



Sunday Year B  
Newsletter 12th May 2024  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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Clifton Diocese  
Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken; Seek his face; hide  
not your face from me, alleluia.

**First Reading Acts of the Apostle 1:15-17, 20-26**

*We must choose one of these to be a witness  
to his resurrection with us.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being,  
bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the  
Lord and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so  
strong is his love for those who fear him. As far  
as the east is from the west so far does he  
remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his  
kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the  
Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling  
his word.

**Second reading from the First Letter of John  
4:11-16**

*Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God  
lives in him.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave your orphans,  
says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your  
hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**Gospel According to John 17:11-19**

*That they may be one like us!*

**Communion Antiphon**

**Father, I pray that they maybe one as we are one,  
alleluia.**

**Diocese Prayer Link: Hospital & Prison  
Chaplaincies.**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

For true Peace and Justice around the world  
**Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light  
can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate.**

**ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.** *Martin Luther King Jr.*  
For Bishop Bosco following his Ordination as the  
Tenth Bishop of Clifton on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.  
For Bishop Declan in his retirement.



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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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

## Parish Liturgies and Liturgical Days

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Private Intention Thanksgiving for John Fowler's 90th B'day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Stephen Houlihan Sick
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May		11.00 am Requiem Mass Teresa Kilker	St Matthias, Apostle Teresa Kilker RIP
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am Mass		People of the Parishes
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May		9.30am Mass	Delight Joseph RIP
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass	Repose of the souls of the Gray & Sweeney Families Manuel Brazao RIP

**Confessions times this week:** English Martyrs after Saturday Morning Mass from about 10.45am to 11.15am  
St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm to 6.15pm in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry

**Please pray for those who have died recently especially:** Teresa Kilker whose Requiem Mass will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at St Augustine's. For "Donni" Sciberras whose funeral will be at Gloucester Crematorium at 10.30am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May and for Michael Townsend whose Funeral Service will be at 12 Noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Augustine's **We also pray for those who mourn or whose anniversaries occur at this time.**  
**Please pray for the sick especially:** Brian Hutcheson, James Broslin, Margaret Knight, Max Hall, Zita Drummond, John Connors, Susan Maher, Ellen Wagner, Maria Oldfield, Janet Wagner, Andrea Brushneen, Peggy Keogh, Maureen Moloney, Elizabeth Bopoto, Pat Murray, Janet Peacey, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Bernadette Williams, David Williams, Jan Donnelly, Roman Peacey, Rita Smith, Monica Evans, Patrick McGovern, Julia Brenchley, Kathleen Withers, Edgar Rebello, Ian Gough, Maria Oandasan, Alan Dinsmore, George O'Neill, and Maria McGovern. **A gentle reminder that names can only be added to the pray list for the sick if individuals or their legal representatives have consented in order to comply with GDPR regulations**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will take place THIS Sunay 12<sup>th</sup> May and then the on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

**T@3 THIS Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Please come along for a warm welcome with good company for a natter with good cakes, Tea & coffee in St Augustine's Hall at 3pm All welcome!

**The next St Augustine's Parishioners' meeting is THIS Wednesday 15th May at 7.15pm in the Hall:** Any items for the agenda to Richard Merigold by email: [richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk) who will also chair the meeting. This is your opportunity to hear answers to questions and concerns raised by you or others about the Parish, so please do come along.

**English Martyrs monthly Coffee morning NEXT Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30 UNTIL 12 noon:** Please come along for a friendly chat, fun and beautiful homemade refreshments. All WELCOME!

**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass will be on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May and will involve a short play based on the reading from the Acts of the Apostles. There will also be a great song to sing along too! All those children who want to be involved please see Nikki and Lucy after mass this Sunday when acting parts will be discussed and scripts given out.

**St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group.** The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 22nd May starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm The group continues to read & discuss the Acts of the Apostles. The following meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> June.



**English Martyrs Summer Fete is to take place on Saturday the 22nd June 12 noon until 4 pm:** We would like you to start bringing in items for the fete and leave them in the Narthex. We need good bric-a-brac, toys, handbags/scarves, books, toiletries and bottles (full) for the bottle stall. On the week of the fete we'd really appreciate cakes for the cake stall. **Sorry but we can't take electrical goods or videos.** Thank you all in advance for your continued support of our events



**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

**Volunteers Required we urgently need your help to keep our church going?** Can you spare a few hours per month during the day? We would love help

cleaning the church and hall plus cutting the grass? If so, please, please contact Marisa in the office at English Martyrs thank you!

