



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.



Pentecost Sunday of Easter Year A 31st 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 31 st May	For families.	People of the Parishes
Mon 1 st June	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Cathy Harkin Birthday Intention
Tues 2 nd June	For those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	Ordinary Time Week 9 Year 2 David Rogers RIP (Month Mind)
Wed 3 rd June	For persecuted Christians	Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs Concetta Alongi RIP
Thurs 4 th June	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest Gerry Croft RIP
Fri 5 th June	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Saint Boniface Holy Souls
Sat 6 th June	For the sick	

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. Maria Scarf who died on the 9th May her burial is on the 10th June. Paul Rowe, Peter Rowe's brother and uncle to a number of our altar servers at English Martyrs who died on 18th May. Bernadette Daniels whose cremation is on 3rd June and for Maureen Bendall whose cremation is on 5th 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 is undergoing chemotherapy.

Fr Gerry writes: Our celebration of Pentecost marks the end of a most extra ordinary Eastertide that none of us could of foreseen this time last year. Many of the things we do, including practising our faith, have changed. And even when we can physically open our Churches and halls again things will remain changed certainly until there is either an effective vaccine or treatment for Covid-19. I am very aware that changes starting on Monday meaning some can gather with up to 5 people do not apply to those of you who are shielding. Please be assured of my continuing thoughts and prayers for you all.

Saints of the week: Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions (- 1885/7) Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwanga. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and for murdering an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured. Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.

Saint Boniface (675? - 754) For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so, at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface. He left England, never to return, and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He himself was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and then, over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 5 June 754. He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany.

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.

'One Bread One Body' Catholic Faith Exploration at Home: From Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm for an initial 4 weeks, for 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. The book is available at £5 if you would like a copy please get in touch with Fr Gerry asap. If you are unable to attend on a certain Tuesday evening or would rather view the video at another time by yourself then also contact Fr Gerry as he can provide you either with a link to watch them online or at cost the DVDs themselves. See <https://faithcafe.org/products/this-is-my-body-dvd-course> for a sample trailer.

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: 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 of Communion and Children's Resources. www.cliftondiocese.com

Gospel Reflection Pentecost Sunday

Today is the joyful celebration of Pentecost. Our Gospel speaks of the disciples locked away behind closed doors afraid of the Jewish authorities. Jesus comes and stand amongst them and offers them peace. Twice he says to them, 'Peace be with you.' His presence and his offering brings the disciples great joy and confidence. It is a confidence that sends them out into the world once more. This is the peace we are offered. It is not a simple handshake, it is an offering of deep inner peace which reassures us that with Jesus we are safe, we can feel confident that all will be well. As Christians we have been given many gifts. If we have a role to play in the world it is to share this gift of peace, the peace that leads to freedom and hope and a belief in all things that are good.

