



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 9TH OCTOBER AT ENGLISH MARTYRS FROM 11.00AM TO 11.45AM 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
6th October 2020**

Entrance Antiphon	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
Responsorial Psalm	The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation	I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Communion Antiphon	The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 3 rd Oct		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Eileen Barry RIP
Sun 4 th Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Brendan Wade RIP
Mon 5 th Oct	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Vankey Mathi RIP
Tues 6 th Oct		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	George Hancock sick
Wed 7 th Oct	6.30pm Mass		Our Lady of the Rosary Ronald Hancock sick
Thurs 8 th Oct			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 9 th Oct		10.00am Mass	St. John Henry Newman Brenda for God's blessing & protection
Sat 10 th Oct	10.00am Mass 11.00am to 12 Noon Confessions	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way

MASSES AVAILABLE 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 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 1st 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 25th 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.

Rosary Whirlwind British Isles – October 2020 - for Faith, Life & Peace: Is taking place throughout October with a nightly online Rosary at 8pm led from a different Marian Shrine, Cathedral or Parish. For details as to how you can join the online Rosary go to <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/> or follow their twitter feed. On Tuesday 13th October the anniversary of the 'miracle of the sun' at Fatima in 1917 our Parishes will take part in the 'Rosary Whirlwind British Isles Day' with the Sorrowful Mysteries being said after Mass at St Augustine's at ~10.30am and the Glorious Mysteries being said at 6pm from English Martyrs. You will be able to attend in person following the same conditions as for Mass or join us online via the Skype link.

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 THIS Monday 5th 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.

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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: This takes place this Friday 9th October. Cafod Envelopes will be attached to the newsletter next weekend. CAFOD have a number of online events taking place from 8th to 11th October see <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> These include a talk, a Mass, a quiz and a reflection. To space out the second collections we will take the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection on the weekend of 17th/18th Oct.

Second Collection: This 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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Over the past few weeks, we have heard a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls us to work for His Kingdom and rewards us beyond what any of us deserves, or can imagine. Today, we hear about the vineyard that has been given to each of us. God excludes no one. Work, families, our community, the environment; are all elements of our vineyard. Our job is to look after our vineyard and in doing so to produce good fruits. In this 'Season of Creation' we have been reminded of the need for us to care for our world, our immediate environment, our brothers and sisters. We are also in the middle of a pandemic – how well are we using our gifts to do this? In the parable we are God's tenants. God gives us total freedom to run the vineyard as we wish but we should never forget that it is God's vineyard. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

Season of Creation Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (St Francis of Assisi)

