



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 ON SAT. 22ND AUGUST AT ST AUGUSTINE'S FROM 11AM TO 12 NOON & ON SAT. 29TH AUGUST AT ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11AM TO 12 NOON 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.



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23rd August 2020

Entrance Antiphon	Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
Responsorial Psalm	Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.
Gospel Acclamation	God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Communion Antiphon	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 22 nd Aug		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Janetta Mills RIP
Sun 23 rd Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish Neil Smith RIP
Mon 24 th Aug		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	<i>Saint Bartholomew</i> God's protection & blessing for Clementina Bakpa
Tues 25 th Aug	No Adoration or Mass		
Wed 26 th Aug	No Mass		
Thurs 27 th Aug	No Mass		<i>Saint Monica</i>
Fri 28 th Aug	No Mass		<i>Saint Augustine</i>
Sat 29 th Aug	10.00am Mass	Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	<i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i> Thanksgiving Mass for A Level results John de Maria Anniv

ALL MASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY LIVE VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK

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

**PARISHIONERS OR OTHERS CAN ATTEND ALL MASSES AT THIS TIME UP TO THE CHURCH CAPACITY LIMIT. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR FACE COVERING
THE CHURCHES WILL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 30 MINUTES BEFORE MASS STARTS**

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially for Neil Smith who died on 13th Aug who for years looked after the repository at St Augustine's and for Sheilagh Banner who died on 9th Aug 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 Fr Donal Daly former Parish Priest at Our Lady's Churchdown who is in hospital following a stroke.

Fr Gerry's Annual Retreat: Will be from Monday 24th to Friday 28th August.

First Holy Communion 2019/20 and 2020/21: The complete lockdown due to the pandemic has meant that children in both parishes have yet to make their First Holy Communion although they started their preparation in 2019. A number of parents have enquired as to what we hope to do. At this stage that still remains uncertain many Parishes across the Diocese and indeed throughout the world are in the same situation and whatever we do we need to comply with the latest Government as well as Church requirements. Fr Gerry and the lead catechists from both Parishes will meet at the end of August and discuss how, if at all possible, all the children can make their First Holy Communion prior to the inter term break starting on 23rd October 2020.

As regards the process for First Holy Communion for those in school year 3 and above in 2020/21 we will probably as in recent years ask for the application forms which will be available from the first weekend of September to be submitted by 1st November 2020 and given all the uncertainties consider at that point how we can best prepare the children. Please note it is unlikely, as things stand, we will be able to issue a detailed timetable of preparation in September for 2020/21 First Communion Preparation.

We would be grateful for your continued prayers for the children and their families as well as for the catechists.

Cooking Help: A married elderly parishioner living in Tuffley has asked if anyone in the parish could prepare and bring them a cooked meal for two on a regular basis. If you able to help please speak to Fr Gerry or Anne Houlihan.

Diocesan Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st to 28th August: This year Clifton Diocese will be re-living last year's Pilgrimage as well as bringing the spirit of Lourdes directly to you. With a selection of masses, prayer-time and reflections available online at <https://cliftondiocese.com/lourdes-2020/> throughout the week, it will be as if you're right there in the Domain as usual. Bishop Declan said: "It is disappointing that we had to cancel the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. However, I hope a number of you are able to make the pilgrimage virtually through the Diocesan website. Though not present in Lourdes we can imagine ourselves at the Grotto. Perhaps you could say a special Rosary every day at the invitation of Our Lady and pray especially for peace in our world and for those who are suffering from Coronavirus. I look forward to the pilgrimage next year."

Fatima the Movie: A new film about Fatima by Picturehouse called simply 'Fatima' is to be released on Friday 28th August and will be available on demand on that date too.

CAFOD Summer of Hope Sponsored Cycle Ride: Mike Horan the Deanery CAFOD representative and parishioner at English Martyrs is going to do sponsored cycle ride from English Martyrs, leaving after the 10am Mass on Saturday 29th 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 or 07982245361. We thank Mike for taking on this challenge, To sponsor him and find out more details about this event at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-horan>

Holidays: We wish all parishioners who are or going on holiday a safe journey and blessed time away and pray that you will come back feeling refreshed.

Collections: With no Sunday obligation some people are choosing to come to Mass on weekdays rather than Sundays. Collection baskets are therefore left by the principle exit points for any contributions you may have to Church funds for all Masses. As usual loose collections and money in parish envelopes will be deemed for the parish. If giving funds to CAFOD please use one of their envelopes. Funds for other purposes please put in an envelope and mark clearly what they are for. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks Peter a very pertinent question, 'Who do you say I am?' I wonder what we would say to Jesus if he asked us the same question? It is a good one for us to ponder. Who do we say Jesus is? Who is Jesus for me? The spiritual life invites us to come to know the person of Jesus and grow in our relationship with him. How do we grow in that relationship? The pandemic has forced us out of the Church but not out of our relationship with God. If anything, it has offered us an invitation into a deep encounter with the Lord and a renewal of friendship. Someone described the enforced lockdown as an opportunity to experience in a very small way the cloistered life. Locked up, as we have been, the pace of life has shifted, the rushing from here to there has had to stop. It is as if God is asking us to pause, to live more 'intentionally', to appreciate the small seemingly insignificant things. Being attentive to the love of Jesus is more possible, not because we hide away, but because we encounter the Lord in and through one another. Whether we are living alone or we have a houseful, the Lord is inviting us to unite together in prayer for the world, for health, for safety, the opportunity to gather once more and in gratitude for all those special people who have worked tirelessly and at great cost to keep us safe. Who do we say Jesus is? He is our light in the darkness we are, hopefully, beginning to emerge from.

