



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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NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL PRIVATE MASSES AT 10AM EXCEPT AS INDICATED

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A 5th April 2020

DATE	INTENTION OFFERED AT PRIVATE MASS FOR THE CHURCH, PARISHIONERS' AND SOCIETY/DAY	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 5 th April	For the sick and all those who care for them	People of the Parishes
Mon 6 th April	For those who live and work in nursing and care homes	Family Intentions PG
Tues 7 th April	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	Holy Souls
Wed 8 th April	For NGO's across the world	
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM FROM ENGLISH MARTYRS		
Thurs 9 th April	Holy (Maundy) Thursday 7.30PM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Fri 10 th April	Good Friday Day of Fasting and Abstinence 3.00PM THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
Sat 11 th April	Holy Saturday 10.00am Morning Prayer 9.00PM EASTER VIGIL	Margaret & John Knight 50th Wedding Anniversary.
EASTER SUNDAY FROM ST AUGUSTINE'S SIDE CHAPEL		
Sun 12 th April	For families	People of the Parishes

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially 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, 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.

HELPING EACH OTHER: Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered to help practically by for example shopping. We have been advised by the Diocese in order to ensure requirements with all current and future Government requirements and to avoid duplication that we can now only help remotely as a parish. 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.

Cardinal Nichols Message on Holy Week 'Easter Duties', Confession and the Forgiveness of Sins Holy Week: Can be found on the home page of the Bishop's website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> or at https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=jMqeXLKT8hE&feature=emb_logo

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,

Behold 2020: This did take place last Sunday. Mgr Armitage's, the rector of the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham, homily is being sent out to those on email and is also on our website on the Covid-19 page Further things relating to the rededication can be found on the Shrine's website and at Behold2020.

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.

Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday: The Vatican Congregation for Liturgy and the Sacraments has decreed that the Easter Triduum will take place in a simplified form in parish churches and Cathedrals without the faithful being present. Pope Francis will be doing this at St Peter's Rome and Fr Gerry from English Martyrs. See the liturgy planner for the times of Masses for the Easter Triduum all of which you can follow and join in with if you are able to via Skype.

Stations of the Cross: Many people like to make Stations of the Cross especially on Good Friday there are some wonderful ones on line for you to watch. Fr Gerry suggests the following Bishop Barron's <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJNjtA-Awb4> On Good Friday at 12 noon ecumenical reflections from 5 women at various stations will be posted on our website.

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. If you normally give by envelope at St Augustine's if you can afford to we would be grateful if you put aside each weeks donation and bring them we can gather again safely. Thank you for your ongoing support

Year of Communion 5th April - Passion (Palm) Sunday

Spiritual writer, Henri Nowen, tells the story of an old man who, noticing a scorpion caught in the tangled roots of a tree, stretches out and tries to free the scorpion. The scorpion reacts by stinging his hand. He recoils in pain but tries once more. He continues to do this while his hand grows more and more bloody and swollen. A passer-by sees what is happening and laughs, shouting across to him, 'Silly old man, don't you know it is the nature of the scorpion to sting. That ugly creature will kill you if you keep on.' The old man stares back at him and replies, 'Just because it is the nature of the scorpion to kill, why should I give up my nature to save?' The all-consuming compassion and love of Jesus is reflected in this story. The death of Jesus was the ultimate act of sacrifice to save us. Through the very bloody and inhumane suffering of one man, we have been given life. Today is a day to glorify the Lord and to be with him in his pain, so that we may also share in his victory.

