



# 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 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11.00AM TO 11.45AM  
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.



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	I love you, Lord my strength.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	For the deceased members of the Karas & Supvilai Families
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Teresa Perczynska RIP
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Dawid Rhys Davis RIP
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct		11.30am Mass with Adult Baptism & Confirmation	For the Intentions of Allen Barnett-Lawson
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm Mass		Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Brendan Wade RIP
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct		10.00am Mass	Irenna Bartska RIP
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass 11am -11.45am Confessions	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Frances Mathes Sick Zygmunt Perczynski RIP

**MASSES AVAILBLE VIRTUALLY LIVE VIA SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>  
BOTH CHURCHES ARE USING TRACK & TRACE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE  
APPROX 70 PEOPLE. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR FACE COVERING  
THE CHURCHES WILL OPEN FOR PRIAVTE 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. **Please also pray for** Allen Barnett-Lawson who will be baptised and confirmed and make his First Holy Communion on Tuesday at St Augustine's.

**English Martyrs:** This Sunday marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Solemn Dedication of English Martyrs Catholic Church, Tuffley by Bishop Mervyn Alexander on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1988. Many thanks to all those present and past parishioners and clergy who have supported it in anyway. This Sunday also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 English Martyrs in 1970. At Monday's 10am Mass we will celebrate a votive Mass of the English Martyrs.

**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. **LAST WEEK TO REPLY**

**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. **LAST WEEK TO CONTACT FR GERRY**

**November Month of the Holy Souls:** Starts next Sunday with the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. At St Augustine's there will be a sheet in the lobby on the cupboards on the left after the sanitising table. Please write in capital letters anyone's name who has died since November 2019 whom you wish to be added into the St Augustine's memorial book. At English Martyrs there will be a book placed in the lobby area for you to write any name of someone who has died that you wished to be remembered. Both books will be placed before/on the altar for Masses during November. If you would like a mass said either for one individual who has died or for deceased members of your family please complete a mass envelope, enclose a donation the Diocesan suggested amount remains £4, and hand the envelope to Fr Gerry. The Vatican has extended the Plenary Indulgence for the Deceased for the whole of November, This may be gained by visiting a cemetery or a church whether physically, virtually or mentally and praying for the dead and with the usual other conditions for gain an indulgence.

**Church in Tuffley Time to Remember:** St George's, Grange Road are hosting a service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4pm. All those who have had a funeral recorded in the death register at English Martyrs from last November will be remembered. If you wish anyone else to be remembered at this service please contact Helen at tuffleypioneer@gmail.com. Seats are limited due to Covid-19 restrictions so booking is essential, if booking for more than 1 person please indicate whether you can sit together – to book seats once again contact Helen.

St Barnabas Church Stroud Road will be open for a quiet prayer space 2 - 3:30pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and then there will be a service streamed live at 3:30 pm on the St Barnabas facebook page.

**Online Light Party:** St Barnabas are hosting a Light Party on 31st October, a Christian service suitable for families, which will be streamed live on the St Barnabas facebook page.

**Back to Basics:** CELEBRATE are going Back to Basics! This Sunday afternoon on their Facebook page and their YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmBrUA8zNZGzO324RWA3rZw/featured> from 3.30pm they will have a session for children aged 5-10 years old and their parents. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Zoom Yinka Oyekan will talk about the Unity To register go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020>. Previous talks can be found on the Celebrate Family Youtube Channel.

**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.

**Second Collection:** Next weekend for Missio and its work supporting the Missions – the delayed World Mission collection

### Reflection on the Gospel for 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary of Time

Today's Gospel centres around love, a potentially difficult concept because it is a word which is so over-used. The love which Jesus is speaking of is what is known in Greek as agapeic love – that unconditional, self-giving love of the highest order; the kind of love which knows no boundaries. We hear how the Sadducees and Pharisees are trying to catch Jesus out. In their desire to score points they fail to see who is standing right in front of them. It would be easy for us to be critical of them. It might be better for us if we could look at them with some compassion and catch sight of the way we, too, might be with them, failing to love as we are called to love. The love which Jesus speaks of is all embracing. It is not the love between two people but the love we express to everyone we know and even those we don't, especially those who are in most need.

