



# 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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## 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 SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER AT ST AUGUSTINE'S FROM 11.15AM 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Remember your mercy, Lord.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Ray Fieldhouse RIP
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Ann & Ken Barr thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Fleur Hughes Intentions
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Lisa for God's blessing & protection
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30pm Mass		St Jerome Fr Gerry's priesthood
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1-4pm Adoration		St Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct		10.00am Mass	Holy Guardian Angels Thanksgiving PG
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	11.15am to 12 Noon Confessions 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	David Roger RIP and family Eileen Barry RIP

**ALL MASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY LIVE VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK  
<https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> BOTH CHURCHES USING TRACK AND TRACE  
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR FACE COVERING  
THE CHURCHES WILL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 20 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 and 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.

**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 last 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 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Preparation for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church:**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic whether you have been baptised or not please contact Fr Gerry by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The plan is to start a course of preparation probably online given all the current covid-19 restrictions during the first week of November.

**Back to Basics:** CELEBRATE who run Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God are going Back to Basics for Adults on Zoom. Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm every two weeks starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October with Baptism in the Holy Spirit - The Power of a Personal Encounter the key note speaker being Fr Antoine Coelho. To register go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020> or use the QR code found on the poster in the lobby.

**Marriage Support:** Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**Second Collection:** Next weekend and during the following week for Peter's Pence which the Holy Father uses to support various charitable projects.

**Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the parable of the two sons Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, to pronounce and to make statements. It is more difficult to give time, effort and attention. Every Sunday at Mass we profess our faith, a faith which through our Baptism we are commissioned to live out in the daily activities of our lives. It is easy for us to say the words of the Creed, but it will be by our actions that will demonstrate our commitment to working for the reign of God during the week. Jesus values a few small acts more than many fine words.

**Season of Creation Prayer**

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,  
for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds,  
and see the splendour of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind  
that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory,

O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

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