



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.



Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A 24th 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 24 th May	For families.	People of the Parishes
Mon 25 th May	For clergy, religious, seminarians hospital chaplains and those who assist them	St Bede the Venerable
Tues 26 th May	For persecuted Christians and for those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	St Philp Neri Theodora Allum RIP & Barbara Wood RIP
Wed 27 th May	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury and Anniv of Dedication of Church in 1988 Wedding Anniv. Intentions of P & D
Thurs 28 th May	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	Deceased members of the Donnelly Family
Fri 29 th May	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Holy Souls
Sat 30 th May	For the sick	Sue Toomey Sick

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: Maria Scarf who died on the 9th May, Paul Rowe, Peter Rowe's brother and uncle to a number of our altar servers at English Martyrs who died on 18th May, Gerry Croft, Rosemary Bernard's brother who died on 30th April **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.

Fr Gerry writes: It is with great pleasure that I welcome Rev Bruce Clifford Vicar of St George's Tuffley with St Margaret's Whaddon Church of England virtually to our Sunday Mass and as the preacher during the Novena of Pentecost reflecting on Jesus calling us to be One as He and the Father are One. It has been my privilege to endeavour to build Christian Unity in Tuffley with Rev Bruce since my arrival in January 2016. Rev Bruce retires at the end of July this year. We wish him and his wife Rosie every blessing in his forthcoming retirement.

Saints of the week: Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury (- 605?) 27th May Patron of the Church in MatsOn
Christianity in Britain started early, but was largely submerged by the pagan Anglo-Saxon invasions of the fifth and sixth centuries. It remained alive only in the far west, which remained British because it was too remote and inaccessible for the invaders to attack. It is said that Pope Gregory the Great saw some fair-haired Anglo-Saxon slaves exposed for sale in a market in Rome. He asked where they were from, and when he was told, replied non Angli, sed angeli – “not Angles, but angels,” and determined to secure their evangelization.

Whatever the truth of that story, it is certain that Gregory did organise a party of thirty monks to travel to south-eastern England and spread the Gospel there, and chose as their leader Augustine, prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. They landed in 597, and were welcomed by the king of Kent, Ethelbert, who became a Christian along with many of his subjects. A second wave of missionaries arrived in 601. Augustine went to Arles, in France, where he was consecrated archbishop of the English, and then returned to Canterbury to set up his see. The mission prospered, and he founded two more sees, at London and at Rochester in Kent. Augustine died at Canterbury on 26 May 604 or 605.

Refresh: We come together as the Church in Tuffley in the Novena of Pentecost to pray, praise and reflect on the First Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 and the Holy Spirit in our lives today. Refresh will be hosted by Fr Gerry from English Martyrs at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th May. All are welcome to join in. The evening will include the leaders of the Church Communities which make up the Church in Tuffley, St George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's, Whaddon (CofE), St Barnabas (CofE), The Grange Baptists, Tuffley and English Martyrs talking about the Holy Spirit and an opportunity for those present, if they wish, to share their own thoughts. The virtual gathering will be on Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88087700070> or you can phone 0203 481 5237 and then enter Meeting ID: 880 8770 0070 #. If you phone you will only have audio and no visual.

Great Britain Rosary Rally: This will take place on Pentecost Sunday 31st May from 9am to 9pm with various Diocese's being allocated an hour. The hour for Clifton Diocese is 1pm to 2pm so Fr Gerry will lead a Parish Rosary starting at 1pm from English Martyrs. You can join him on the usual Skype link we use for Masses. <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> This will also mark the end of our month of prayer for every street, close and road for which the two parishes have pastoral responsibility and for the country villages which are totally or partially in our Parishes – all 972 of them, Thanks to all those who have prayed at least a decade of the rosary for everyone living there and their needs. If you would rather say the rosary at your own time on Sunday 31st May please feel free to do so, many will be live streamed from across GB.

Church in Tuffley Celebrates Pentecost Together: From 2pm to 4pm you are invited to join a Pentecost Celebration hosted by Helen McGeogh Tuffley Pioneer. The virtual celebration will be hosted on Zoom which you can join at any time by clicking the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84341136063> or phone 0203 481 5237 And enter Meeting ID: 843 4113 6063# You don't have to stay for the whole 2 hours pop in and out. There will be a social element as well as times of prayer.

Church in Tuffley 24/7 Prayer for Tuffley: Last weekend the Church in Tuffley launched Tuffley Prayer 24/7 to encourage us all to join together in crying to God through this period of distress and confusion. The idea is that each one of us reserves one hour a week to pray, for Tuffley and the world, you don't have to pray for the whole hour just a part of it. And to help us all, we've published a little 'Tuffley Prayer Resources' booklet which is being sent with the newsletter to all those who are on the English Martyrs mailing list. Do get it, and use it. May we all find we're enriched in our praying. And even, just perhaps, we may also find God doing a new thing among us. Give God a chance. Sign up and Pray.

To Sign up! To book your chosen hour online see instructions in the Tuffley Prayer booklet, available online in a pdf format from our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/newsletters> or if you want a printed copy please ask Fr Gerry and he will get one to you. You can also book your hour directly by ringing Linda Medwell, Parish Administrator for St George's CofE on 01452 302590. If Linda does not answer straight away, just leave a message. For further support please contact the Tuffley Pioneer Helen, on 07729 615993.

Fr Gerry Adds: Although this resource has a Tuffley focus it can be used where ever you live, just simply pray for your area and the world using the resources that it provides. If you are not praying for Tuffley then it would not be appropriate to register online or to ring Linda.

Covid-19 Page of Parish Website: Has plenty of details, this week the latest Safeguarding Newsletter on Mental Health from Clifton Diocese has been added to the page. Also don't also forget to look at the Diocese website which has reflections on the Year of Communion and Children's Resources. www.cliftondiocese.com

Gospel Reflection 7th Sunday of Eastertide

Today's Gospel is part of the priestly prayer of Jesus. Jesus speaks directly to his Father. He prays for those who belong to him. In other words, he is praying for us, asking God to protect us. It is the perfect model for our own prayer because Jesus is speaking from the depths of his heart. Prayer has been and continues to be central to the life of our communities. When we have not been able to gather physically, we have found innovative ways to come together virtually. What has mattered more than anything has been our desire to bring to God our heartfelt needs. In these difficult months we may not have been able to comprehend what is going on, but we have been able to pray. Even when that has been hard for us personally, others have been able to hold us in their prayer. The prayer of Jesus is not for himself. While we may pray that we will respond to whatever God asks of us, ultimately we are encouraged to grow in our relationship with God by our prayer for others. The fruit of our prayer will be seen in our reaching out and our tender love for others.

