



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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CONFESSIONS ON SAT. 15TH AUGUST AT ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11AM TO 12NOON & ON SAT. 22ND AUGUST AT ST AUGUSTINE'S 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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2020

Entrance Antiphon	A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
Responsorial Psalm	On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.
Gospel Acclamation	Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing
Communion Antiphon	All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 15 th Aug		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 16 th Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Lin Hill's Intentions Harriet & Cyril Harkin RIP
Mon 17 th Aug	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		In thanksgiving Rita Smith
Tues 18 th Aug		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Wtodziemierz 'Wally' Bocko RIP
Wed 19 th Aug	6.30pm Mass	11.00am Memorial Mass	Adrian 'Bernie' Hayes RIP Smyth Family RIP
Thurs 20 th Aug			St Bernard Fr Gerry's Day Off
Fri 21 st Aug		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Sat 22 nd Aug	10.00am Mass	Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Janetta Mills 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 especially Bernard Hayes whose memorial mass will be at St Augustine's on Wed. 19th Aug at 11am and Neil Smith who died on 13th Aug who for years looked after the repository at St Augustine's 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 give thanks for** Mgr Liam VG and Parish Priest at St Peter's Gloucester who has recently been given the all clear from cancer – he is very grateful for all your prayers. **Our prayers and Congratulations** to Lyn Hill who will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Confirmed and make her First Holy Communion this Sunday 16th August in English Martyrs at 9am.

Public Masses: All our Masses are open for a congregation to attend. At none of our Masses so far have we had to turn people away because we had exceeded our covid-19 capacity, however at English Martyrs at the 9am Mass last Sunday 9th August we came very close to having to do so with a 2m social distancing policy. The decision has therefore been made that we will now opt for a 1m+ policy at English Martyrs as it is now **MANDATORY** for everyone to wear a face covering except when they are exempt every time they go to any Church and because we are also taking track and trace records. A 2m social distancing policy remains in place at St Augustine's.

Ongoing Restrictions re use of Hall or Toilets: Due to the measures that need to be implemented when there are multiple users of facilities, and based on recommendations from our insurers, all parish facilities (halls and meeting rooms) continue to remain closed at this time. The toilets in the church complex or hall remain out of use at this time

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.

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 mikehonan@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-honan>

Fr Gerry's Annual Retreat: Subject to last minute changes due to the rapidly changing covid-19 situation Fr Gerry will be on retreat from Monday 24th July to Friday 28th August. He will celebrate Mass on Monday 24th July in St Augustine's before he leaves and then the next Mass in either parish will be the morning Mass on Saturday 29th August in English Martyrs.

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.

Sunday 16th August 19th Sunday The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year of Communion Gospel Reflection

We hear in today's Gospel how the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when she is greeted by Mary, and she is filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary has travelled to see her cousin, Elizabeth, to share her amazing news that she is to bear a son who will be named Jesus. The joy of the two women is electrifying. Mary is full of praise for God who has 'done great things' in her. Mary's response to Elizabeth's praise is a song of hope for great things to come. God is at the heart of this prayer, a God who is to bring salvation to all and Mary is to be the bearer of the one who will bring about the justice that the poor have longed for. Mary's joy reflects the inner longing she has had for the oppressed in her own country to be released from their pain. She has given her unequivocal yes to God's invitation to her. As a young woman at the start of her life this was a generous and selfless act of personal sacrifice. Mary was giving her body and her life to the world. What is God's invitation to us to this day and in the week ahead? Can we say yes to God, even if that yes is costly? If we do, then we too will be able to sing of the marvellous things God has done for us.

