



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.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 21st 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 21 st June	For families especially fathers	Tony Doyle B'day RIP and Edward Dinsmore Anniv
Mon 22 nd June	For schools, teachers, other staff, volunteers, pupils and their families.	Feast of Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs People of the Parishes
Tues 23 rd June	For those facing financial difficulties or unemployment.	Brenda Kelly RIP
Wed 24 th June	For persecuted Christians	Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist John Colling RIP
Thurs 25 th June	For all NHS, Nursing and Residential Home staff other key workers and medical researchers	NO MASS TODAY
Fri 26 th June	For those who have died recently and those who are grieving	Birthday intentions of DiP
Sat 27 th June	For the sick	Bill and Rachel O'Toole 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 Augsutine'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.

'One Bread One Body' Catholic Faith Exploration at Home: Continues this Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm for a talk entitled "What is the Mass" 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.

The CELEBRATE Online Conference 27th - 28th June: The events have always been for the whole family - and the online conference is no different. Hear from inspiring speakers, take time to prayerfully retreat, get creative, join with live worship and celebrate Mass together. All the content over the weekend will be hosted on our CELEBRATE Facebook page so make sure you 'Like' and 'Follow' us to not miss anything. Not a Facebook user? Not a problem! You don't need to have an account to access our page. You can join the conference by simply following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity/> If you have friends, family or members of your parish who might like to take part then why not invite them along and send them the details - all are welcome! Over the weekend we'll be releasing everything at specific times but you can replay all our content at any point if you missed it or want to watch again. Runs Saturday 27th June from 10am to 9.30pm and Sunday 28th June from 10am to 5pm

Catholic Bishops stand in solidarity with US sisters and brothers as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd: See the short article at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-solidarity-with-sisters-and-brothers-in-usa-over-evil-of-racism-and-killing-of-george-floyd/>

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 4th July when a series of videos will be released for people to watch on Face Book 'Tuffley Festival 2020' YouTube If anyone would like to share their musical or other talents, children, that is those under 18, must have parental consent please feel free to get creative. Let Fr Gerry know what you have in mind asap as we only have to this Friday 26th June to let the organiser/compiler know.

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/Alexrunswalkstoneyork> Thanks in advance for the kind support.

Gospel Reflection 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is full of consolation and encouragement. Three times Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid, not to fear. We are to be fearless even in the face of adversity because we are known by God, loved and cherished intimately. If sparrows are precious in the eyes of God, we are even more precious. If there has been a time in our history when we have needed to be courageous, it has been this time during COVID-19. For many it has been a very frightening period and they have been incredibly courageous. This is often what discipleship is like. There can be hardship but there is also the knowledge that we are passionately loved by God. There are some who do not know that they are loved. As disciples of Christ we are called to share the Good News so that everyone in the world comes to know that they are precious, that they are loved and the one who created them is close to them.

