



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.



First Sunday of Advent Year B Sunday 29th November 2020

Responsorial Psalm	God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Communion Antiphon	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 29 th Nov	2pm to 3pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration	10.00 am Virtual Mass only	Deceased Member of the Harkin Family
Mon 30 th Nov	10.00am Virtual Mass only	11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer	Sylvia Hellel RIP
Tues 1 st Dec	11.00am to 12 Noon Church open for private prayer	10.00am Virtual Mass only	Deceased Members of the Mogford & Hollingsbee Families
Wed 2 nd Dec	6.30pm Mass with a congregation present		David Rogers RIP and family
Thurs 3 rd Dec	1pm to 4pm Eucharistic Adoration		Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 4 th Dec		10.00am Mass with a congregation present	People of the Parishes
Sat 5 th Dec	10.00am Mass with a congregation present	6.30pm Mass with a congregation present	Marie and Keith Hill RIP Mary McVann Anniv

MASSSES CANNOT BE ATTENDED IN PERSON UNTIL WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

THEREAFTER YOU CAN ATTEND IN PERSON

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN GLOUCESTER ARE FOLLOWING THE NEW TIER 2 RULES FOR ENGLAND

ALL MASSSES ARE AVAIABLE VIRTUALLY VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERING IF COMING TO ONE OF THE CHURCHES FOR MASS IN PERSON,
PRIVATE PRAYER OR SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID-19 TIER 2
GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND CHURCH PROCEDURES INCLUDING TRACK AND TRACE**

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: Denise Gardner whose funeral will be on Monday 30th Nov and Michael Moloney whose funeral will be on Monday 7th Dec. **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those who mourn. Please also pray for the sick especially:** Deacon David Hebbs and others 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.

Resuming Public Masses: Our parishes will resume Masses with a congregation on Wednesday 2nd December following the end of Lockdown #2 earlier that day. There are some important differences compared to the summer and autumn period when Churches were open for Masses. The one which will affect us all is that we are NOT allowed to interact with anyone who is not from our own household/support bubble whilst we are inside the church, yes even if we have a face-coverings on and remain 1m + apart. We can interact outside but in groups of no more than 6 people as long as we follow other social distancing requirements. Regrettably also in Tier 2 Pastoral Visits are not allowed except in danger of death.

Church in Tuffley Advent 2020: The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols has been popular for over 100 years. First created following WWI, the readings are some of the most familiar Bible readings even today. This Advent there's the opportunity to look at four of them and see how they are relevant in today's situation. Join Susan and others with the Church in Tuffley on zoom for the first four Tuesdays in December – 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd for one hour each, beginning at 7:30 pm. The meetings will take place on zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81081599188> Meeting ID: 810 8159 9188.

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, Adoration or Masses. 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. All items must be brought to the Church by next weekend Sunday 6th December.

Podsmead Big Local: Over the last six months we have all had to deal with the impact of Covid-19. Ranging from lockdown and shielding to lack of contact with friends and family. Food poverty has become an issue, not just for those on benefits but for those who have been furloughed and made redundant. Families that were just about managing are finding it difficult to provide food and, in some cases, parents are going without meals to ensure that their children are fed. Since the beginning of the first lockdown we have seen more than double the demand for support in Podsmead. We have been given the opportunity to move the Butterfly Food Distribution Network into new premises which will allow us to continue to grow and increase the support we provide to more families and individuals who need a little extra help. We need your help to get the project up and running, so we can support those families that are struggling to feed their families and ensure that as many people as possible don't have to go without so that their children can have healthy meals. We use excess food from supermarkets where ever possible to reduce food waste. Help us to combat food poverty. *We would really appreciate your support in this very important local project. If you could donate/fundraise/ or promote this link to the crowdfunder, we would be so very grateful.* <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/poets-pantry-a-resource-to-combat-food-poverty> Please give asap.

Advent Retreats and Resources: There are many Catholic organisations offering virtual Advent Retreats or daily reflections which you can find with an online search. Within our Diocese St Gregory's Cheltenham are offering a course an Advent Course on Monday evenings from 7.45pm to 9pm see https://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato_si/ to register. Cafod have 3 different interactive advent calendars see <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar> and an advent prayer page <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-prayers> Or why not read the whole Gospel of Luke by reading 1 chapter a day in Advent.

Back to Basics: CELEBRATE are going Back to Basics! On Monday 30th November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Zoom the theme is Mission: 'Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission' and the speaker is Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE. To register go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020> . Previous talks are on the Celebrate Family YouTube Channel.

Vacancy at St Peter's Catholic Primary School: Have a vacancy for OPAL Play Team (formerly midday supervisor). The details and application form are on the school website <https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies> or please phone to request a paper copy. Closing date is Friday 4th December.

Second Collection: Next weekend 5th and 6th December for the Clifton Diocese Priest's Retirement Fund.

Reflection on the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

2020 has been like no other year that we can probably remember or imagine. When we started Advent in December 2019, we had absolutely no idea that the new liturgical year would play out as it has done. We could not have anticipated or expected the experience we have had and currently still have. Government recommendations during the pandemic to 'Stay alert' find echoes in our Gospel today. 'Stay awake, be on your guard' is how Mark puts it. But this is not about watching out for the dangers of a virus. Rather we are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, not just Christmas, but at any time. This second coming of Christ and the final judgement is what we need to hold in mind throughout our Christian lives. As a faithful community, we are, waiting in hopeful anticipation for Christ to come once more. It is not a passive waiting but is mindful and open to the reality that Christ comes to us in the poor, in the exiled, in the refugee and asylum seeker, in the homeless and the most vulnerable in our society. As we enter the season of a new liturgical year, let's pray for the strength to be hopeful and joyful in the weeks and months ahead.

