



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



Baptism of the Lord Sunday 9th January 2022

Entrance Antiphon	After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
Responsorial Psalm	Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God how great you are.
Gospel Acclamation	Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Communion Antiphon	Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 8 th Jan		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Tony Bevan RIP
Sun 9 th Jan	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	William Gannon RIP James Hanratty Anniv
Mon 11 th Jan	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Thanksgiving for Graces received
Tues 12 th Jan		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	George & Ronald Hancock (Sick)
Wed 13 th Jan	6.30pm Mass		Special Intention Cavanagh Family
Thurs 14 th Jan			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 15 th Jan		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
Sat 16 th Jan	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Margaret Withers RIP Frank Hartigan RIP

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

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT

<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVUy9aUjU1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

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, 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.

First Holy Communion 2022: The Children will make their commitment to the programme along with their parents this Sunday at the 9am and 11am Masses. Due to the Covid-19 situation their session starting at 12.30pm will be on Zoom. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 next Mass is on Sunday 16th January at 3pm Live stream via <https://tolentino.org.uk>

Gloucester Foodbank: The needs are greater than ever and with cost of living increases expected to increase rapidly in the spring they are not likely to decrease anytime soon. There will be weekly or bi-weekly collections from English Martyrs by the Foodbank. Items can be left in the lobby after any mass. Please note they DO NOT take fresh food, frozen food or ANY items with alcohol in it or any bottles. They prefer long-life dates and dry food, tins and will even take pet food.,

Synod Spiritual Conversations Both Parishes: Over the course of 3 sessions which begin with prayer and take 90 minutes in total you will cover the 3 aspects of the Synod Communion, Participation and Mission. Ideally one would attend all 3 sessions of the same series however you can if needs be swap series, just attend two or even one meeting if that is all that you can make as we would really welcome your input. Because of current Covid wave there will be ventilation in the halls and no more than 6 people per group.

Synod Spiritual Conversations English Martyrs: Two series of 3 spiritual conversations are being run one on a Saturday morning starting at 11am and finishing by 12.30pm and the other in the evening starting at 6pm and finishing by 7.30pm on various days of the week. The prayer will be held in the Church for which you must wear a face covering. Sign up sheets are in the lobby but even if you have not signed up please free to turn up.

The first Saturday morning meeting of the series was held on 8th January the remaining ones are on 15th and 22nd January. There are refreshments available in the hall from ~10.30am once the Saturday morning Mass has finished. The weekday evening series is to be held on Tuesday 11th January, Friday 21st January and Tuesday 25th January.

Synod Spiritual Conversations St Augustine's: There will be one series only. This will start with a meeting at 7.30pm in the hall with refreshments from 7.10pm on Wednesday 19th January. The next two will be in the weeks beginning Monday 31st January and Monday 14th February on the most popular day and time chosen by those who sign up – further details to follow in the newsletter in due course.

There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for each of the 3 meetings for the one on Wednesday 19th January simply give your name as the date and time has already been set. For the 2 subsequent meetings please give your name preferred day and time choosing from 11am, 3pm, 6pm and 7.30pm start in the relevant week you can also indicate if you don't have a preference and/or if there are any days you can't make. You are welcome to just turn up even if you have not signed up.

New Year Resolutions: Fr Gerry at last weekend's Masses suggested 3 things we could all do to deepen our Catholic Christian life during 2022. Firstly, to choose a Saint and get to know them better asking for their intercession regularly during 2022. Secondly, to read part of the bible every day and lastly to ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, intercession every day by for example saying the Angelus at 12 noon or by doing a decade of the rosary. He also stressed we should seek to do these things faithfully. For those who have more time you could read longer passages of the bible or say a Mystery that is 5 decades of the rosary every day. There are many resources online to help you with these including podcasts and apps,

Bible in a Year: A challenge would be to go through the bible in the year, for this you could listen to the Ascension's Bible in a Year podcast which uniquely follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by the Catholic scholar Jeff Cavin. What is interesting about this podcast is that Fr Mike Schmitz reads 2 chapters a day and then provides commentary, reflection and a prayer (usually a psalm). Go to <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/The Bible in a Year> to listen or if you have an android phone or you can download the 'Bible in a year app (Ascension Press, Fr Mike Schmitz) directly to your phone. It's also available on YouTube Spotify etc. use the web link above to see the full list.

Church in Tuffley Refresh and Litter Pick: The next Refresh will be held at English Martyrs on Wednesday 19th January at 7.30pm. This is within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity which traditionally runs from 18th to 25th January. The theme will be "Journeying Together" The evening will include a Liturgy of the Word with prayer and praises in the Church followed by discussion and refreshments in the hall. All welcome. The litter pick will start in English Martyrs carpark at 2.30pm on Saturday 22nd January. If you have one bring your litter picker, if not one can be provided along with a rubbish bag and a high vis Church in Tuffley yellow jacket.

Blessed Chalk: Is in the lobbies of both Churches. If you wish you may use it 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).

Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts 2022: On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the nineteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

