



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Nativity Prayer

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born.
Let all Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born.
St Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday 27th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon	The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.
Responsorial Psalm	
Gospel Acclamation	
Communion Antiphon	

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 27 th Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	Mrs Ellis RIP People of the Parishes
Mon 28 th Dec	10.00am Mass		<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i> Joan Humphreys RIP
Tues 29 th Dec		10.00am Mass	<i>Feast of Thomas Becket</i> Shelia Richardson RIP
Wed 30 th Dec	6.30pm Mass		<i>6th Day in Octave of Christmas</i> Eileen Youngs Sick
Thurs 31 st Dec			<i>7th Day in Octave of Christmas</i> Fr Gerry's Day Off
2021 Fri 1 st Jan		11.30am Rosary 12 Noon Mass	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> Angus in Thanksgiving
Sat 2 nd Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	<i>Sts Basil and Gregory Nazianzen</i> Neil Burns Snr Anniv Mary de Maria Anniv

ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON AND ARE AVAILAble VIRTUALLY

VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN GLOUCESTER ARE FOLLOWING THE NEW TIER 3 RULES FOR ENGLAND

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERING IF COMING TO ONE OF THE CHURCHES AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID-19 TIER 3 GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND CHURCH PROCEDURES INCLUDING TRACK AND TRACE AND NO INTERACTION WITH OTHERS NOT IN YOUR FAMILY/BUBBLE IN OR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH. FINALLY, IF YOU TOUCH A RESOURCE PLEASE TAKE IT.

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: 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, 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.

Christmas Thanks: Thank you to all who enabled our Christmas Masses to be fitting celebrations of the Birth of Christ, even in these very different times. Thank you to the musicians and choirs who lifted our spirits with their playing and singing at 3 of the Masses. A special thank you to all who acted as stewards at the various masses and all who cleaned and decorated the churches with flowers and the cribs

Fr Gerry Writes: A sincere thank you to everyone for the many Christmas greetings, cards and gifts received and especially for the very generous Christmas Offering.

First Holy Communion: Those who have not done any preparation before will be starting their course on Sunday 10th January after Mass at English Martyrs at 10am and before Mass at St Augustine's at 10.15am attending with their parents in the Church Halls. There will be a parents' meeting prior to that on Wednesday 6th January at 7.30pm. The hope is in both parishes that First Holy Communion for them and those who have already done most/some of the course will be able to do so in May. Please keep the children their families and catechists in your prayers. If you have a child in school Year 3 and above whom you wish to start in January please contact Fr Gerry as soon as possible and no later than 3rd January 2021.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January 2021: That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Year of St Joseph: *With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church on 8th December 1870 by Pope Pius IX. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8th December 2020, to 8th December 2021. In the Holy Year a plenary indulgence is granted for reciting the Litany of St Joseph especially on Wednesdays and the 19th of each month. The Litany of St. Joseph goes as follows:*

Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us, Jesus, graciously hear us.

Response after each invocation below: **Have mercy on us**

God the Father of heaven; God the Son, Redeemer of the World; God the Holy Spirit; Holy Trinity, one God,

Response after each invocation below: **Pray for us**

Holy Mary, St. Joseph, Renowned offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster father of the Son of God,

Diligent protector of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most strong,

Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty, Model of artisans, Glory of home life,

Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the wretched,

Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus.

He made him the lord of his household and prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray: O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Reflection on the Gospel for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

As we come to the end of 2020, we know that it is a year that most of us will never forget. It has been a year like no other. Family life has been turned upside down in so many ways. For some families the time together has been a rich and rewarding experience. For others, especially those without outside space or space for working at home, it has been exceptionally challenging. For some families, it has meant not being able to see one another for weeks and months at a time. It has brought joys and sorrows for many, especially for those families where elderly relatives in care homes have been inaccessible or family members in hospital unable to have visitors. Whether it has been a positive or a painful experience for us, we are not alone. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experience similar trials in their family life. In their joy, the parents of Jesus as a baby, bring him to the Temple as the Law required. What they did not expect to hear was the painful prophecy of Simeon. In life there are always times of joy and sorrow. Trusting that the Lord is there, present within it all can challenge us but as we enter into 2021, let us take that trust and believe that whatever life may throw at us we are in the loving embrace of the Lord who will never abandon us.

As we draw the 'Year of Communion' to a close, this completes the three-year cycle of Gospel reflections.

We hope that they have enriched and nourished your prayerful contemplation of the Sunday readings.

