



# 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 is closed and Marisa has been furloughed and therefore is not working

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**CONFESSIONS WILL ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY WILL BE FROM  
11AM TO 12 NOON ONLY AT ST AUGUSTINE'S. 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.



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

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	Pete and Monica Evans 25th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Mass with a congregation	11.00am Mass with a congregation	People of the Parishes Janetta Mills RIP
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by adoration to 11am	Birthday Intentions DoP
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00am Virtual Mass only followed by adoration to 11am		Thomas Millar (Anniv)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	6.30pm Mass with a congregation		<b>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</b> Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and follow Jesus' Way
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July			<b>Feast of St Bridget of Sweden</b> <b>Fr Gerry's Day off</b>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> July		10.00am Virtual Mass only	Marie & Keith Hill RIP
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Virtual Mass only	Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass with a congregation	<b>Feast of St James</b> Paul in thanksgiving People of the Parishes

**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.

**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 open for Masses with a Congregation:** Last weekend having been given permission by the Diocese subject to following all their advice to open our Churches for Masses with a congregation present it was great to see many of you in person present at Mass whilst remaining united with those who can't join us virtually. **All our Masses with a congregation had space for more people to attend.** 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 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 Augsutine'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 which for now will be from 11am to 12noon in one of the two Churches see overleaf, Baptisms – Fr Gerry carried out his first baptism for a while last Sunday, 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.

**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.

**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.

### Gospel Reflection for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a parable of weeds growing amongst the wheat. The farmer decides not to uproot them but to allow the weeds to continue growing until it is harvest time, when the wheat and the weeds can be separated out. There are very few of us who, when we get things wrong or upset another, do not want to put things right. Sometimes, even if we are forgiven for our mistakes, we find it hard to forgive ourselves. We want to rid ourselves of our faults. At the same time, we can fall into the trap of judging others, of losing patience with those who don't quite meet our expectations. Thankfully God is more accepting and far more compassionate. Despite our imperfections, God is patient with us and as with the weeds, has no desire to get rid of us. What God wants is that we treat others in the same way, accepting one another's frailties, being patient and kind so that we all have the chance to heal and grow.

