



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 SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER AT ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11AM TO 12NOON ONLY
IF THIS TIME IS NOT SUITABLE CONTACT FR GERRY**

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 20th September 2020

Entrance Antiphon	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is close to all who call him.
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	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 19 th Sept		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Janetta Mills RIP
Sun 20 th Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	John Williamson Anniv People of the Parishes
Mon 21 st Sept	No Masses as Fr Gerry is on leave		
Tues 22 nd Sept			
Wed 23 rd Sept			<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
Thurs 24 th Sept			<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Fri 25 th Sept		10.00am Mass	Michael Jennings RIP
Sat 26 th Sept	10.00am Mass 11.00am to 12 Noon Confessions	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Philip Walter Moloney Anniv Ray Fieldhouse RIP

ALL MASSES EXCEPT 6.30PM ON SAT 19TH SEPT 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, Rosemary Bernard, Janet Peacey and Elizabeth Knight.

This Weekend: With Fr Gerry away on leave, we welcome and our very grateful to Fr Paul Brandon for saying the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and Fr Stephen Squires for saying our 2 Sunday Masses.

First Holy Communion 2019/20 Children: All families have now been contacted by the lead catechists Debbie at English Martyrs or Tony at St Augustine's via the contact details we have for them about our plans subject to the uncertainties of the pandemic for their children making their First Holy Communion in 2021. Families can contact them or Fr Gerry to explore other options if they wish to do so.

First Holy Communion 2020/21 Children: At this stage given all the Covid-19 uncertainties it is far from certain when and how the 2020/21 First Holy Communion preparation will be run. The hope is we could celebrate First Holy Communion at the usual times the first Saturday of May in English Martyrs and mid-June in St Augustine's but these may need to be changed. In order to get some idea of numbers, so Fr Gerry and the catechists can plan as soon as things become clearer, please ask Fr Gerry after Mass or email him on gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com for an Expression of Interest Form. These should be returned by Sunday 1st November.

Season of Creation: The annual ecumenical Season of Creation runs from 1st September until 4th October. This year, is the 5th 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.

Children Starting School in 2021?: If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

Could you be a School Governor?: The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we need reminding of how much God loves us, then today's parable does just that. God is all loving and all giving – no measurements involved. Given the nature of our humanity, there is a tendency for us to be judgemental about the generosity of others if it doesn't impact favourably on us. Perhaps we think justice is about making sure that we receive that which we perceive to be our right reward, our just desert. Fr. Jack Mahoney SJ writes of a different kind of justice, the justice of need, as promoted by Pope Leo XIII when he wrote in his encyclical *Rerum novarum*: 'if one man hires out to another his strength or skill, he does so for the purpose of receiving in return what is necessary for the satisfaction of his needs.' (n. 5). God sees the unique needs of every individual and responds accordingly to that need. This is the challenge given to us today. Who are the people in most need in our community, in our locality, in our world? Can we respond to their needs with great generosity, not measuring out what we think someone is worth but giving without counting the cost?

Season of Creation Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life;
by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.
Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards,
that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth
may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life
and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works;
through Jesus Christ, your living Word,
in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed.

Amen.

(Prayer for World Environment Day)

