



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.



Second Sunday of Advent Year B Sunday 6th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon	O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation	Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 5 th Dec		6.30pm Mass	Mary McVann Anniv
Sun 6 th Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	Mary Frances Gray RIP George and Ronald Hancock (Sick)
Mon 7 th Dec	10.00am Mass		St Ambrose Bishop Robert Simmons RIP
Tues 8 th Dec		10.00am Mass	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Michael Griffett RIP
Wed 9 th Dec	6.30pm Mass		Special Intention of P.S.
Thurs 10 th Dec	2pm to 4pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration		Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 11 th Dec		10.00am Mass	Michael Jennings (Anniv)
Sat 12 th Dec	10.00am Mass Confession after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	The Deceased members of the Vaghi Family Thanksgiving PG

**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 2 RULES FOR ENGLA

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FACE COVERING IF COMING TO ONE OF THE CHURCHES FOR MASS IN PERSON,
OR SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID-19 TIER 2 GOVERNMENT
INSTRUCTIONS AND CHURCH PROCEDURES INCLUDING TRACK AND TRACE AND NO INTERACTION WITH
OTHERS NOT IN YOUR FAMILY/BUBBLE IN CHURCH. FINALLY IF YOU TOUCH A RESOURCE PLEASE TAKE IT**

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially: Michael Moloney whose funeral will be on Monday 7th Dec. and Joan Humphreys **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 2020: The times and locations of Christmas Masses for this year in our parishes are as follows:

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December: 5pm St Augustine of Canterbury; 7.00pm English Martyrs and 9.00pm St Augustine of Canterbury.

Christmas Day Friday 25th December: 10am English Martyrs

A booking system is now in place for all of the Christmas Masses If you wish to book a place at either of the 2 Masses at St Augustine's if you have internet access please go to the Eventbrite url <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-eve-masses-tickets-131606401289> and click on your preferred Christmas Mass time and book there.

Similarly if you wish to book a place at either of 2 Masses at English Martyrs and if you have internet access please go to the Eventbrite url <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-masses-2020-tickets-131623073155> and then click on your preferred Christmas Mass.

You may also book a place(s) at any Christmas Mass by phoning or emailing Marisa at the parish office or Fr Gerry
Booked seats must be occupied no later than 10 minutes before the start of Mass after that they will be allocated to others.

Please indicate the number of places you wish to book remembering that you cannot book more than 6 and you can only book a place for those within your own household or support bubble with whom as far as possible you will be seated. We are limited in the number we can accommodate in the Church because of Covid restrictions. Once we have reached the safe capacity for each mass no one else will be admitted to the Church. We will also be using our Church halls as overflows especially for the Christmas Eve 5pm and 7pm Masses. You will be able to watch and hear the Mass in the hall and also receive Holy Communion. If the hall has also reached safe capacity, we will not be able to admit you. We remind you that the current suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass also applies to Christmas.

All Masses will be available virtually on our usual Skype Link for Masses. The 5pm Christmas Eve Mass will also be on the Zoom url <https://zoom.us/j/98121849305?pwd=S0lIQ2pFR3ZSOUZISnF2bGFNSWFEdz09> as will the 7pm on Christmas Eve Mass url <https://zoom.us/j/97659487097?pwd=YVZBYkE1QVJoOXJsaVYvMXdQeGQzZz09>

The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging us to recognise the significance of the Octave of Christmas (December 25th – 1st January) and to avail of the opportunity to attend mass on one of these days as a Christmas Mass – noting that as Fr Gerry will be with his Mum or on a day off there will be no Mass in either Church on 26th or 31st December. Midnight Mass on BBC1 on Christmas Eve will be broadcast from Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Declan as main celebrant.

First Holy Communion: Please remember in your prayers Mya, Josh and Taylen who will all being well make their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass next Sunday

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 have a mixture of live music, poems, prayers and readings. You can join the meeting on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82950113556> Meeting ID: 829 5011 3556

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. The remaining Advent Walk with me Booklets and Calendars are in the lobby of the Churches

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

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

There is no doubt about the difficult times we are living in and Christmas may well seem very different for us this year. With the potential loss of the usual parties and outings, people are beginning to think and speak about 'getting back to the real meaning of Christmas'. Perhaps, the pandemic is moving us to think about what really matters. There are times when we can get carried away with lights and parties and flashes of this and that but the real meaning of Christmas, is so much more. It is learning how to love, learning how to care, learning how to be brothers and sisters to each other. Advent is an invitation to change our lives, to perhaps refocus our direction, something we do not necessarily find easy. John the Baptist implores us to prepare a way for the Lord, to straighten ourselves out! How do we do this? By being honest with ourselves, truthful about who we are and honest about how we live in the world. With so many physical restrictions currently placed upon us – this Advent is a real opportunity to start anew, to make the changes needed so that the Lord can walk down those straight paths and into our hearts, where he longs to dwell.

