



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 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.



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 15th November 2020

Entrance Antiphon	The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
Responsorial Psalm	O blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Communion Antiphon	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 15 th Nov	2pm to 3pm Church open for private prayer	10.00 am Virtual Mass	Barbara Connors RIP
Mon 16 th Nov	10.00am Virtual Mass	11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer	<i>Saint Edmund of Abingdon</i> People of the Parishes
Tues 17 th Nov	11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer	10.00am Virtual Mass	<i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i> JJ God's Protection and Blessing
Wed 18 th Nov	6.30pm Virtual Mass	2pm to 3pm Church open for private prayer	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Thurs 19 th Nov	2pm to 3pm Church open for private prayer		
Fri 20 th Nov	10.00am Virtual Mass 11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer THIS WEEK ONLY		Thomas & Mary Finnegan RIP
Sat 21 st Nov		10.00am Virtual Mass 11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer THIS WEEK ONLY	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>National Day of Prayer for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic</i> For an end of the Covid-19 Pandemic

**MASSES CANNOT BE ATTENDED IN PERSON EXCEPT LIMITED NUMBERS FOR FUNERALS
ALL MASSES ARE AVAILAIBLE VIRTUALLY VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK**

<https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERING IF COMING TO ONE OF THE CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID-19 CHURCH PROCEDURES.**

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially 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, Elizabeth Knight, Albert Turner, 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 Nicholas Payne.

Daily Prayers during the Second Lockdown: Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP issued a statement at the beginning of this second lockdown reminding us 'to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity' (Titus 3:1) and then saying 'At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.'

To facilitate this Fr Gerry is hosting prayers on the Skype Link used for Masses every day EXCEPT Thursday at 6pm. One of our Churches is also open for an hour every day for private prayer and EXCEPT Thursday Fr Gerry will unless there is an emergency call be around please also don't hesitate to contact Fr Gerry as on the front of the newsletter.

November Month of the Holy Souls: The Vatican has extended the Plenary Indulgence for the Deceased for the whole of November, This, indulgence 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 gaining an indulgence.

Churches in Tuffley - Advent Prayer Evening via Zoom on Wednesday, 9th December at 7.30pm: For this special Advent prayer evening together, we would love it if everyone who joins us contributes something of their choice during the evening. This could be a prayer, poem, short reading/Psalm or a hymn/song relevant to Advent. So that we can ensure a smooth running order, please let me know well in advance by forwarding your contribution to me by Sunday, 29th November. Many thanks, Nikki O'Neill email: georgeandnikki@tiscali.co.uk.

CiT Christmas Hampers: Items for the Christmas Hampers for struggling families in Tuffley maybe brought to English Martyrs during the time the Church is open for Private Prayer. The list of required items is on a leaflet in the lobby. Please remember to let Helen know what you are buying at tuffleypioneer@gmail.com she will also accept cash in lieu of items.

Back to Basics: CELEBRATE are going Back to Basics! On Monday 16th November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Zoom the theme is Formation: 'The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship' and the speaker Emma Wildsmith. To register go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020>. Previous talks are 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.

Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 28 July to 6 August 2021: Father Colin Mason, who is the Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese, will be one of the Spiritual Directors on next year's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is the third such trip which has been designed specifically for young UK Catholic adults in the age range 18 to 35ish. In addition to celebrating Mass at some of the Holiest places on Earth, exploring places mentioned in the Bible and other historic sites, we also have a lot of fun! Imagine swimming in the Dead Sea, rafting down the Jordan River, and camping out in the Judean Desert! To get a better idea of what it will be like, please check out YouCAN Instagram handle youngcatholicadultnetworkuk. You can also see pics of last year's trip at <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk/> In our present situation we are just asking for a £150 reservation fee to gauge interest, returnable should we decide, for whatever reason, not to go. About a third of the places have already been booked. Contact the organiser rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk for Itinerary, pricing and a booking form.

Second Collections: Thanks for your recent donations to CAFOD £313.50 was collected at St Augustine's and £221.70 at English Martyrs. Our next second collection when we can gather in person to attend Sunday Masses is due to be for the Priest's Retirement Fund.

Reflection on the Gospel for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A story is told that on one warm summer's morning a hiker was walking along a road when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Slightly concerned he bent down to the little creature and asked: "Why are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied. The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think your spindly little legs are going to hold up the big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied simply, "One does what one can." 'One does what one can' is the message that Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable. All of us have talents and it is for us to decide how we will use them. Talents are often associated with successful people. When we hear someone referred to as being 'so talented' it is unlikely that we are referring to someone who spends every night, awake, caring for a sick child or parent. It is unlikely that we are referring to the young person who works in a soup kitchen or talks to the homeless. Yet what these people do stems from a desire to use what God has given them; the capacity for compassion, for gentleness, for concern, for generosity of heart, for their commitment to over-coming injustice and oppression in the lives of others, for not giving into the pain of personal disability. It takes skill to bring healing and hope to others and this can be just as rewarding as the adulation that comes from being a successful superstar performing to the best of their ability.

