



# 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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The office is open for 9 hours a week. Marisa will be in just a few hours this week.  
Marisa remains on the Furlough Scheme for 9 hours a week.

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St Peter's Catholic Primary School

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St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre

[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

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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



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### "Sunday of the Word of God" 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Lord, make me know your ways
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	Nora O'Toole (Anniv) Intentions of Maria & Patrick McGovern
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul</i> Bishop Vincent Logan, Bishop Emeritus of Dunkeld RIP
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Saints Timothy and Titus Bernard Adrian Hayes RIP
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30pm Mass		Marin Higgins RIP
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan			Saint Thomas Aquinas Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan		10.00am Mass	Philip George & Family Thanksgiving
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Special Intention of A.S Private Intention of Monica Evans

**ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH 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 MASKS MUST BE WORN UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT, KEEP 2M+ DISTANCE, NO INTERACTION IN OR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH WITH ANYONE NOT IN YOUR FAMILY OR BUBBLE.**

**Please pray:** For all those who have died recently especially 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, Nicholas Payne & Steve O'Connor.

**Lockdown and Communal Worship:** Bishop Declan emailed all priests last Saturday afternoon encouraging them to consider with their Parish or Pastoral Council whether or not their Church should remain open in the current circumstances of the pandemic for communal worship as allowed in England. Fr Gerry consulted with the 12 members of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council and received a variety of different views reflecting peoples concerns and faith. After due consideration Fr Gerry has decided that we will remain open for communal worship, even though the numbers are small, for those who wish to come. The situation will be kept under review.

Fr Gerry wishes to thank all those who have been stewards or cleaners over the months since the first lockdown ended when both Churches have been reopen in one way or another since. Neither they nor anyone else should feel that they must or should come to Church for **any reason**. The Bishops have been very clear there is no Sunday or Holydays of obligation. If you are **not meant to be shielding or self-isolating for any reason** and after due consideration of the pandemic situation and all other relevant factors you decide you want to come to communal acts of worship only or also to assist with the readings or to help with stewarding/cleaning you are very welcome in either Church. Fr Gerry fully understands if you decide not to come and encourages you to watch Mass online. Whatever you decide to do please stay safe and keep well.

**Daily Prayers:** Fr Gerry and some parishioners pray for the whole pandemic situation at 6pm every day except Thursday on the Skype Guest Link used for Mass <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> You are welcome to join us.

**First Holy Communion:** In a currently combined parishes group 12 children who started their preparation this year will be continuing their course online 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.

**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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

**St Augustine's 200 Club:** The list of winners from March to December 2020 is now displayed on the wall next to the 200 Club noticeboard in the Church lobby. All winners have been contacted and prizes delivered or donated. There are spare numbers if anyone wishes to join. For these or if you have not yet paid the £12 for 2021 for your current number please contact Claire Cooper on [claire249@btinternet.com](mailto:claire249@btinternet.com) phone 01452 614173. For those who have paid your blue membership card/receipt is in the lobby at St Augustine's.

**English Martyrs 200 Club:** The last draw was made in February 2020 as usual at refreshments after the 9am Sunday Mass. As we still have no idea when we can gather again for refreshments the decision has now been made that a draw will be made each month starting in March through to December 2021. No payments are due as your last payment was for 12 draws and only 2 were made last year. Winners will be notified with the numbers appearing in the newsletter.

### **Pope Francis in “APERUIT ILLIS” instituting the Sunday of the Word of God 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.

Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them (cf. 3:20). Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.

