



# 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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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

### 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.



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

**There will be NO Masses with a Congregation or Virtual Masses from either Church from the afternoon of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July till the 6.30pm Mass at St Augustine's which will be a Mass with a Congregation and hopefully available virtually on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July as Fr Gerry is away**

**MASSES WHEN AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY CAN BE JOINED LIVE VIA SKYPE GUEST LINK**

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

## Resumption of Public Masses

With the Government permitting the return of public acts of worship, public masses will resume when Fr Gerry returns from a week's holiday in our Parishes. Both St Peter's, London Road and Prinknash Abbey are resuming all masses this weekend but they like us will have very restricted numbers. The letter from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England welcoming the news that collective worship could restart can be viewed at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishops-letter-on-resumption-of-collective-worship/> After discussion with the Joint Parishes Pastoral from the Vigil Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July for a trial period Masses with a congregation will be the usual 3 Sunday Masses and a Wednesday evening weekday mass at 6.30pm in English Martyrs. It is hoped all these Masses will also be available virtually. The other weekday Masses will remain at 10am and be virtual only initially. Please check the newsletter each week for details. With the return of Sunday Mass it is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so. Strict observance of the 2m social distancing requirement will mean a much reduced capacity in church for all masses. Every other pew is closed off at St Augustine's and only 2 pews in each block are available to be used for seating plus some chairs at English Martyrs. While people from the same household or from the same bubble will be able to sit in the same pew without the need to keep 2m from each other, individuals will have to ensure they keep the 2m distance from others. Once all available spaces have been occupied (anticipated to be between 27 and 43 at English Martyrs and 40 and 58 at St Augustine's depending on the number of family groups) no one else will be permitted to enter the church for Mass. Stewards will be available at all Masses to guide those attending and to ensure the best use of the spaces available. This may mean parishioners being directed to a different seat from where they would normally sit. Volunteer stewards are needed for all our weekend and weekday Masses with a congregation. We will also need to clean the Church far more regular basis in order to keep it safe for the congregation. If you can help either as a steward or cleaner please email Fr Gerry on [gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com).

All masses will be celebrated in accordance with the strict and clear guidelines issued by Bishop Declan following those issued by the Bishops of England. There will be no congregational singing, no sacristans, no altar servers and masses will be shorter. The church will be closed after each mass to enable the cleaning of the space in preparation for the following mass. The streaming of live masses that so many have availed of these past few months will continue to be available from Clifton Cathedral and elsewhere.

**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 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.

**Our Churches our Open for Private Prayer and Adoration this week as follows:**

English Martyrs Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm no Adoration and no Virtual Streaming  
St Augsutine's Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm with Adoration and Virtual Streaming for those at home,  
English Martyrs Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2-3pm no Adoration and no Virtual Streaming  
St Augustine's Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2-3pm with Adoration but no Virtual Streaming.  
English Martyrs Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1-4pm Adoration and Virtual Streaming from 2.15pm to 3.15pm for those at home  
St Augustine's Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2-3pm Adoration with no Virtual Streaming.  
The virtual streaming will be on the usual Mass link <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>

**Masses from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** It is hoped all Masses can be watched virtually but this may not be possible for awhile in St Augsutine's when we have Mass with a Congregation as the Mass will be on the main altar and currently we do not have a strong enough Wi-Fi signal to broadcast Masses from there. For the trial period Masses will be as follows:

St Augsutine's 6.30pm on a Saturday - Sunday Vigil Mass with a Congregation  
English Martyrs 9am Sunday Mass with a Congregation St Augustine's 11am Sunday Mass with a Congregation  
English Martyrs 6.30pm Wednesday Mass with a Congregation.  
10am Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday will remain for the time being as Private Masses available to be watched virtually only and will be shared between the 2 parishes.

**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

**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 6 videos will be released at 12noon for people to watch on their Face Book Page '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. The links and file names to the first 5 videos are as follows

Below are the first five of six short videos (Max 20 mins) which you will be able to view on Saturday from 12:00 noon

Filename	Produce Video No. 1.mp4	Video link	<a href="https://youtu.be/Qi1pQTuY4_A">https://youtu.be/Qi1pQTuY4_A</a>
Filename	Produce Video No. 2.mp4	Video link	<a href="https://youtu.be/mFZm-GRXlwM">https://youtu.be/mFZm-GRXlwM</a>
Filename	Produce Video No. 3.mp4	Video link	<a href="https://youtu.be/atE6QxY-IEs">https://youtu.be/atE6QxY-IEs</a>
Filename	Produce Video No. 4.mp4	Video link	<a href="https://youtu.be/u3jKD8Kp9Ho">https://youtu.be/u3jKD8Kp9Ho</a>
Filename	Produce Video No. 5.mp4	Video link	<a href="https://youtu.be/Dals_qC34IA">https://youtu.be/Dals_qC34IA</a>

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

**Gospel Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

One of the most notable elements of the London Olympics and Paralympics was not the number of medals that were won by the athletes but the way they received them. In interview after interview the athletes showed their deep desire to highlight the role that others had played in their success. Particularly striking was how many of the athletes thanked God, first and foremost, and then all those who had supported them along the way. There was a humility and gratitude about them that seemed to run to the core of their being. In the Gospel Jesus giving thanks for those who are humble enough to hear the word of God and respond with humility, like little children. The athletes at the Olympics were full of pride, but it was a pride rooted in the knowledge that they did not do this alone. Their pride in winning was rooted in a humble acceptance that God had been with them throughout.

