



# 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 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER ST AUGUSTINE'S FROM 11.15AM TO 12 NOON.  
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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Give the Lord glory and power.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct		6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Nick Clutterbuck and May Campell (Anniv)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Sr Suzanne Valentin RIP People of the Parishes
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No Masses in either Church as Fr Gerry is on leave		
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct			
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct			
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct			
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		9.00am Mass	Jan Donnelly Birthday Intention
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	11.15am - 12noon Confessions 6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	All Cancer sufferers For the deceased members of the Karas & Supvilai Families

**MASSES AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY LIVE VIA SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>  
EXCEPT 6.30PM ON SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**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**

**Thank You:** We thank Fr Paul Brandon and Fr Stephen Squires for supplying on for the Sunday Masses on 17th and 18th October as Fr Gerry takes some annual leave in Walsingham 'England's Nazareth' from 15th to 22nd October.

**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.

**World Mission Sunday:** Is this weekend. In this time of international turmoil and uncertainty, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for the global family of the Catholic Church to stand together in solidarity, prayer and faith. Each parish throughout the world celebrates being part of a worldwide Church, giving what they can for the benefit of those most in need. We offer the hand of friendship and encouragement to our sisters and brothers in poorer countries, and to missionaries across the world who are proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard it. It is clear that the needs of the Church in Africa and Asia are greater than ever.

Missio receives many requests from Bishops, Priests and Religious for help so that they can continue serving their people. They ask for our prayers and support. Any help we can give them at the moment will make a huge difference to their lives and to the future of our Church. Please visit Missio website [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) for information about their work and watch their uplifting video called "We are still here" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWVDV-x7s0v8>

Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. In his message for World Mission Sunday, he reminds us that 'in a context profoundly marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptised person.'

Please continue to support Missio and APF with your Red Boxes. A second collection will be taken for Missio in a fortnight's time so as to have a gap after CAFOD's collection this weekend.

**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](mailto: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.

**Church in Tuffley Refresh:** The next Refresh evening will be hosted by St George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's Church, Whaddon Church of England on Zoom. It will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm and the Zoom link for the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091235580> All welcome.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Zoom Claire Fernandes will talk about the Family To register go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020>.

**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 took place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October the theme being Rebuild Lives. Cafod Harvest Fast Envelopes are available lose on the newsletter table – like the newsletter if you touch it please take it! To space out the second collections we will take the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection in the parish on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Oct. though you may leave your CAFOD collection envelope in any collection or post it directly to CAFOD. If you wish to give online go to [www.cafid.org/give](http://www.cafid.org/give) or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 (cost £10 +text cost)

**End of Day Light Saving Time:** Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October BST ends at 2am and the clocks go back 1 hour to 1am as GMT begins. Don't be an hour early for Mass!

### Year of Communion Gospel Reflection for 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is very clear that we are called to serve God and be a good citizen at the same time. God works in and through every stratum of society to build community. We are instruments of God's love and desire for unity. Rarely, except in situations of social justice, do we find ourselves in conflict with what the law asks of us and what our conscience is telling us. When we do, we must speak out, but with compassion, with love and with respect. God needs each one of us to serve the wider community, to build relationships wherever we are. Witnessing to God's presence by my own life gives dignity and worth to those around me.

