



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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An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
As once it guided the steps of the magi;
That we too may be led into your presence
And worship you, the child of Mary,
The word of the Father, the King of nations,
The Saviour of mankind;
To whom be glory for ever. Amen

(Frank Colquhoun - Southern Cross)



The Second Sunday of Christmas Sunday 3rd January 2021

Entrance Antiphon	When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.
Responsorial Psalm	The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Communion Antiphon	To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 2 nd Jan '21		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Mary de Maria Anniv
Sun 3 rd Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	For the intentions of RMR Caroline Maher Anniv
Mon 4 th Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Bill Cowan RIP
Tues 5 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	James Hanratty Anniv
Wed 6 th Jan	6.30pm Mass		Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Billy Connors RIP
Thurs 7 th Jan	2pm-4pm Adoration		Fr Gerry's Day of
Fri 8 th Jan		10.00am Mass	Eilish Buckley RIP Month Mind
Sat 9 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Margaret Catherall RIP People of the Parishes

ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON AS LONG AS YOU SHOULD NOT BE SELF ISOLATING AND ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY VIA THE SKYPE GUEST LINK <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> PLACES OF WORSHIP IN GLOUCESTER ARE FOLLOWING THE TIER 4 RULES FOR ENGLAND

Happy New Year: We wish all parishioners and families every blessing for peace, safety, health and happiness in 2021.

Tier Four: Gloucestershire is now in Tier 4. Churches remain open for the public celebration of mass and other acts of public worship. In accordance with the requirements of Tier 4, 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: Currently 12 children who have not done any preparation before will be starting their course online because of Tier 4 restrictions and the small number involved next Sunday 10th Jan. starting at 10.05am and finishing at 10.40am so as to enable families to attend either parish Mass on Sunday should they wish too. There will be a parents' meeting prior to that on Wed. 6th Jan. at 7.30pm also online. 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 catechists in your prayers. If you have a child in school Year 3 and above whom you wish to join this course please contact Fr Gerry as soon as possible and no later than 3rd January 2021.

The Epiphany of the Lord: One of the traditions associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord found in the Directory of Popular Piety concerns the blessing of homes. Using chalk a householder marks the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+21). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house). Please use your own chalk should you to follow this tradition.

Saint Peter's Catholic Church Gloucester: Live streaming from St Peter's Church is now up and running 24/7. The live stream can be accessed through the live stream tab on the parish website homepage or on www.churchservices.tv/gloucester. Please also note that if you wish to attend any of their Sunday Masses you need to book at Eventbrite.

St Augustine's 200 Club: Money is now due for the 200 Club. £12 for each number that you have. Please make the cheque out to ST AUGUSTINE'S 200 CLUB, MATSON. You can leave your money or cheque in an envelope marked 200 Club in any collection basket. Please make sure your name address and telephone number is also enclosed in/on the envelope. If you wish to set up a standing order or pay by bank transfer please contact Claire Cooper for the bank details. Email: claire249@btinternet.com phone 01452 614173. There are a few numbers available so if you wish to join you are welcome to - please contact Claire. The 200 Club gives out £100 in prizes each month and donates a similar sum to the Parish. Many thanks to Claire for running the 200 Club and keeping it going throughout the pandemic and to all existing members

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.

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: 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, Lille Richards, Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly Janet Peacey and Nicholas Payne.

Extract from Pope Francis Angelus Message for Epiphany 2018

These are the three attitudes that we find in the Gospel: the diligent searching of the Magi; the indifference of the high priests and the scribes, of those familiar with theology; and the fear of Herod. And we too can think and choose which of the three to assume. Do I wish to diligently search for Jesus? "But Jesus means nothing to me... I have peace of mind...". Or, do I fear Jesus and want to eliminate him from my heart?

Selfishness can lead us to consider Jesus' coming into our life as a threat. Thus, we try to suppress or to silence Jesus' message. When we follow human ambitions, the most comfortable prospects, tendencies toward evil, Jesus is perceived as an obstacle.

On the other hand, the temptation of indifference is also always present. Even though we know that Jesus is the Saviour — ours, of us all — we prefer to live as if he were not: instead of behaving in coherence with our own Christian faith, we follow worldly principles that entice us to satisfy tendencies toward arrogance, toward thirsting for power, toward riches.

We are instead called to follow the example of the Magi: to be diligent in searching, prepared to go out of our way to encounter Jesus in our lives. Seeking him in order to adore him, to acknowledge that he is our Lord, the One who reveals the true path to be followed. If we have this attitude, Jesus truly saves us, and we can live a fine life; we can grow in faith, in hope, in charity toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, star of pilgrim humankind throughout time. With her maternal help, may every person come to Christ, Light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace.

