



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 in Ordinary Time Year B 17th January 2021

Entrance Antiphon	All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
Responsorial Psalm	Here, I am Lord! I come to do your will.
Gospel Acclamation	Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Communion Antiphon	You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 16 th Jan		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 17 th Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	Intentions of MH Philip Harkin RIP
Mon 18 th Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		John and Mary Wood RIP
Tues 19 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Special Intention of MB & A-M B
Wed 20 th Jan	6.30pm Mass		Sarah (Anniv) & Harry Smith (RIP)
Thurs 21 st Jan			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 22 nd Jan		10.15am Requiem Mass for Lille Richards	Lille Richards RIP
Sat 23 rd Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Sister H�el�ene S�ev�ere RIP People of the Parishes

ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> PLACES OF WORSHIP IN GLOUCESTER ARE FOLLOWING THE LOCKDOWN RULES FOR ENGLAND

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially Lille Richards who died on 3rd January and whose Requiem Mass will be at 10.15am on Friday 22nd January in St Augustine's 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, Peggy Keogh, Lisa Knight, Maureen Moloney, Mary Gorman, Jim Young, Elizabeth Bopoto, Pat Murray, Pat Gilbert, Bridie O'Boyle, Rosemary Bernard, Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly Janet Peacey and Nicholas Payne.

Lockdown: Gloucestershire is now in Lockdown. Churches remain open for the public celebration of mass and other acts of public worship. In accordance with the requirements of Lockdown, you must not attend mass in a group of more than 6. While **inside or outside** the church, you must not mix with anyone who is not in your household or support bubble. Everyone is asked to please observe these requirements in addition to the continuing requirements of wearing a face covering properly, observing social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser. If you pick up a newsletter, mass sheet, publication or newspaper from the back of the church, please take it home with you. Do not return them to the table or worktop. Please remember the obligation to attend mass remains suspended.

First Holy Communion: 12 children who have not done any preparation before will be starting their course online because this Sunday 24th Jan. starting at 10.05am and finishing at 10.40am so as to enable the families to attend either parish Mass on Sunday should they wish too. 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 take place in June 2021. Please keep the children their families and their catechists in your prayers.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: From the Monday 18th to Monday 25th January. The theme this year is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" cf. John 15:5-9/ Fr Gerry now prays weekly both with Church leaders in Matson and Tuffley. English Martyrs is integral to Church in Tuffley (CiT) and takes its share of responsibility to lead, share and be involved in their events and activities. On Wednesday 20th January CiT will host on Zoom an "Abiding in Christ" service led by the Tuffley Pioneer Helen McGeogh. All are welcome.

The Zoom joining details are as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86768285249>

Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25th – 28th February 2021, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Events for Young Adults run by Faithful Companions of Jesus Sisters:

4 Weeks of Guided Prayer - Online Event Sundays at 5:30pm beginning 17th January

- An opportunity to deepen your relationship with God through prayer.
- Learn new ways of praying, enjoy some input on prayer, discernment and spirituality.
- Speak with a prayer guide each week for the four weeks.

Vocations Weekend - Online Event 26th - 28th February

For women exploring the vocation to religious life. There will be times of prayer, reflection, input and discussion as well as a Q&A session with FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus)

Reading Group - Online Event- Friday 4pm from 15th January Book: Let us Dream - Pope Francis

Each session stands alone so there is no need to attend every week. Register, read the chapter set and then have a chance to talk with others about it. Everyone welcome!

For more information on any of these contact: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook

Could you be a School Governor?: Clifton Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

Mass Stipends: Fr Gerry is happy to take Mass stipends either by email, see front of newsletter and electronic banking or by completion of a Mass Stipend envelope available at either Church or by post.

Pope Francis Short on Christian Unity Week

From his General Audience of 16th January 2019

"Again, this year we are called to pray so that all Christians may once again be a single family, according to God's will 'so that they may all be one.'"

Pointing out that "ecumenism is not something optional," Pope Francis said Christian Unity aims "to develop a common and consistent witness that promotes true justice and support for the weakest through responses that are concrete, appropriate and effective".

The annual "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is a time in which Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for His disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21).

It is an occasion for Christians of different denominations to come together to pray for their unity and participate in special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

