



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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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



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Racial Justice Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
<b>Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation</b>	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.' Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan		6.30pm <b>Mass</b> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>	Private Intention of Monica Evans
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00 am <b>Mass</b>	Steve O'Connor RIP and his family Brendan Wade RIP
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		Flit Rogers Intentions
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Deceased Members of the Hanson and Pratt Families
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	6.30pm <b>Mass</b>		Rita Smith's Intentions
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2pm to 4pm <b>Adoration</b>		Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb		10.00am <b>Mass</b>	<i>St Agatha</i> Percy Franklin RIP
Sat 6 <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>	<i>Paul Miki and Companions</i> People of the Parishes  Private Intention

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Bridie O'Boyle, Rosemary Bernard, Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly Janet Peacey and Nicholas Payne.

**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.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Blessing of Candles:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February marks 40 days since Christmas and is also known as Candlemas. At Mass and at the 6pm prayers that day Fr Gerry will ask God bless a sample of Church candles for both parishes and will also bless individual candles whether brought with you to Church that day or beside you at home if you are watching virtually.

Perhaps having had your candle blessed you could put it beside your electronic device along with a crucifix as you watch Mass online and or light it as you pray at home.

**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 7<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.

**Ash Wednesday:** This year is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 support CAFOD here:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water1611>

**Diocesan Newsletter:** You can easily subscribe to the Diocesan Newsletter email sent weekly by going to the homepage of [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) and scrolling down to Stay in the Loop! and entering your email and pressing subscribe. In this weeks' newsletter among other things in the Diocesan Newsletter email there is:

- Request for ASAP expressions of interest are requested for the hoped for 'Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land' led by Bishop Declan from the 11<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> October £1,959 per person twin share contact Sarah Adams at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)
- **Welcome the Stranger** An online Caritas event led by Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan. An evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 5-6pm. The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by following this link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKigby9p4Zaca73jzxcgOQNhsGHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENjRJV1EYQVdGU0ZFWEpFNhQVCQIQCN0PWcu> or emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)
- Information about the new lectionary for England and Wales coming soon.

**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.

**Foodbank and Foodshare:** Gloucester Foodbank like many across the country is in more demand than ever however people must be referred and can only receive food whatever their situation a limited number of times in a period. Many supermarkets allow you to donate in store or online to foodbanks. You can also bring foodbank items now including toiletries to either parish. Foodshare is different here supermarkets and others food industries donate food which otherwise would go to waste to local grass roots groups people can access these without referrals and as needed. There is such a scheme running out of St George's CofE, Grange Road, Tuffley hours 8.30am to 12noon Monday to Friday and also another out of Podsmead Hub 15a Scott Avenue. The Baptist Church Matson Road has an outside foodshare scheme on some days.

**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.

### **Prayer for Racial Justice Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 'A time to act'**

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness.

In our own time may we provide to all those who suffer the help that they need and the care that they require.

May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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