



# 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



## Fourth Sunday of Easter 'Good Shepherd/Vocation Sunday' Year B 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Communion Antiphon</b>	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.. The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia
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DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> April		6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Betty Wood Anniv Michael Ryan RIP
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Fr Gerry is on leave there will be no Masses or Liturgies in/from either Parish</b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	6.30pm Mass Confessions after Mass	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> Gerry Croft Anniv & Mina Ward RIP Thanksgiving Mass for all the Lord has done for me and my family

**ALL MASSES AND LITURGIES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AS OUR PRAYERS AT**

<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVkUy9aU1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

**Please pray:** For all those who have died recently especially: Nathaniel Jelbert who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> March his Requiem will be at English Martyrs – if anyone wishes to attend please contact Fr Gerry or Marisa and Margaret Greer who died on 15<sup>th</sup> April her Requiem Mass will be at St Augustine's the family are using all 30 allowed spaces. **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, Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Janet Peacey and Nicholas Payne.

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** Continues this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 meetings will be virtually on Zoom – details have been emailed to families. We now have a programme in place in both parishes which will enable First Holy Communion for them and those who have already done most/some of the course to be able to take place in July this year. Please keep the children their families and their catechists in your prayers.

**Prayer for Vocations:** This Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations in St Peter's, London Road at 3.30pm. This is open to the public and available on their live stream which can be found at <https://www.churchservices.tv/gloucester>

**Marian Month of May:** Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the Covid pandemic across the world. The initiative, behind which Pope Francis has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Prayers will be broadcast from the Marian Shrine at 6pm Rome time via the Vatican media. Pope Francis will start this with a special rosary broadcast on the 1<sup>st</sup> May & conclude it on 31<sup>st</sup> May in our own parishes as well as encouraging everyone to pray a decade of the rosary each day during May for this intention, as we did in May 2020, we would like people to pray a single decade sometime in May for all the people in a Street, Close, Road or Village for which one of the 2 parishes have pastoral responsibility. If you would like to receive some streets etc. to pray for please contact Marisa or Fr Gerry. Our Lady Queen of May – Pray for us.

**Dare to Dream:** A new reflection and video will appear on the Diocesan Website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/> each Friday of Easter. All the Dare to Dream resources are on the same page. Please record your thoughts as suggested and feel free to feed them back to Fr Gerry or any member of the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council anytime.

**Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage:** Led by Fr Gerry and The Revd. Sarah Todd from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with 5 nights before the play in Eastern Tyrol, Austria. Organised by McCabe Pilgrimages. Cost £1,840pp sharing. For further details ask for a brochure or go to <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/pilgrimages/maria-alm/>

**Admission to St Peter's Catholic Primary School:** We currently have places available in our Reception classes. If you are looking for a place in our current reception year or know of someone who is, please contact Mrs. Harris (Admissions Officer) by telephone: 01452 524792 or by email: [admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk).

### **Extract from "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart") on St Joseph as a 'Working Father' by Pope Francis**

An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasised from the time of the first social Encyclical, Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour. In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

### **PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE VOCATIONS RESOURCE**

All Highest and Glorious God, Cast your light into the darkness of my heart.  
Grant me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, profound humility, with wisdom and perception,  
O Lord, so that I may always and everywhere seek to know and do what is truly your holy will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **A PARENT'S PRAYER FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE VOCATION RESOURCE**

Loving God, You have given us the privilege as well as the responsibility of parenthood.  
Guide us as we invite our children to hear your call to service in the Church.  
May they respond with deep faith and generosity to the needs of others.  
Help us to be a source of encouragement by our own desire to be committed people  
who serve with love and enthusiasm Amen.

