



# 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

[www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 524792

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

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

## Parish Administrator Marisa Wood

The office reopens on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July for 9 hours a week. Marisa remains furloughed for her other 9 hours.

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## Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST WILL BE FROM**

**11AM TO 12 NOON ONLY AT ENGLISH MARTYRS. 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.



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Lord, how I love your law!
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	People of the Parishes
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Mass with a congregation	11.00am Mass with a congregation	Sebastian Joseph Anniv
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by adoration to 11am		Rita Smith's Intentions
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by adoration to 11am	Saint Martha
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Mass with a congregation		Thanksgiving for Healing
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> July			Fr Gerry's Day Off
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Holy Souls
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> August	10.00am Virtual Mass only Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori Paul Rowe RIP and Rowe family

**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 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, 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.

**Churches opening for Masses with a Congregation:** Last weekend the numbers attending Mass increased however **all our Masses with a congregation had space for more people to attend.**

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 household 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 social distancing policy means are 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 due to the measures that need to be implemented when there are multiple users of facilities such as toilets and the Church Hall and based on recommendations from our insurers, all such parish facilities continue to remain closed at this time in both parishes. There will be regrettably therefore be **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

From the 24<sup>th</sup> July face coverings became mandatory in shops in England. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as either of our churches. Should it be necessary to assist **Track and Trace** it would be very helpful if from this weekend a member of each household attending Mass could give a surname and contact phone number to a steward as they enter the building, this is not mandatory. The details will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed and will only be used if they are requested by track and trace.

Buckets/baskets will be available for you to leave cash donations or envelopes. You can also give via our parish website using the PayPal buttons one for each parish found on the homepage.

From Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Syro Malabar Rite Mass will return, for half their wards at a time, on the first and third Sundays of the Month.

**From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August all our weekday Masses will be open for congregations to attend. All Masses will also continue to be available virtually.**

**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.

**This is my Body:** On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm on the Skype Link as for Masses we continue to explore the Mass and Eucharist. This Tuesday David Payne gives a talk entitled Knowing God's Help – on how to experience God's grace in our daily lives, especially through prayer and the Mass.

**CiT Bible Society Bible Course:** Led by Helen McGeogh, Tuffley Pioneer will start next Tuesday evening 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**CAFOD DEC CORONAVIRUS APPEAL:** CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate exclusively to CAFOD at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](http://www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope) CAFOD envelopes which you can send either directly to CAFOD with a cheque or place money inside and leave in any collection basket are available at both parishes next to the newsletters.

Mike Horan the Deanery CAFOD representative is planning a sponsored cycle ride from English Martyrs, leaving after the 10am Mas on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Clifton Cathedral. If you would like to join him for some or all of this sponsored event please contact him on [mikehoran@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mikehoran@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07982245361. Details of how to sponsor Mike are to follow.

**Rev Bruce Clifford:** Will be retiring as Parochial Vicar of St George's Grange Road and St Margaret's, Waddon at the end of July. We give thanks for his enthusiasm and energy which he has shared so generously with the Church in Tuffley. And we wish him and his wife Rosie every blessing in retirement. If you wish there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Rosie and Bruce on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August details to follow.

**Holidays:** We wish all school children, teachers and ancillary staff of schools a blessed holiday period. We also wish all parishioners who going on holiday a safe journey and time away and pray that you come back feeling refreshed.

