



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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 3rd May 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 3 rd May	For families especially of children due to make their First Holy Communion in 2020	People of the Parishes
Mon 4 th May	For Medical Researches	Feast of the English Martyrs Con (Anniv) and Vera (RIP) McSweeney
Tues 5 th May	For Persecuted Christians	Birthday Intentions for Fr Joe O'Brien former Parish Priest of English Martyrs
Wed 6 th May	For teachers and pupils	Birthday Intentions for Louise Harkin
Thurs 7 th May	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff and other key workers	Keith Hill RIP (Month mind Mass)
Fri 8 th May	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Brenda Kelly RIP (Month mind Mass)
Sat 9 th May	For those suffering with any mental illness, for their families and all who have care of them	Philip Harkin B'day RIP

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: Allan Irvine whose cremation will be on Tuesday 5th May and David Rogers 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, 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, 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.

May Month of Our Lady: The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Our Lady, Mary the Mother of Jesus. In previous years we have passed around a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This can be done to a limited extent but not for those who are shielding. This year as a Parish we are endeavouring to pray one decade of the Rosary for Catholics living in as many streets in the Pastoral Area for which our two parishes have responsibility on or before 31st May. The end of May this year is the Solemnity of Pentecost when we pray all Catholics like Our Lady and the Apostles will be filled afresh and anew by the Holy Spirit. If you could say a decade of the rosary for a number of streets in our parishes please get in touch with Fr Gerry. (See also Pope Francis letter for May 2020 and his 2 extra prayers to Our Lady).

Saints of the week: This week we celebrate the Feast of the English Martyrs to whom our Church in Tuffley is dedicated.
English Martyrs: On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, one of whom John Houghton is depicted in the redress in Tuffley, the first of many martyrs of the English Reformation. Of these martyrs, forty-two have been canonized, and a further 242 have been declared Blessed; but the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture: to this day Catholics continue to suffer certain minor disabilities under English law. The martyrs celebrated today came from every walk of life. There were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution. From 2001, there are also celebrated on this day the forty martyrs of England and Wales who were canonized on 25 October 1970 and formerly celebrated on that day. They include Saints Cuthbert Mayne, John Houghton, Edmund Campion, and Richard Gwynn, as well as Saints John Roberts and Ambrose Barlow from the Benedictine monastery of St Gregory at Douay (now at Downside Abbey in Somerset). Saints John Fisher and Thomas More have their own separate feast day 22nd June.

Churches in Tuffley 24/7 Prayer for Tuffley: Did you know that the word prayer has become one of the biggest searches on Google these last few weeks? People are learning that prayer is effective and they want to know how to do it. The Church in Tuffley are setting up a virtual prayer room that you can be part of. It doesn't matter if you are online or on paper – you can join in. There will be a system to book your time to pray and resources to aid you in your prayers Watch out for the launch next weekend and be ready to book your slot!

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL: CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty.

CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal If you don't have internet access or would rather send them a cheque than pay on line send the cheque directly to CAFOD no need for a stamp Freepost Plus RSSA-CLBY-TAAE, CAFOD, Romero House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please ensure you Gift Aid your donation if you pay enough income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax.

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 may be 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.

Gospel Reflection 4th Sunday of Eastertide

'The sheep follow him because they know his voice.'

When an ewe gives birth to her lamb farmers will not release the mother and baby onto the farm until they are sure that the lamb knows the voice of the mother and will run to her when she calls. It is essential to the life of the lambs that they know who their mother is. Today, is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday a day which the Church designates as a special day of prayer for vocations. In the past this was always about encouraging people to consider priesthood or religious life. Now, however, it is recognised that there are many vocations to which God can call us. We are encouraged to discern what this might be, to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to follow where he wishes to lead us. It may be a vocation within the Church but ultimately our own personal vocation is wherever we find ourselves at one with what God wants for us. Jesus has shown us the kind of Good Shepherd that he is – one who cares for the weak, the dispossessed, the sinner, the abandoned – and whatever the walk of life we choose we are called to be like him, little shepherds, reaching out to those who need our care and our tenderness.

