



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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A 17th 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 17 th May	For families.	People of the Parishes
Mon 18 th May	For clergy, religious, hospital chaplains and those who assist them	Fr Lesak 40th Anniv of Ordination David Rogers RIP & Patrick Caldwell RIP
Tues 19 th May	For persecuted Christians and for those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop Janetta Mills RIP Month Mind
Wed 20 th May	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	Valerie Russell RIP
Thurs 21 st May	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Kelvin McDonald RIP
Fri 22 nd May	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Holy Souls
Sat 23 rd May	For the sick	Frances Dykes Anniv

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: David Rogers whose burial will be on Monday 18th May and for John and Aileen Heywood whose double funeral will be on Wednesday 20th May. Gerry Croft, Rosemary Bernard's brother who died on 30th April and Patrick Caldwell Christina Caldwell's brother whose burial is on Monday 18th 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, 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: Last Sunday evening our Prime Minister set out his roadmap for a gradual opening up of society after the lockdown subject to certain conditions especially as regards the 'R' number and the 5 tests. The Bishops of England and Wales were disappointed that Churches according to that plan were not scheduled to open till Saturday 4th July. The Bishops continue to discuss with Government whether they could at least allow Churches to open for private prayer sooner. I reassured the members of Joint Parishes Pastoral Council on Tuesday that we would in some way continue remote access to Mass for those shielding whether due to underlying health issue or reasons of age when we are allowed to worship again in Church. Meanwhile we await the results of discussions and the requirements under which we can open safely. With my continued prayers for you and your families.

Saints of the week: St Dunstan (909 - 988) was a Benedictine monk, reformer and Archbishop of Canterbury. He was born near Glastonbury and educated at the abbey. He joined the king's household, but was soon expelled from court, accused of being a magician. Later he was ordained priest at Winchester. He returned to Glastonbury briefly but was soon recalled to court. King Edmund took a great interest in Glastonbury, and when the abbacy fell vacant he appointed Dunstan as abbot. Dunstan set about restoring monastic life, which had been almost extinguished under Danish invasions, and this is considered to be one of his greatest achievements. In 995 his fortunes changed again, and through intrigue at court he was exiled to Mont Blandin (Ghent), and he saw for the first time a reformed monastery of the continent. Recalled by King Edgar, he became successively Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. He composed the Coronation Rite for King Edgar at Bath, which is the basis of the Coronation Rite still in use. So began the fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which reformed the Church in England, largely through the monastic orders, and was regarded after the Conquest as a 'golden age'. The promulgation of Regularis Concordia in about 970 marked the success of the movement Dunstan had started in Glastonbury years before. He collaborated with the king in making laws, administering justice and reforming the Church, and remained active until he died, at Canterbury, on 19 May 988. After his death his cult grew rapidly, and under Anselm's rule it became nationwide. He was one of the most popular Anglo-Saxon saints, and many legends have grown up around him.

Church 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 – which is now made up of English Martyrs, Tuffley Catholic Church the Church of England Churches of: St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon and St Barnabas, Stroud Road, The Grange Baptist, Tuffley - have set 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. The project was coordinated by the Tuffley Pioneer Helen McGeogh drawing from all the traditions and Churches which form part of The Church in Tuffley.

This weekend the Church in Tuffley is launching 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.

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 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 6th Sunday of Eastertide

'I will not leave you orphaned.'

At some point we all want or even need to hear these words. They speak directly to some of our greatest fears and challenges; abandonment and isolation, loneliness, vulnerability. These words of Jesus remind us that we do not stand alone, whatever our circumstances. We are living in a time of great uncertainty. We do not have all the answers and many of us are fearful. Our fear points to the deeper reality that by ourselves we are not enough that we were never created to be self-sufficient. We were created to love and be loved, to live in relationship as people who give themselves to each other, to dwell, abide, and remain within each other. "I will not leave you orphaned." That is the promise. Regardless of the circumstances of our lives, storms, death, separation, we have never been and will never be abandoned by God. Let us renew our faith again this week and hold fast to the promise that we are not alone, and we never will be.

