



# 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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St Peter's Catholic Primary School

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St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

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The office is closed and Marisa has been furloughed and therefore is not working

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**CONFESSIONS WILL RECOMMENCE ON SATURDAY 18TH JULY FROM 11AM TO 12 NOON ONLY AT ENGLISH MARTYRS. ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY THEY WILL BE AT THE SAME TIME AT ST AUGUSTINE'S. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT FR GERRY IF THIS TIME IS NOT SUITABLE**

## 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.



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> July		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	Keith Hill RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Mass with a congregation	11.00am Mass with a congregation	Brian Walker (Sick) People of the Parishes
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by virtual adoration to 11.00am	Michael Gaffney RIP
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by virtual adoration to 11.00am		Fr Gerry's Priesthood
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Mass with a congregation		<b>St Bonaventure</b> Terry Orford RIP
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July			<b>Fr Gerry's Day off</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only	Vic Anthony RIP
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Virtual Mass only Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	Pete and Monica Evans 25th Wedding Anniv

**ALL MASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY AND CAN BE JOINED LIVE VIA SKYPE**

**GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>**

**ONLY DURING THOSE MASSES STATED AS BEING WITH A CONGREGATION CAN PARISHIONERS OR OTHERS ATTEND AT THIS TIME UP TO THE CHURCH LIMIT**

**Pease pray:** For all those who have died recently especially: **Michael Gaffney** who died on 25<sup>th</sup> June and whose funeral service will be on 13<sup>th</sup> July and **Vic Antony** who died on 26<sup>th</sup> June and whose funeral service is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – this funeral the family are very happy for parishioners of English Martyrs to join via the webcast please email Fr Gerry if you want details **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,, 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.

**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

**Churches opening for Masses with a Congregation:** This weekend we have been given permission by the Diocese subject to following all advice to open our Churches for Masses with a congregation present. Mass will be different for now from what you were used to before the lockdown: Changes as to how we enter the building and as to how and where we can sit, no signing or music, brief homily, no offertory or collection baskets being passed round and changes in the communion rite to name but a few. It will take awhile for us to get used to it.

Stewards will be on hand at all Masses with a congregation. It is crucial for the safety of all that you follow the instructions of stewards and Fr Gerry. Please at all times keep 2m distance from anyone not in your own family or bubble, including when/if queuing to get into the Church we are **NOT operating a 1m plus policy.**

Please do NOT attend Mass or any other Act of Public Worship if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or should be isolating or shielding.

Please note that in both Churches a 2m plus policy means numbers are restricted. The number we can actually have in Church ultimately will depend on the mix of single people, families/bubbles that attend but as a guide at English Martyrs it is between 27(all singles) to 43 and at St Augustine's 40(all singles) to 58

Please note that the toilets and hall remain closed and there will be more ventilation than usual. There will be regrettably **THERE IS NO** tea and coffee after Mass and you are asked to leave the Church once you have finished any private prayers continuing to maintain 2m distance from anyone not in your family or bubble

The wearing of masks is optional. Buckets/baskets will be available for you to leave cash donations or envelopes.

**Churches opening for Public Acts of Worship:** As well as opening for Masses with a congregation present our Churches our now open subject to the Government restrictions and advice as well as Guidance from the Bishops Conference for Confessions, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Life events which include baptisms, weddings and funerals are restricted by the Government to a maximum attendance of the 30 people regardless of the size of building.

**Church stewards and cleaners:** We urgently need more cleaners and stewards under the age of 70 to enable our Churches to remain open to the public and to increase the number of Masses we can open up for a congregation. Please contact Fr Gerry if you can assist in either Church.

**Sea Sunday:** This weekend was due to be Sea Sunday. The collection to support the work of Catholic Chaplains to seafarers has been postponed to December. However, Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray for Seafarers many of whom have been hit by the economic and other consequences of Covid-19 and the Apostleship of the Sea has encouraged everyone in United Kingdom to say the Angelus at 12 Noon on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Gerry will lead this on behalf of our parishes orally on the Skype EMAOC Parishioners Group, see link on front page from the Lady Chapel at St Augustine's.

**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/Alexrunswalkstonewyork> Thanks in advance for the kind support.

### Gospel Reflection for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

One positive aspect of the last few months has been the attention that people have been able to give to their gardens. The planting and sowing of seeds have seen a resurgence as families have had an unusual amount of time to nurture growth and watch their efforts flourish. In today's Gospel we hear about a different kind of seed – the seed of God's Word. Just as some of the seeds we sow do not flourish, so it is with God's Word, unless we allow it to take root in us and bear fruit. If this is to happen, we need to be open to hearing the Word and enable it to enter our heart. During this year of 'The God who Speaks' we are encouraged to delve deeper into the Scriptures. The more we do this, the more we will allow the Word of God to dwell in us and be the seed that bears fruit in abundance. Our desire to respond to the Lord in and through the Scriptures will be seen in our words and actions that encourage others to want to know Jesus and live by his Word.

