



# 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 open for 9 hours a week. Marisa will be in on Monday/Tuesday

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**CONFESSIONS ON SAT. 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER WILL BE AT ST AUGUSTINES 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
<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>	How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	John de Maria Anniv
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Mary Withers (sick) Birthday Intention and God's Blessing for Fejro Bakpa
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Shelagh Banner RIP
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	People of the Parishes
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	6.30pm Mass		David Roger RIP and family
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	1-4pm Adoration		<b>Saint Gregory the Great</b> Fr Gerry's day off
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept		10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving PG
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	11am to 12 noon Confessions in Church 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Margaret Holloway RIP

**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 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.

**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 early next week and discuss how, if at all possible, all the children can make their First Holy Communion prior to the inter term break starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 soon to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Fatima the Movie:** A new film about Fatima by Picturehouse called simply 'Fatima' was released on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August and will be available on demand on that date too on both Amazon Prime and Netflix.

**CAFOD Summer of Hope Sponsored Cycle Ride:** Mike Horan the Deanery CAFOD representative and parishioner at English Martyrs did a sponsored cycle ride from English Martyrs on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Clifton Cathedral. We thank Mike for taking on this challenge, To sponsor him and find out more details about this event visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-horan>

**Season of Creation:** The annual ecumenical Season of Creation runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October. This year, is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and we are especially asked by him to take part in this season. There are a number of ways in which we can do this – for example see <https://cliftondiocese.com/laudato-si/> or <https://seasonofcreation.org/> - and, of course, we can pray so each week the newsletter will include a prayer.

In Tuffley English Martyrs along with the other churches in the Church in Tuffley have been invited by the council to participate in a local tree planting project. There will be an initial meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm on Zoom with the council arboriculturist to discuss potential sites and the after care of these trees. Please contact Helen McGeoch on [tuffleypioneer@gmail.com](mailto:tuffleypioneer@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

**Cleaning and stewarding:** After a review of the risk assessment those of any age who are not 'extremely clinically vulnerable' are able to steward or clean in our Churches. Please contact Fr Gerry or Marisa Wood if you would like to join the team and ensure you read and understand the protocols and guidance before cleaning or stewarding.

**Finances:** Although during the lockdown our Parish Administrator, Marisa Wood, was furloughed and our Diocesan levy was reduced by 60% to help mitigate the loss of loose collections the parishes still had ongoing costs. Maisa has returned to work part time already and will return to her normal hours when the job retention scheme ends. In the coming months our Diocesan levy will gradually increase so that by December we are paying the full rate again. This means that our costs will be back to normal by December to meet these we would be very grateful if despite the fact that money baskets are not being passed round the Church you could put in your normal contribution to the parish each week or use the Paypal button on the parish website or take out a standing order for one of the parishes. Thank you for your continued financial support.

### Season of Creation Prayer

Creator God, who made our beautiful world, appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need, forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.

Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities;

to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people,

so that all your creation may flourish. Amen.

### Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the time that Jesus was put to death, the cross was seen to be an instrument of torture and execution. Slowly over time the cross has become a symbol of triumph over death and resurrection, a symbol we are familiar with today. We hang crosses in our homes, our churches, and many of us wear one around our neck. We begin and end our prayer with this sign. When Jesus calls his disciples to take up their cross and follow him, we might wonder if he was asking them to pick up an instrument of torture or the promise of resurrection. We, too, are invited to pick up our cross and follow him. To understand what this might mean we can turn to St. Paul who tells the Romans that they are to 'offer their bodies as a living sacrifice'. In other words, he is telling them, and us, that every day of our life is to be a life lived for Christ. Inevitably this will come with joys and sorrows. Daily life is not always easy, but it can bring us many opportunities to also experience kindness, compassion and love. Eventually living will lead to death, not usually a gruesome death in the way that Jesus died. It may not be straightforward or come at a time that we expect, but eventually it will come. This is the very nature of what it is to be human. This is not a cause for despair. We are a people of hope – a hope which takes us from death to resurrection and new life shared with the risen Lord.

