



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.

Trinity Sunday Year A 7th June 2020

10AM SUNDAY MASS CAN BE JOINED LIVE VIA SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>
10AM WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE TRYING MICROSOFT TEAMS CONTACT FR GERRY FOR DETAILS



DATE	INTENTION OFFERED AT PRIVATE MASS FOR THE CHURCH, PARISHIONERS' AND SOCIETY/DAY	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 7 th June	For families.	For People of the Parishes
Mon 8 th June	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families	Monday of the 10 th Week in Ordinary Time
Tues 9 th June	For those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Wed 10 th June	For persecuted Christians	Maria Scarf RIP
Thurs 11 th June	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	St Barnabas, Apostle No Mass today
Fri 12 th June	For those who have died recently and those grieving	Veronica Brennen RIP
Sat 13 th June	For the sick	St Anthony of Padua Keith Hill 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. 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. Veronica Bendall who died 31st May and whose cremation is on 12th 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.

'One Bread One Body' Catholic Faith Exploration at Home: Starts this 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. 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.

Saints of the week: Saint Barnabas, Apostle: Was born in Cyprus. He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem and vouched for St Paul when he appeared before the elders there. He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there. He was probably martyred at Salamis in Cyprus, some time before the year 61. **St Anthony of Padua (1195?-1231):** . St Antony of Padua (1195? - 1231) Saint Antony was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak. His shrine is a centre of pilgrimage, and he is also the patron saint of the lost and found.

Fr Gerry writes: The Catholic Church nationally and locally is preparing to open our Churches whenever we are allowed to by the Government initially for Private Prayer only. Toilets and the church halls will remain closed

This is step 1 of what is seen as a 3-step process to getting back to Public Masses. In the Prime Minister's roadmap if everything goes according to plan step 1 will be on 4th July. However, like dentists and hairdressers it could be sooner and could be announced at short notice. The Bishop of England and Wales have now sent some national guidance for this first step in order to keep everyone as safe as we can and to ensure best practice is followed nationally so that hopefully Step 2: Churches being used for small services e.g. baptisms and Step 3: Public Masses will follow as soon as possible.

Members of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council and I have been considering what we could realistically do to open our Parish Churches for Private Prayer given that the Church has to be opened and locked, 2 stewards are required throughout the time the Church is open as well as the part of the Church which is made available for private prayer needing to be cleaned every time it is open to the public. I have decided that as Mass is available in the morning every day except Thursday from this week, we will aim to have each Church open for private prayer from 2pm to 3pm on two weekday afternoons a week and an hour in the evening on a Saturday either 5.30pm to 6.30pm or 6pm to 7pm.

This can only happen if we have sufficient people for whom it is safe to be out and about and in the company of others socially distant who are prepared to be stewards and to clean the Church. Please get in touch with Fr Gerry if you are happy to be a steward and/or clean on either a weekday afternoon or a Saturday evening. Guidance will be given to stewards and cleaners as to what is expected and a rota drawn up depending on their availability.

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

Gospel Reflection Trinity Sunday

Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity is a vivid portrayal of what it means to be in relationship. What is striking about the icon is this sense of unity, intimacy and mutual love. The dynamic of communion between the three flows from the icon as they gaze upon each other. No social distancing here! For weeks now our communities have been unable to gather physically. Being in isolation has been a strange and unusual experience. For some it has been a welcome time of reflection and creativity. For others it has been a time of trying to balance work with home schooling and for others coping with not being able to see those they love. Whatever our personal circumstances there have been highs and there have been lows. Yet in the mix of all this there has also been a genuine appreciation of our growing in communion with one another, albeit virtually, and of growing relationships as we reach out to those we know and, in particular, those we have never even met before. We cannot truly be in communion with Christ if we are not in communion with one another. Today's feast of the greatest 'communion' of all time – the Holy Trinity – is an opportunity for us to reflect and perhaps give thanks for each other.

