



# 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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## Prayer for Lent

Merciful and compassionate God as we journey through Lent you speak to our hearts, calling us to return again and again. May our prayer, fasting and generous giving bring us closer to your Son, our Lord, Jesus. Through him, may we come to know more fully the abundance of love which you freely offer us.

Bless our desire to accompany Jesus on his road to Calvary, walking with him in his suffering and in the suffering people of our world.

May your grace enable us to live Lent fully so that, with transformed hearts, we may joyfully celebrate the abundance of life offered to us at Easter. Amen



## First Sunday of Lent Year B Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
<b>Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation</b>	Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb		6.30pm <b>Mass</b> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>	Bernard Adrian Hayes RIP
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00 am <b>Mass</b>	Sam Spindlow RIP and his family People of the Parishes
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		In Thanksgiving Alvin Allum and Lade Family
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	Sr Jacinta RIP
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30pm <b>Mass</b>		Intentions of Kunemund-Hughes and Topping Families
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb		7.00am <b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving Mass for all the Lord has done for me and my family
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12 Noon <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am <b>Mass</b>	K.T. Joseph RIP
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am <b>Rosary</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>	6.30pm <b>Mass</b> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>	Steve O'Connor RIP (Month Mind) & his family

**ALL MASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY VIA SKYPE AT ENGLISH MARTYRS LINK**

<https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR> AND ZOOM AT ST AUGUSTINE'S LINK

<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVhUy9aU1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

**Please pray:** For all those who have died recently especially Steve O'Connor who died on 27<sup>th</sup> January, Bridie O'Boyle who died on 31<sup>st</sup> January and G.P.(family have requested privacy) who died on 7<sup>th</sup> February **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.

**Parish Prayers:** Everyday, except Thursday, Fr Gerry and some parishioners gather virtually to pray for the pandemic and other concerns. All are welcome to join us any day on <https://join.skype.com/IMJtoOE71NTR>

**First Holy Communion:** In a currently combined parishes group 12 children who started their preparation this year will be continuing their course online next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Sycamore Lent Retreat:** This 'online retreat' on the six Tuesdays in Lent, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. – 30<sup>th</sup> Mar., for about 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. The retreat will be led by Fr Gerry live on Zoom at 3.30pm starting Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. as we journey in faith together, watching the films and discussing questions they raise in small groups. Join at 3pm for those who wish to bring a tea and have a chat. The Zoom details are: <https://zoom.us/j/96165511426> Meeting ID: 96165511426

If you wish to be sent an email along with those who wanted at evening session or can't use Zoom please email Fr Gerry on [gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com) The email will be sent to you on the same Tuesdays by 7.30pm giving you a link to the Sycamore video and with some thoughts from Fr Gerry/from the afternoon discussion for you to use any time.

**CAFOD Walk for Water:** This Lent Sandy Kinghorn is taking on the Walk for Water CAFOD Challenge. He'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>.

**Dare to Dream:** Bishop Declan invites each one of us to take time during this coming Lent to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. Each session has a similar framework to follow. The reflections and videos will appear on the Diocesan Website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/> We are all encouraged to read the accompanying resource, available on the webpage/sent to you by email before we set out on this journey through Lent and later onwards to Eastertide. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday of Lent.

Taking time during Lent will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world. Please record your thoughts as suggested and after Lent feed them back to Fr Gerry or any member of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council.

**ClT 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 started on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

**'Food Provision' in our Parishes area:** Tuffley/White City: St. Barnabas – can provide an emergency food parcel by request and help folk access help for ongoing provision, find help with gas and electric and pastoral support. They also have a limited supply of toiletries thanks to a donation. Tuffley Court Community @ Seven Avenue: Food is available for people to help themselves on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10-2. Food is on the table in the foyer. St Georges Church, Grange Road non-perishable food 8:30am – 12noon Monday to Friday. The club on Tuffley Avenue Deliverable affordable frozen meals available. Poet Corner based in Podsmead Matson Dolly the Freezer of love – frozen meals available for all – donate as much or as little as you can. <https://www.facebook.com/dollythefreezer>

**Virtually attending Masses or Liturgies:** Software updates are happening all the time and the latest Microsoft update has meant the image from St Augustine's is now 'jumpy' on Skype. But this is not the case on Zoom so the decision has been made that from the 6.30pm Mass on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. all St Augustine's Masses and Liturgies will be on Zoom.

