



# 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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St Peter's Catholic Primary School

[www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 524792

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

## Parish Administrator Marisa Wood

The office is closed and Marisa has been furloughed and therefore is not working

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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.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10 <sup>th</sup> May	For families.	People of the Parishes
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	For clergy, religious, hospital chaplains and those who assist them	Sister Patricia Talbot RIP
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	For persecuted Christians	Delight Joseph RIP
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Special Intentions of Betty O'Sullivan
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	<b>Feast of Saint Matthias</b> Ella McCarthy RIP
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Holy Souls
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	For the sick	Mary Withers (sick)

**Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially:** David Rogers whose burial will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May and for John and Aileen Heywood whose double funeral will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**14<sup>th</sup> May Day of Prayer and Supplication amidst the Global Pandemic:** The Higher Committee for Human Fraternity set up by Pope Francis with the Grand Imam in UAE in February 2019 have called for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May to be a day of fasting, works of mercy, prayers, and supplications for the good of all humanity. All religious leaders and peoples around the world are called to respond to this call for humanity so that together we can beseech God Almighty to safeguard the entire world, to help us overcome this pandemic, to restore security, stability, healthiness, and prosperity, so that, after this pandemic is over, our world will become a better place for humanity and fraternity than ever before.

**Saints of the week: 13<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady of Fatima:** This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves. Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000 and canonised on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 by Pope Francis. Sister Lúcia died on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2005 aged 97 years old, she is now a Servant of God (an expression used for a member of the Catholic Church whose life and works are being investigated in consideration for official recognition by the Pope and the Catholic Church as a Saint in Heaven).

**14<sup>th</sup> May St Matthias, Apostle:** He was not one of the Twelve; but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history. Tradition associates him with spreading the Gospel in Cappadocia, and provinces bordering the Caspian Sea, also Ethiopia where, according to tradition, he was martyred.

**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. The launch will now be on 17<sup>th</sup> May be ready to book your slot!

**Local needs:** The Foodbank in Gloucester continues to send parcels out of urgently needed items to those hit hard by the pandemic and in need. In order of scarcity they particularly need: LONG LIFE MILK (NOT CHILLED), TINNED FRUIT TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED COLD MEAT (E.G. HAM/CORNERED BEEF), TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED RICE PUDDING, CEREAL (NOT PORRIDGE), TINNED BAKED BEANS, PACKET DRY PASTA, TINNED MEAT PIES (FRAY BENTOS) PACKET MASH, BARS OF SOAP. With our Churches closed you can either leave items at the Presbytery, 256 Painswick Road either in the green bin to the right of the front door or to the left of the front door under the overhang. Alternatively, those nearer Tuffley can deliver items to the porch, always open of St George's Vicarage which is the last house on Grange Road before Ryelands. You can also leave items for the Foodbank at a number of supermarkets. The other charity we are aware of that is in need is Gloucestershire Bundles who provide emergency bundles to families in crisis on a referral only basis. Because of the lockdown they ideally need monetary donations. You can see how to donate money to them via their website page <https://www.gloucestershirebundles.org/money>

**CAFOD CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL:** CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5th Sunday of Eastertide**

*'Do not let your hearts be troubled.'*

Jesus speaks these words to reassure his disciples that, although he is going to leave them, they will not be forgotten. As the world continues to respond to the devastating Coronavirus, many people are troubled. They are anxious, unsure of where the virus will strike next. Fearful that someone they love will contract or already has the virus and not knowing what the outcome will be. Jesus wants to reassure his bewildered disciples and us, that we will never be abandoned. God is with us and no more so than in this time of the pandemic. As people of faith we are encouraged to trust, to believe in God's loving care for us and be confident that whatever we may face, we will not be overcome. Jesus is 'the way, the truth and the life' so let us stay close to him so that when we emerge from this time, we will do so stronger in faith and stronger in love.

