Sweeney Families
Tues 21 th April	For the Queen and members of the Royal Family	Brenda Kelly RIP
Wed 22 nd April	For those facing financial difficulties	
Thurs 23 rd April	For all NHS staff and other key workers	Saint George Keith Hill RIP
Fri 14 th April	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	Holy Souls
Sat 25 th April	For the Sick especially those intensive care	Saint Mark

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially Brenda Kelly, Keith Hill, Kelvin MacDonald and Allan Irvine 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, 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.

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.

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

Fundraiser, encourager and outstanding gentleman of the past week: Captain Tom who as the newsletter is being prepared at almost 100 years of age has completed 100 circuits of his home and raised over £15million for the NHS. Fr Gerry shared his comments on twitter. Captain Tom who was born in 1920 and therefore lived through the Great Depression and fought in Burma during the second world war said: "You've all got to remember that we will get through it in the end, it will all be right, For all those people finding it difficult at the moment, the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away." That reminds us that we are a Resurrection People.

One thing to watch/listen too: Andrea Bocelli: Music for Hope – Live from Duomo di Milano. You will easily find it on YouTube or via any search engine,

Saints of the week: This week we celebrate both the Solemnity of St George Patron on England and St Mark Evangelist and author of the second Gospel. **St George (- c.303)** was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.

St Mark the Evangelist: Was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say that the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint.

Retreat Opportunity this Week: Monsignor John Armitage at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham via their Livestream <https://walsingham.org.uk.../retreat-by-mgr-john-armita.../> or via their YouTube channel Walsingham Catholic TV <https://www.youtube.com/walsinghamcatholictv> This will start on Sunday 19th April after Compline at 8pm until Sunday 26th April with talks each day at 10am & 4pm.

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.

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 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.

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.

**Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) Prayer
Used instead of the Angelus during Eastertide**

O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.

For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,

Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

For the Lord hath risen indeed, Alleluia.

Oremus (Let us pray)

O God, who, through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

Didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy;

Grant, we beseech Thee, that, through His Virgin Mother, Mary,

We may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

