



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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 14th February 2021

Entrance Antiphon	Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
Responsorial Psalm	You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Gospel Acclamation	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Communion Antiphon	They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 13 th Feb		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 14 th Feb	9.00am Mass	11.00 am Mass	John and Mary Wood RIP Ruth Neade Anniv
Mon 15 th Feb	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		In Thanksgiving Marisa Wood & Family
Tues 16 th Feb		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Special Intention of Burgess Family
Wed 17 th Feb	6.30pm Mass with distribution of Ashes	10.00 am Mass with distribution of Ashes	Ash Wednesday Gerry Welte RIP Private Intention FL
Thurs 18 th Feb	7.00am Mass		Sister Dorothy Kerr RIP
Fri 19 th Feb		10.00am Mass 12 Noon Stations of the Cross	Janetta Mills RIP
Sat 20 th Feb	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	For the intentions of M.P. Bernard Adrian Hayes RIP

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, Bridie O'Boyle who died on 31st January and G.P.(family have requested privacy) who died on 7th 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 on Sunday 21st 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 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 Lenten Liturgy: During Lent Fr Gerry will offer an extra Mass on Thursday at 7am in one of the parishes and then in the other parish on the Friday at 12 noon lead Stations of the Cross. You can attend these either physically or virtually.

Parish Sycamore Lent Retreat: This 'online retreat' on the six Tuesdays in Lent, 23rd Feb. – 30th 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. 23rd 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 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.

As we move towards Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, an introductory session based on the Annunciation will help to orientate us for the weeks ahead. 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 Refresh Virtual Pancake Party: Starting at 7:00pm on Tues. 16th Feb. there will be 40 minutes of games for all the family. Please do bring along your ready-made pancakes, toppings, frying pan, large hard book (or something similar you can lean on), A4 size paper and a pen or pencil for the games. After the games there will be a short break and then some worship. Please join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263274540> Meeting ID: 872 6327 4540.

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 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/>

