



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. 12TH SEPTEMBER WILL BE AT ENGLISH MARTYRS 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 6th September 2020

Entrance Antiphon	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Responsorial Psalm	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Gospel Acclamation	Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
Communion Antiphon	Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 5 th Sept		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 6 th Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	David Roger RIP and family Robert Beveridge McQuire RIP
Mon 7 th Sept	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Mr D RDavies Sick
Tues 8 th Sept		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM Neil Smith RIP
Wed 9 th Sept	6.30pm Mass		Tom Hedderman B'day RIP
Thurs 10 th Sept			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 11 th Sept		10.00am Mass	Birthday Intentions PG
Sat 12 th Sept	10.00am Mass 11am to 12 noon Confessions in Church	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way

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: Due to recent Church guidance updates for Covid-19, see below it will now be next weekend before we announce how we hope to proceed with First Holy Communion for both the children who were due original to celebrate in May/June 2020 and for those who are due to start this year and make their First Holy Communion next year.

CAFOD Summer of Hope Sponsored Cycle Ride: Mike Honan the Deanery CAFOD representative and parishioner at English Martyrs did a sponsored cycle ride from English Martyrs on Saturday 29th August along with 4 others to Clifton Cathedral. They have now raised over £1,500 We thank Mike for taking on this challenge and his sponsors for their generosity. To sponsor him and find out more details about this event visit the following Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-honan>

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.

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 7th 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 if you would like to be involved.

Church in Tuffley 'Refresh' on Wed 16th Sept at 7.30pm will have a Season of Creation Theme

Further Covid-19 Guidance on Church activities and facilities: On Friday 4th September afternoon and during the night Bishop Declan and the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese communicated to all Priests and Parishes saying that during the coming days/weeks subject to risk assessments, and permissions from the Diocese we can reopen our halls and other facilities for our own use and for the use of exterior hirers who will have to have covid-19 cover. Also, we learnt that an amateur choir can also now rehearse and sing but not the congregation. As with opening the Church things will be different and the risk assessments will need to be followed. It is hoped that by mid-September all our facilities will be open.

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. With open our halls and other facilities cleaning these will be just as important as the Church.

Second Collections: Due to the closure of the churches during the lockdown, a number of Annual Second Collections for 2020 were unable to be taken on the planned Sundays and an updated schedule has been provided for the Autumn. However, it is recognised by both the Bishops' Conference and the Diocese that parishes are experiencing a continued drop in income and therefore apart from 3 Holy See collections, there is no obligation on parishes to hold other second collections. We will hold the three Holy See Collections, the one for CAFOD for Harvest Festival and the Priests Retirement Fund collection over the coming months. The first Holy See collection is normally taken on Good Friday is for Holy Places of Palestine and will be taken next weekend. There will be an EXTRA basket provided for your donations from next weekend for a week in both Churches clearly marked,

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.

Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we are hurt or angry, we can use silence both as a shield and a weapon. Afraid to say the wrong thing, afraid of causing more hurt, we can sit and fester. But silence is the enemy of peace. Jesus reminds us of the need to seek reconciliation. It is often difficult to take that first step, to be the one to start the conversation especially if we are the wronged one; but in a spirit of generosity and willingness to listen to the other, the process of healing can begin. If, on the other hand we continue to meet with hostility, we are encouraged to seek the help of others to try and bring about peace. Without this peace and reconciliation, the situation will remain bound. In other words we have to do everything we can to resolve the problem. Perhaps in our own life we have a situation which is causing pain either for ourselves or another. Do we need to take that step? Let us ask God for the courage and the willingness to reach out and begin the process.

Season of Creation Prayer

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you,
we might serve all people: inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom,
and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all; that, trusting in your bounty, all people may be
empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

