



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. 8TH AUGUST AT ST AUGUSTINE'S FROM 11AM TO 12NOON & ON SAT.15TH AUGUST AT ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11AM TO 12 NOON ONLY 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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9th August 2020

Entrance Antiphon	Look to your covenant, O Lord, & forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, & defend your cause, & forget not the cries of those who seek you.
Responsorial Psalm	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help
Gospel Acclamation	Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Communion Antiphon	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 8 th Aug		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Robert Beveridge McQuire RIP
Sun 9 th Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way People of the Parishes <i>FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE</i>
Mon 10 th Aug	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>St Clare</i> Special Intention
Tues 11 th Aug		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Fr Gerry's Priesthood
Wed 12 th Aug	6.30pm Mass		<i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i> Holy Souls
Thurs 13 th Aug			
Fri 14 th Aug		10.00am Mass	
Sat 15 th August	10.00am Mass Confessions in Church from 11am to 12 noon	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass for the Assumption of the BVM	May Campbell B'day RIP

**ALL MASSES WILL BE WITH A CONGRGATION PRESENT AND WILL BE AVAIABLE
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 USING A 2M SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY.
THE CHURCHES WILL OPEN FOR PRIAVTE PRAYER 30 MINUTES BEFORE MASS STARTS**

Pease 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 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 and for Lyn Hill who will be Received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed and make her First Holy Communion next 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. We all need to remember that we have a responsibility to keep everyone as safe as possible by doing the following:

- *Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with, i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household. So wherever possible please maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.*

- *Face coverings are from 8th August **MANDATORY in places of worship** as well as on public transport and in shops and supermarkets. Gov.uk states that **ONLY children under the age of 11 (Public Health England do not recommended face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)** people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability. Church guidance says neither the priest when celebrating mass nor readers when reading as long as they are socially distanced **DO NOT** have to wear masks.*

- *The Government guidance states that a Track and Trace system should be operated for individuals attending Masses. Therefore, it is suggested that where possible contact details of one per household are obtained. However, this is not mandatory as the guidance states that information 'should' rather than 'must' be collated.*

In addition to these requirements we do ask that when you are leaving the church after mass, parishioners continue to observe the requirements of social distancing and to avail of both the main entrance and alternative exit doors

With the return of Sunday Masses, it is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. It is also stressed that any parishioner who feels uncomfortable about returning to mass at this time should not feel any obligation to do so

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

Church stewards and cleaners: Thank you to our stewards and cleaners who are enabling us to open safely for all Masses 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 Maria at English Martyrs or Fr Gerry at St Augustine's if you can assist.

CiT Bible Society Bible Course: Led by Helen McGeogh, Tuffley Pioneer continues this Tuesday evening 11th August at 7.30pm. For details contact Helen at tuffleypioneer@gmail.com

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 Mas 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>

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 9 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A Year of Communion Gospel Reflection

We are living in turbulent times, such that it can feel as if a storm is truly raging around us. The pandemic has thrown many of us into turmoil and at times it has been very frightening. It has not always been easy to stay calm, to trust that the storm will pass. In such times it is important that we get away to a quiet place where we can set aside our fears and worries and allow ourselves to rest in the consoling presence of God. The disciples were seasoned fishermen, so their apparent lack of preparedness is surprising but once the storm was raging it was out of their control. Covid-19 is something that we have not been able to control. It has revealed our fragility and vulnerability as human beings. Here we are, all in the same boat, tossed and thrown about. In our Gospel, Jesus does eventually rebuke the storm and the calm waters return. When he asks the disciples, 'Where is your faith?' he is asking us the same question. If we have faith, we know that God will not abandon us, that above the seemingly never-ending dark clouds, the sky is blue. This storm will pass. Let us continue to put our faith in God and learn from Him what he is trying to teach us.

