



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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 7th February 2021

Entrance Antiphon	O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
Responsorial Psalm	Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
Gospel Acclamation	I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Communion Antiphon	Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 6 th Feb		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Private Intention (KG RIP)
Sun 7 th Feb	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	Anthony Kelly Anniv & Brenda Kelly RIP Anielka Jennings Anniv
Mon 8 th Feb	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Private Intention of MW
Tues 9 th Feb		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Thomas Maher RIP
Wed 10 th Feb	6.30pm Mass		<i>Saint Scholastica</i> Special Intention of the O'Neill Family
Thurs 11 th Feb			<i>29th World Day of the Sick</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 12 th Feb		10.00am Mass	For the Sick
Sat 13 th Feb	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	Special Intention of S.G. People of the Parishes

ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY VIA <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 HOUSEHOLD OR BUBBLE.

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially Steve O'Connor who died on 27th January and Bridie O'Boyle who died on 31st January 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, Rosemary Bernard, Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Janet Peacey and Nicholas Payne.

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 7th Feb. 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.

Ash Wednesday: This year is on Wednesday 17th February there will be the now usual 6.30pm Mass at English Martyrs and also an additional 10am Mass at St Augustine's. The Vatican has approved a covid-19 safe way of distributing ashes which is by sprinkling them over the head and only saying the words once before they are distributed.

Parish Sycamore Lent Retreat: This 'online retreat' on the six Tuesdays in Lent, for an hour, is aimed at those who wish to renew their faith during this holy season. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ, and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. The films are professionally produced around England and the main presenter is Fr Stephen Wang, Catholic Chaplain for London Universities. You will be able to join either on Skype or on Zoom as we journey in faith together, watching the films and discussing questions they raise in small discussion groups. See <https://www.sycamore.fm/about-sycamore/what-is-sycamore/> for an insight into Sycamore.

Please email Fr Gerry gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com by 12 noon on Friday 12th February if you wish to join the retreat indicating whether you would prefer to do so on Zoom or Skype and whether you would prefer to join a 3.30pm afternoon group or a 7.30pm evening group or if you would be happy to join either group, for an hour each Tuesday of Lent. If there is sufficient interest both groups will run however this will depend on the emails received. If you miss a Tuesday it will be possible to at least watch the video in your own time.

CAFOD Walk for Water: This Lent Sandy Kinghorn taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. I'll be walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. Their particular focus for Lent 2021 is providing clean safe water near to peoples' homes. You can sponsor Sandy and give people clean water near their homes through CAFOD here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water1611>.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021: Has with regret once again been cancelled due to Covid-19. The first of a series of virtual events around the Lourdes Pilgrimage begins this Thursday 11th February: Mgr Liam Slattery at St Peter's in Gloucester will celebrate a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and also mark 29th World Day of Prayer for the Sick at 7.00pm. This Mass will be live streamed on the homepage of the Diocesan website. The Catholic Association will follow the mass with a Rosary live streamed on their website at 7.45pm. The details of this will be available soon on the Diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com

CIIT Refresh Virtual Pancake Party: Starting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th February, all are welcome. Join on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263274540> Meeting ID: 872 6327 4540.

CIIT Lent Groups: As we approach Easter in 2021 we are very much aware that we are still unable to meet face to face. This year, we will be coming online, as The Church in Tuffley, to journey through Lent together. We are running two groups, a Monday evening group and a Friday morning group so there is opportunity to select the group that works best for you. Helen will be partnering with Hilary and Pippa from St Barnabas' Church in leading the sessions, using material from the book Holy Habits: Following Jesus by Andrew Roberts. (You don't need to purchase the book)

The Friday morning sessions run for 6 weeks beginning Friday 19th February, meeting 10:30 am. The zoom link will be open at 10am for anyone wishing to bring a coffee and chat. The zoom link for each of the morning sessions is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86226730943> **The Monday evening sessions** also run for 6 weeks, beginning Monday 22nd February, meeting at 7:30 pm. The zoom link will be open at 7 pm for anyone wishing to bring a coffee and chat. The zoom link for each of the evening sessions is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225816677>

Bible Society: Have developed a brand new, 40-day experience called The Lent Encounter. It's completely free – all you have to do is sign up. You'll receive an email each day featuring Bible verses, beautiful and inspiring images, video reflections and practical challenges. To sign up go to <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-lent-encounter/>

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's conclusion to his message for 29th Word Day of the Sick

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love.

