



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.



Third Sunday of Easter Year A 26th April 2020

NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL PRIVATE MASSES AT 10AM
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 26 th April	For families	People of the Parishes
Mon 27 th April	For Medical Researches	
Tues 28 th April	For Persecuted Christians	Kelvin McDonald RIP
Wed 29 th April	For teachers and pupils	St Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe
Thurs 30 th April	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff and other key workers	Concetta Alongi RIP
Fri 1 st May	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	St Joseph the Worker Holy Souls
Sat 2 nd May	For the Sick especially those intensive care	St Athanasius Deceased Members of the Gary and Moloney Families

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially Kelvin McDonald who will be buried on Tuesday 28th April, for Janetta Mills whose cremation will be on Friday 1st May and for Allan Irvine whose cremation will be on Tuesday 5th May 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.

Fr Gerry Writes: I spoke to Bishop Declan this week who continues like myself to celebrate Mass daily. Although there are specific intentions some days all parishioners are remembered in prayer. I am grateful to those who join to pray with me in these Masses but appreciate either because of the time or technology that is not possible for you all. We have now been on lockdown for a month and I apologise if I have not got around to phoning many of you. Please do not hesitate to either email or ring me I am here to support you in any way I can. I have the privilege of visiting Gloucester Royal Hospital to anoint and pray with very ill patients and their families and I am grateful for your prayers. Please keep safe and stay well.

Saints of the week: This week we celebrate the Feast of St Catherine of Siena One of the Co Patrons of Europe and the Memorial of St Athanasius both are Doctors of the Church as well as the Optional Memorial of St Joseph the Worker.

St Catherine of Siena: Catherine was born in Siena in 1347 and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.

Saint Athanasius (295 - 373): He was born in Alexandria. He assisted Bishop Alexander at the Council of Nicaea and later succeeded him as bishop. He fought hard against Arianism all his life, undergoing many sufferings and spending a total of 17 years in exile. He wrote outstanding works to explain and defend orthodoxy that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. **St Joseph the Worker:** The Church has two feast days for St Joseph. The 19th March for Joseph the husband of Mary and this one on 1st May which was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. It honours human work of all kinds for what at its best it truly is an echo of the glorious work of God. Neither work nor the worker should be wasted; or abused, or improperly paid; or directed to wrong or pointless ends to do so is sacrilege.

A Novena Prayer to St Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph,
whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph,
do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.
Oh, St. Joseph,
I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me and
Ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.
St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for me. Amen.

Covid-19 Supplementary Documents: A number of things are going to remain more or less constant for a number of weeks in this Covid-19 pandemic so there are now two documents of Covid-19 Supplementary Information. These can both be found on the newsletter page and the Covid-19 page of our website which is also have other documents you maybe interested in. One which was produced shortly after the lockdown and another on 23rd April.

The initial one covers: 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..

The 23rd April document covers: Parish Administrator and Parish Office; How to join us for our daily Parish Mass; Parishes Children's Resources; Fr Gerry's Social Media Presence, Mass Offerings; Parish Finance and how to support you parish, as well as further websites worth exploring including one for engaging with Young People.

On the Covid-19 page of the website you will also find a copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter from the Diocese issued on 23rd April which includes who you can ring for support and advice for lonely senior citizens, for domestic abuse, guidance about online access for children, mental health and other issues.

May Month of Our Lady: As we have done before it is proposed that the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima progresses from house to house during the month of May. Your commitment is to say at least a decade of the rosary for all those impacted by Covid-19 in anyway and for a speedy end. If you wish to participate please email Fr Gerry asap.

Afternoon Tea Chat: Using Zoom which is currently being used for a mainly virtual Parliament in UK it is possible to come together with others to chat. One does not have to have wifi or internet, these are needed for videos or pictures, but only a telephone is needed to chat! Fr Gerry will host the first of these at 3pm on Wednesday 29th April for a max of 12 people for up to 40 minutes. If you would like to take part contact Fr Gerry by email or phone asap and he will explain how.

Tuffley Refresh: Will be hosted by the Grange Baptists via zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th April click here at about that time to join in [David's Refresh](#) If you wish to phone in and hear but not see what being presented contact Fr Gerry.

