



# 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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## 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.



## Solemnity of Saint Peter and Paul Year A 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

10AM DAILY 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 28 <sup>th</sup> June	For families especially fathers	Janet and Paul Peacey 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families.	<i>Monday of 13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> Nicholas Clutterbuck B'day RIP
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	For those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	<b><i>Feast of the Dedication of Clifton Cathedral</i></b> People of the Parishes
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	For persecuted Christians	<b><i>St Oliver Plunket</i></b> David Roger RIP and family
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	<b><i>Feast of St Thomas</i></b> Birthday Intentions DaP
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July	For the sick	<b>NB Mass at 9am Today</b> Emmanuel Bakpa (Anniv)

**Please pray:** For all those who have died recently 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.

**Our Churches our Open for Private Prayer:** A Big Thank You to all those who thoroughly cleaned our Church and prepared them for opening for Private Prayer. Thank you all to the 6 stewards in each Church who have volunteered to be present to welcome you so that each Church can be open 3 hours a week as follows: Tuesdays 2-3pm English Martyrs, Wednesdays 2-3pm St Augustine's, Thursdays 2-3pm English Martyrs Fridays 2-3pm St Augustine's and Saturdays 6-7pm both Churches. Anyone of any age who should NOT BE isolating e.g. has symptoms of Covid-19 or shielding because they are extremely clinically vulnerable are welcome to come to the Sacred Space of your Parish Church at the times given for private prayer. Please note the toilets, halls and office remain closed, there is more ventilation than normal and we are not allowed to give out paper or any other resources.

**Resuming Public Worship:** The Prime Minister has announced that we can start resuming Public Worship along with all Faith Communities from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. For Catholics this will include a congregation being present for Mass. In the words of Cardinal Nichols, the time of the laities 'Eucharistic Fast' is coming to an end. Our four Archbishops have issued a joint letter to the Catholic Community of England & Wales which was sent with the newsletter or can be found on covid-19 page of the website, At the time of writing we do not yet know all the conditions which we will have to follow when 'Public Worship' resumes and therefore what the 'new normal will be'. We do know we won't for the time being be able to sing and that some form of social distancing will be required and therefore capacity inside the Church will be limited. The Joint Parishes Pastoral Council will consider various options we have been given by Bishop Declan this week. In the case of our Churches the first Public Mass is likely to be on the evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July as Fr Gerry is on holiday from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July. During the week he is away there will be Eucharist Adoration in both Churches English Martyrs Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon and St Augustine's TBC. Please note the Sunday obligation will still not apply when we resume Public Masses.

**'One Bread One Body' Catholic Faith Exploration at Home:** Continues this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm for a talk entitled "Eucharist Amazement" The session last about an hour each evening, The material is produced by Catholic Faith Exploration (café) and you can join us 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 prefer to do it at your own pace contact Fr Gerry who will lend you the DVDs.

**Prinknash Abbey Mass times:** From 5<sup>th</sup> July Mass starting with office of Terce will be at 9am on Sundays and Solemnities and at 8.30am on weekdays. The Extraordinary Form of the Mass (Old Latin Mass) will be celebrated at 11am every Sunday

**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.

**Online Tuffley Festival:** This recently has taken place on the Tuffley Rovers field and is coordinated by Hans a member of St George's CofE Church, Tuffley. This year it will take place virtually on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July when a series of videos will be released for people to watch on Face Book 'Tuffley Festival 2020' which is already up and running with comments etc or on the Tuffley Festival YouTube Channel which will be launched on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July when the festival goes live.

**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](http://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 for the Solemnity of Peter and Paul**

This weekend, had it not been for Covid-19, many of us would have been gathering at St. Brendan's in Bristol, for our annual diocesan day. It is always a joyful occasion when we celebrate who we are as a community of parishes far and wide. A striking aspect of the day is the diversity of people who come as individuals but with a common purpose. Saints Peter and Paul, whose feast we celebrate today, couldn't have been more different, but they were both called by Christ. Each had their own mission, but it was part of the same calling. We could say that they complimented each other in their different approaches to the one mission. There isn't one of us who has it all. In our own following of Jesus, we share what we have and allow others to do the same, even if it means that we must let go of our own preferences. Discipleship is an invitation to respond to what Jesus wants of us, not what we think is needed.

