



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.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi Sunday Year A 14th June 2020

10AM 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 14 th June	For families .especially those whose children were due to make their First Holy Communion at St Augustine's today	John O'Sullivan's Intentions
Mon 15 th June	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	Monday of the 11 th Week in Ordinary Time For People of the Parishes
Tues 16 th June	For those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	Pat Southeen Anniv
Wed 17 th June	For persecuted Christians	Paul Rowe RIP and Rowe Family
Thurs 18 th June	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	Fr Gerry's Day of No Mass Today
Fri 19 th June	For those who have died recently and those grieving	SACRED HEART OF JESUS Gerry Croft RIP
Sat 20 th June	For the sick	Immaculate Heart of Mary Janetta Mills RIP

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: Gerry Croft, Rosemary Bernard's brother who died on 30th April and whose cremation is on 19th June. Brendan Kiernan, St Augustine's Parishioner whose cremation is on 19th June 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 has recently finished his chemotherapy.

Eucharistic Adoration: As this Sunday is Corpus Christi there will be Adoration till 11.30pm with Solemn Benediction at the end. We will continue to have Adoration with a simple benediction after Mass on Monday and Tuesday to 11am.

Fr Gerry writes: A Big Thank You to those who have volunteered to clean our Churches and then steward them so we can open them for private prayer this coming week. If you are under 70 could you volunteer for 1 hour to be a steward so we can enable people to come and pray in their Church. Please contact Fr Gerry as per the front of the newsletter if you can help.

'One Bread One Body' Catholic Faith Exploration at Home: Continues this Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm for the second meditation on the Mass. After that 2 more talks to follow for about an hour each evening, Fr Gerry will be leading an exploration and, meditations on the Eucharist and the Mass using Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) DVDs on the usual Skype link <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> The inspiring video resource is based on the book written by Fr Ian Petit OSB which is designed to inform, inspire and raise prayerful discussion about the great gift of the Mass. If you are unable to attend on a certain Tuesday evening or to do it at your own pace contact Fr Gerry who will lend you the DVDs.

Visiting a Church for Private Prayer: Please do not visit any Church if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 and also if you are 'extremely clinically vulnerable' as defined by the Government as you should be shielding.

Others of any age may visit the Church when it is open for private prayer only sitting or kneeling the required 2m apart from anyone not in your own household or social bubble. Hand sanitiser will be available as you enter and leave the Church. The toilets and hall remain closed Please follow any directions of stewards and minimise what you touch as it all has to be cleaned after you have been. As far as appropriate there will be ventilation in the Church so bear this in mind depending on the weather. Please bring your own prayer resources as all books pamphlets and leaflets have to be removed. This week we really hope the Diocese will allow us to open and the plan is to open English Martyrs on Thursday 18th June from 2 to 3pm, St Augsutine's on Friday 19th June from 2 to 3pm, and both churches on Saturday 20th June from 6pm to 7pm.. Depending on stewards and take up we hope to open each Church for a further hour on another day next week.

Refresh Church in Tuffley: The theme at this month's gathering on Wednesday 17th June from 7.30pm is 'Prayer'. It is being led by Rev Bruce Clifford for the last time before his retirement at the end of July. The zoom link will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87993522719> Those not on the web can join in by phoning 0203 051 2874; when asked, enter code 879 9352 2719 (followed by #)

Church in Tuffley 24/7 Prayer for Tuffley: In Mid May 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 pf Communion and Children's Resources. www.cliftondiocese.com

Alex's Challenge to raise money for the Homeless: Over the next 12 weeks, Nikki O'Neill's son Alex is taking on the ambitious challenge of running/walking/cycling over 900 miles as his contribution toward a team goal of covering the 14,068 miles it would take to travel by land from London to New York. He has taken on this challenge to **raise money for St Mungo's** who are leading the charge in helping solve the homeless problem in the UK. With an economic crisis almost certainly looming, things are only going to get harder for those in need, and so the more we can do to help, the better. Anything you can spare would be massively appreciated- not just by him, but the thousands of homeless people this amazing charity helps. You can find his Just Giving sponsorship page via this link:- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alexrunsbikeswalkstonewyork> Thanks in advance for the kind support.

Gospel Reflection Corpus Christi Sunday

Today we are invited to reflect on our understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species and what it means to our faith. This will not be difficult for us – we have been deprived for many weeks of receiving Christ in Holy Communion. It is possible that our appreciation of what we have currently lost has opened our eyes to how easy it is to take things for granted. Unlike many parts of the world where daily, or even weekly, opportunities to celebrate Mass are few and far between, we are fortunate to be able to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord on a regular basis. The Church gives us this feast so that we can reflect on the sacramental life of our faith. We know, more than ever, how important it is for us to be able to participate in the divine life of the Church and, although our reception of Holy Communion offers us a promise of eternal life, it also gives us the nourishment we need to follow and emulate the life of Jesus. In receiving the Body of Christ we are called to be the Body of Christ, to be bread for others and bread for the world, especially those who hunger and thirst not only for food but for justice.