Please consider being a St Augustine's 'Welcomer' at either Saturday evening or Sunday mass. A list is in the porch so please give it a go and increase our happy band who gives a warm welcome to all. Thank you.

**Celebration of Marriage and Family Life at the Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Midday:** All families are encouraged to join Bishop Bosco in celebrating this Mass with him. You will be made very welcome Five couples from our Parishes will have their names read out during the Mass as Fr Gerry is aware they have or will celebrate 65<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries during 2024 and their names have been passed onto the Diocese. They are Dorothy and John Fowler, Cathy and George Harkin, Sadie and John Thompson, Eilis and Ken Brill and George & Nikki O'Neill Congratulations and Blessings to them all. If there are others who are or who have celebrated significant anniversaries in 2024, please do let him know.

**St Augustine's Fete:** Many thanks to Moria for coordinating everything and to all the stall holders who gave so generously of their time. A great team effort. The amount raised will be announced by Fr Gerry after Mass

**Bishop Declan Retirement Gift:** Anyone wishing to contribute to a diocesan retirement gift to Bishop Declan is welcome to do so via the following means: Place your donation in an envelope marked Bishop Declan and drop it into the offertory collection; using the QR code to the right or by going to <https://donate.myдона.com/clifton-diocese> or via the parishes digital collection plate. All donations must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> May



**Today is World Communications Day:** On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. The retiring collection today is for the Catholic Communications Network. The theme of this year's World Communications Day is *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*. The text of Pope Francis' message for this day can be found on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>.

**Dementia Friendly Church, 8th June 2024:** The Safeguarding Team are supporting this initiative for Clifton Diocese having seen an increase in concerns from Parishes where Dementia is present. This is a great opportunity for the Parish to attend and learn more about how we can support our aging population to continue to worship safely in the Catholic Church. The Safeguarding Team will be attending the event but it is important that this event is supported at Parish level so your attendance will be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Coordinator on 01179540993. Please book direct by using the Eventbrite link and it would be really helpful if you can let the Safeguarding Team know so they have an understanding of attendance. See the Clifton Diocese website for further details.

**CYAN – Young Adult Social:** CYAN is a group of Catholic Young Adults (18-35 year olds). They will be having their next social on Sunday 26th May. Join us for Mass at St Gregory's at 5.00pm, followed by Pizza and socialising in the Old Priory, all topped off with Mini Golf in the Brewery to end the night. register your interest either by following and messaging our Instagram page: [cyan\\_glos](#) or please message Abbi on 07495 788633.

**We are pleased to confirm that the Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by the Bishop, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July – Sunday 14th July 2024.** The theme of this year's pilgrimage is again 'Mary, Woman of Prayer', in line with the Pope's theme of the Year of Prayer. Once again, this year, from 12 noon until 3.00pm, the Shrine Church will become a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration, and will also offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in a quiet and more contemplative environment immediately opposite the Abbey grounds. Also, from 12 noon until 3.00pm, Private Healing Prayer will be offered in a separate tented chapel, which will be erected immediately inside the Abbey gates, close to the church. The Rosary Procession will start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm, and the pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 3.30pm

### **2024 - Year of Prayer**

The Joint Parishes Pastoral Council at their meeting last week decided to invite everyone in both parishes to submit their favourite prayer whether written by a great saint, or by themselves, or that they have been praying for years or only started praying recently. The prayer can be only a few words or of a longer length. It should be a prayer rather than a prayer request. If you know who wrote the prayer, please do include this when you send your prayer in as we need to ensure we credit the prayer appropriately.

Ideally prayers should be sent by email as a pdf or word attachment or included as text in the email itself to either of the parish email accounts that is [tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftondiocese.com) or [matson.staugustineofcanterbury@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:matson.staugustineofcanterbury@cliftondiocese.com) If you don't use email if they could be neatly written out and put in an envelope marked 'Favourite Prayer'. All favourite prayers should be submitted by 10pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and your welcome to send in more than one.

Depending on how many are received by the submission date the prayers will either be included here in the newsletter or maybe in a booklet to be printed and shared with parishioners as long as copyright will allow us to do so. Please do send in your favourite prayer so that together we can encourage one another to deepen our live of prayer.