



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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The office is open for 9 hours a week. Marisa will be in Monday and Tuesday this week. Marisa remains on the Furlough Scheme for her other 9 hours.

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## Pope Francis Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



## Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday' Year B Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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| <b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  | Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.                          |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> | My soul rejoices in my God  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.       |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. |

| DATE                          | ENGLISH MARTYRS                            | SAINT AUGUSTINE'S                       | MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY                                   |
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| Sat<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Dec   |  | 6.30pm Mass                             | Thanksgiving PG   |
| Sun<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 9.00am Mass<br>Confessions after Mass      | 11.00 am Mass<br>Confessions after Mass | Karen Cassidy Anniv<br>People of the Parishes                       |
| Mon<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 10.00am Mass                               |   | St John of the Cross<br>Theodora Allum Anniv                        |
| Tues<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  |  | 10.00am Mass                            | George Mashi RIP  |
| Wed<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 6.30pm Mass                                |   | Bernard Hayes RIP   |
| Thurs<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 2pm to 4pm<br>Silent Eucharistic Adoration |   | O Sapientia<br>Fr Gerry's Day off                                   |
| Fri<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Dec   |  | 10.00am Mass                            | O Adonai<br>Anielka Jennings (B-day RIP)                            |
| Sat<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 10.00am Mass<br>Confession after Mass      | 6.30pm Mass<br>Confessions after Mass   | O Radix<br>In thanksgiving for Graces Received<br>Janetta Mills RIP |

**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: 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 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 5pm St Augustine of Canterbury; 7.00pm English Martyrs and 9.00pm St Augustine of Canterbury.

**Christmas Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 may be allocated to others. The 5pm and 7pm Masses are already more than 80% and 70% booked for Church seats.

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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> 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 be well make their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass this Sunday. Those who have not done any preparation before will be starting their course in early January 2021 with the hope 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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

**Church in Tuffley Advent 2020:** There's the opportunity to look at two more of them and see how they are relevant in today's situation. Join Susan and others with the Church in Tuffley on zoom on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 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- Hampers:** A big thank you to all who contributed in any way for our hamper collections. We made 40 Hampers which were distributed to 8 schools. That was 10 Hampers above our original target.

**Church in Tuffley – Helen McGeogh:** Last weekend it was announced at St George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's, Whaddon that Helen would be leaving the parishes and her Tuffley Pioneer role on the date of her ordination to the Church of England Diaconate on 27<sup>th</sup> June. She will then become curate at the Parishes of St James and Christ Church in Barton and Tredworth. We thank her for sharing so generously her talents in Tuffley and wish her every blessing as she prepares for ordination and her new role.

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

**Second Collection:** This weekend 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

### Reflection on the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice! Today, 'Gaudate' Sunday is a call to rejoice! The word 'Gaudate' means rejoice but can we rejoice? We may not feel that we can. We may be weighed down with sadness, weariness, simple tiredness at the end of this particular year. Yet, as Christians, we have been given the mantle of proclaiming 'glad tidings' to those beaten down by life, to be what we have been anointed to be in baptism, 'priest, prophet and king', to be the light that Christ brings to the world. How do we do this when we, ourselves, may be feeling ragged and disorientated? By holding fast to the hope we have been given, a hope which enables us to cut through the darkness and see the light ahead. There will be light – there is always light. Though it may seem as if the clouds are heavy and low, the sun has an amazing capacity to break through, when we least expect it. Hope is like the sun, it can warm, give light and bring life to those who feel as if there is no reason to hope. We rejoice because we have hope. It's for us to share that hope wherever we find ourselves.

