



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 26th December 2021

Entrance Antiphon Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation Communion Antiphon	The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.
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DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 26 th Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Special Intention of Amy Stewart Neil Burns Snr Anniv
Mon 27 th Dec to Thurs 30 th Dec	Fr Gerry is away there are no Masses or devotions in either Parish. St Peter's, London Road Masses will be celebrated as per their newsletter and are available to view online see their website http://www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk/		
Fri 31 st Dec		10.00am Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God	Ian Hodgeson RIP and Christine Hodgeson Mike & Linda Keogh RIP
Sat 1 st Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass	<i>Mary Mother of God</i> Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way People of the Parishes

Second Sunday of Christmas 2nd January 2022

Entrance Antiphon Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation Communion Antiphon	When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne. The word was made flesh, and lived among us. Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.
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DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sun 2 nd Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Intention of Jojin Jose & Family re New Home Dec'd members of the Beer & O'Keefe Families
Mon 3 rd Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Intentions of the Cavanagh Family
Tues 4 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Miss Catherine Webbs Intentions
Wed 5 th Jan	6.30pm Vigil Mass for Epiphany		Malook Jadidi RIP

Thurs 6 th Jan	2pm to 4pm Adoration	10.00am Mass	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Private Intention for those suffering mental health problems
Fri 7 th Jan		10.00am Mass	Margaret Crampton Anniv
Sat 8 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving Honey Joseph Tony Bevan RIP

Confessions: English Martyrs Saturday after 10am Mass to 11.15am
St Augustine's Saturdays 5.45pm to 6.15pm before evening Mass

ALL MASSES AND LITURGIES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVUy9aU1c5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

Please pray: For all those who have died recently especially 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, 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, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Patrick McGovern and a lady undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Happy New Year: Fr Gerry, Marisa Wood and the Joint Parishes Pastoral Council wish all our parishioners in both parishes and their families a Blessed New Year

Thank you: To all those involved in anyway in preparing the Churches and English Martyrs Hall for Christmas: Sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners and those who helped prepared the cribs and Christmas trees. And to those who played and sang at the four Christmas Masses many coming to two of them and for all those who prepared and who were involved in the children's play, And finally thank you to all those who served and to all those who choose to come physically or join via Zoom for one of our Masses.

Crib Donations: Will go to Gloucestershire Bundles this year a charity that helps families in crisis all over the county, providing emergency packs for women and families with children up to teenage years who find themselves in crisis. In the run up to this Christmas the demand upon them has been unrepresented. Thank you for your support.

Office Closure: The office will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 4th January as Marisa has a well-deserved Christmas holiday.

First Holy Communion 2022: The first parents meeting was well attended on Wednesday. The first longer child and parent meeting with activities will begin after the special 11am Mass which they are also asked to attend at St Augustine's on Sunday 9th January. The aim is to finish by 2.30pm

IMPORTANT – Pope Francis wants to know what you think about a variety of issues such as: What do you enjoy about Parish life? and What are the difficulties and obstacles? You are invited to join Fr Gerry and others at English Martyrs for 3 sessions during January 2022. Please come and join us. Sign-up sheets with dates and times are available in the Narthex at English Martyrs. Or email your wish to attend to the Parish Office.

Epiphany House Blessing: For those who wish there will be some blessed chalk in the Church lobbies from the Saturday evening Mass on 31st December 2021 for a couple of weeks which you may use to mark the inside of the main door of the house or lintel with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses (20+C+M+B+22). The initials CMB are also the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless our home).

Facemasks Face Coverings: In line with government guidelines, everyone attending church MUST wear a face covering, unless exempt from doing so. People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person. All masses continue to be available on Zoom.

CAFOD/DEC Afghanistan Crisis Appeal: In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

St Augustine 200 Club: MONEY IS NOW DUE FOR THE 200 CLUB £12 FOR EACH NUMBER THAT YOU HAVE. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES OUT TO "ST AUGUSTINE 200 CLUB MATSON". You can leave your money or cheque with Fr Gerry or Veronica. Please make sure your name, address & telephone number is enclosed. If you wish to set up a Standing Order or Bank transfer please phone Claire Cooper Tel 614173 or email her at claire249@btinternet.com THERE ARE 6 NUMBERS AVAILABLE TO JOIN. It costs £12 a year and there are £100 in prizes each month and a similar amount goes to the Parish. Thank you to all existing members for your continuing support.

Thank you: For your very generous Christmas donations which are your offering to Fr Gerry's yearly salary, for which he is very grateful. He is also very appreciative for the gifts and cards which he received from parishioners.

