



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



Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" (Year C)

Sunday 12th December 2021

<p>Entrance Antiphon Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Communion Antiphon</p>	<p>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel. The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.</p>
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DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 11 th Dec		6.30pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun 12 th Dec	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Karen Cassidy Anniv Tony Woods Anniv
Mon 13 th Dec	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		St Lucy Derrick Street ill
Tues 14 th Dec		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	St John of the Cross Rev & Mrs Sapsfeid RIP
Wed 15 th Dec	6.30pm Mass		Theodora Allum Anniv
Thurs 16 th Dec			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 17 th Dec		10.00am Mass	O Sapientia Eavon Brennan RIP
Sat 18 th Dec	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass	O Adonai Thanksgiving Ajay Mathew People of the Parishes

Confessions: English Martyrs Saturdays after morning Mass to 11.15am St Augustine's Saturdays 5.45pm to 6.15pm. Extra times during this week Monday and Tuesday after 10am Mass and upon request at other times.

ALL MASSES AND LITURGIES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVhUy9aUjE1c5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036



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The Synod and Advent “Dreaming” From Clifton Diocese - Advent Reflections

‘This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities – what we value, what we want, what we seek – and to commit to act in our daily life as we have dreamed of. What I hear at this moment is similar to what Isaiah hears God saying through him: Come let us talk this over, let us dare to dream. It’s a task for all of us, to which each one of us is invited. But it’s a time especially for the restless of heart, that healthy restlessness that spurs us into action. Now more than ever what is revealed is the fallacy of making individualism the organising principle of society. What will be our new principle?’ *Pope Francis ‘Let Us dream – the Path to A better Future’*

‘It is within the context of this backdrop, this pandemic, that we can be encouraged to create our future, a future full of faith, hope and love. It is a call to renew and to transform. To dream dreams of what we can be as a community of communities within the Diocese of Clifton. Together we have something to offer to others in terms of our faith in God who has shared in the uncertainty of human life, that we know doesn’t offer easy answers, but whose promise is “I will be with you”. *‘Dare to Dream’ – Clifton Diocese.*

Through our Synodal Process, each of us has an opportunity to consider their own dreams in relation to what God wants and to consider the dream that God has for each of our parishes.

Scripture

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. Everything that John the Baptist said and did points to the coming of Jesus. He was the one who went before the Lord, sharing the good news – preparing the way. People were ‘filled with expectation’. What are our expectations? What do we long for? Our synodal journey can help us to clarify what it is that we must do or how we must be if we are to share the good news, to live our life in the Lord, to dream dreams for our Church and the world

Ponder

- What do I imagine is God’s dream for me?
- How might I respond to that dream?
- Who am I being called to be within my family, my community, or my parish?
- How do I ‘walk’ with others in my parish community?
- What would help our parish to journey better together? As we prepare to begin our conversations with one another we might like to consider some very practical dimensions:

- How do we develop our capacity to listen to one another, to hear the visions and dreams of others and respond with generosity of heart and mind to the hopes of others?
- As we face challenges and opportunities in our parishes – how might we respond? How could things look in the future and what are we prepared to let go of to enable fruitful communities to develop? What do we think God’s dream is for us?
- What fruits can the wider church draw from this “journeying together”?
- What dreams do we have for our global church and how can it respond faithfully to the ever-changing needs of our world?

Pray

Throughout scripture, the Spirit comes into the lives of individuals through dreams – let us pray that we will be open to the Spirit coming and speaking to us in our dreams.

The Synod Prayer

As we stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Act

Name your dreams for the Parish and the Global Church. Write them down and bring them them or give them to someone coming to Church marked for the Synod Delegate of English Martyrs or St Augsutine’s. Alternatively email them to Fr Gerry who will pass them on marking your email ‘Dreams English Martyrs or St Augsutine’s.

In English Martyrs Hall we have a Christmas Tree where English Martyrs Dereams can be hung if written on the gift tags. Flit Rogers one of our Synod Delegartes will speak about this at the end of the 9am Mass at English Martyrs on Sunday

Please pray: For all those who have died recently 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 and a lady undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Facemasks Compulsory and other Covid Matters: HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December. However, there will be exemptions for those leading worship, public proclamation of scriptural readings or prayers, and those who are unable to wear face coverings and those who are exempt for reasons of age or other medical reason. For everybody's safety please remember your face mask when you come to Church. Please also remember the following.

People displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

Hand sanitiser is available for those attending either Church.

Good ventilation and air throughput in either Church is essential to reduce the chance of transmission. Because we are now in winter please remember to wrap up well when coming to church!

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

St Augustines - A Christmas Musical Evening to Support the Homeless: In the Church hall on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale at back of church at weekend Masses. £2.50 to include mulled wine and a mince pie. All welcome.

Christmas Music Evening at English Martyrs: On Sat 18th Dec 2021 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Enjoy Christmas music with the 'Love to Sing' Community Choir. Mince pies, mulled wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be served in the interval. (Feel free to bring your own drink as well, if you want to!) Tickets are £5 Adult, £3 Child, £15 Family (2 adults, 3 children). Please remember to bring a face-mask. Tickets available after Sunday Mass. Get your tickets soon as places are limited!

English Martyrs Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil Mass with the children - Would your child/children like to take an active part in the Christmas Play during the 5pm Mass? If so, please see Lucy or Nikki after mass. Rehearsals will now be after each Sunday 9am mass until Christmas. For more information contact Nikki on 07976 958402.

Christmas Masses: The 4 Masses for Christmas 2021 in the two parishes are as follows:

Friday 24th December: 5pm at English Martyrs with Children's Christmas Play

7pm at St Augustine's and 10pm at English Martyrs

Saturday 25th December: 10am at St Augustines. Please note there will be NO evening Mass on 25th December.

Bells and Candles at St Katherine's Matson: This Tuesday 14th December for 3pm to 7pm. Remember your loved ones in this simple but loving way. Write their name on a bell and hang it on a tree. Ring a bell, so that echos to the sky. Light a candle and remember the love that you shared. All welcome. Individuals, families, or friends groups. Free mince pies and hot beverages will be available.

Church in Tuffley Refresh and Litter Pick: Refresh this Wednesday 15th December 7.30pm at St Barnabas 'Prayer for Christmas. Litter pick Saturday 18th December starting at 11am from St Branbas Church car park. All welcome.

St Peter's High School Annual Carol Concert: The St Peter's RC High School Choir warmly invites you to their annual Carols by Candlelight at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family. Tickets are available from the main school Reception on 01452 520594. Alternatively, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com Adults: £3 Concessions: £1 The Rowe family children whom we have been privileged to have play & sing at English Martyrs are all involved.

LGBT+ Mass: Is a monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics their families and friends which takes place at St Nicholas Tolentino, Catholic Church, Lawford's Gate Bristol BS5 0RE. The Mass n December is on Sunday 19th December at 3pm and will be followed by Mulled Wine and a Mince Pies Live stream via <https://tolentino.org.uk>

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.

The O Antiphons: Refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers or Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17th to 23rd, with Dec. 24th being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil. The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. This liturgical week we have just the one said at evening prayer on Friday 17th December.

O Sapientia: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation. Isaiah had prophesied, The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3), and Wonderful is His counsel and great is His wisdom. (Isaiah 28:29)

