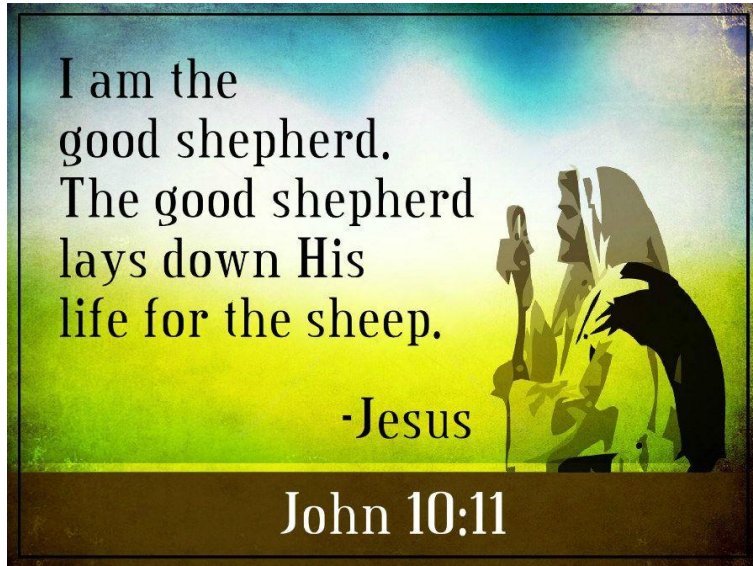




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Newsletter 21st April 2024  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, Alleluia!**

**First Reading The Acts of the Apostle 4.8.12**

*This is only name by which we can be saved.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

**Second reading from letter of John 3: 1-2**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**Gospel According to John 10:11-18**

*The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

**Communion Antiphon**

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock. Alleluia!**

**Diocese Prayer Link:** St Ambrose/Diocesan Curia/Diocesan Services.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS: For Vocations. Let us ask the Lord that our work today makes us all more humble, meek, more patient and trusting in God so that the church may grant us beautiful witness to the people. Pope Francis.**



# 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 20 <sup>th</sup> April		6.30pm Vigil Mass	Robert Curtis RIP
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Rachel & Bill O'Toole Anniv Tejiri, Clementina and Egba Bakpa RIP
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30am Requiem Mass for Augustine "Gus" McCarthy		Augustine "Gus" McCarthy RIP
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Solemnity of St George Philp George & Family Thanksgiving
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Mass		David & Flit Rogers Family Intentions
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April			Feast of St Mark Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April		10.00am Mass	Kilker Family Intentions
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April	No morning Rosary Mass or Confessions	6.30pm Mass	Joe Donnelly RIP

**Confessions times this week:** St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm to 6.15pm English Martyrs not available after Saturday Morning Mass this week, nor next Saturday & in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry

**Please pray for those who have died recently** Augustine "Gus" McCarthy whose Requiem Mass will be at English Martyrs at 10.30am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Jim Young Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at Gloucester Crematorium. **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, Jim Young, Elizabeth Bopoto, Pat Murray, Janet Peacey, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Bernadette Williams, David Williams, Teresa Kilker, 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**

**This Sunday is Vocations Sunday:** Today is Vocations Sunday: Pope Francis has released his message for today Vocations Sunday in which he focuses on the theme: "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace". In his message, Pope Francis calls on everyone to: "Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions; let him challenge you by his presence; More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom." This Vocations Sunday is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). See [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) for more details. Do please keep in your prayers Nohil D'Souza, Neil Peixoto and Martyn Jones, three men in formation for the priesthood for Clifton Diocese. There are Vocations Ministry leaflets & Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church. The retiring collection today is for the Clifton Diocesan Clergy Training Fund.

**Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning at English Martyrs is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am to 12noon when Rosemary and Ann and all the team look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

**St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group.** The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 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 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will take place next on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April and then on 12<sup>th</sup> May. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for the 14 children and their families who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May as they complete their final preparations.

**St Augustine's Summer Fete Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 2pm:** Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped up for the plant stall. They need your help now with donations of plants on the day. So if you have green fingers, perhaps you could donate some of your summer seedlings, or any plants you could propagate for 11th May. Many thanks.

**The next St Augustine's Parishioners' meeting is Wednesday 15th May at 7.15pm:** Any items for the agenda to Richard Merigold by email: [richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk)

**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** English Martyrs Children's Mass: This weekend is our Children's Mass. If your child/children would like to bring a tin of food or pasta up at the Offertory that would be much appreciated by Gloucester Food Bank. 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 singing 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.

**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

**Children's Liturgy leaders at St Augustine's:** One of the current helpers is moving away from the parish in August. We would really like to keep the new routine going and therefore need an extra person willing to be a leader. It really is not difficult and we have lots of helpful plans available so you don't have to think of the ideas yourself! Also, if you would like to be a helper, then please speak to any of the current leaders or Fr. Gerry.

**A message from Cathy & George Harkin:** We wish to thank parishioners of both parishes for their kind messages, cards and Mass intentions for our celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Wedding Anniversary. A special thank you for the most beautiful up-lifting Mass given by Fr Gerry and for all the ladies who prepared the hall so lovely.

**Thank you:** To all who contributed so generously to the "Lilies for loved ones" donations and to Veronica and others who arranged the display in the Lady Chapel at St Augustine's It is much appreciated



**Episcopal Ordination:** The ordination of Canon Bosco MacDonald as the tenth Bishop of Clifton will take place in Clifton Cathedral on May 8th 2024. Bishop-Elect Bosco recently had an interview see <https://catholicherald.co.uk/interview-bishop-elect-of-clifton-on-the-value-of-his-catholic-childhood-to-the-pressures-faced-by-priests-today-and-the-churchs-greatest-asset/?swcfpc=1>

**CAFOD parish newsletter insert: A Year of Encounter:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**St Joseph Prayer Group at Prinknash presents:** A Day of Prayer for Healing/Laying on of Hands led by Gary Daly, leader of The Night of Prayer for Healing Team at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. 11 - 4 pm Saturday April 27th 2024 Prinknash Meeting Room Cranham, GL4 8EX. - Adoration, Benediction, Confessions and Mass led by Father Gerry Walsh. Luke McCann, the leader of the Rosary at Belfast's monthly Healing Mass at St Peter's Cathedral will be leading the Rosary following Mass. Gary will be offering the laying on of hands during Rosary/Divine Mercy to all requesting it. It is essential to book in advance due to limited space if you wish to attend. Please email [moira.govan@gmail.com](mailto:moira.govan@gmail.com) or phone John O'Donnell: 07598 797252

**Living the Common Good Discerning Challenges and Responses:** on Saturday 18 May, 10am – 4pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College (Broomhill Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 5RQ) It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good in our parishes, pastoral areas, and diocese. We are blessed to have Jenny Sinclair from Together for the Common Good (<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/>) guiding us through our discernment process, and focusing on identifying the specific areas for mission in our communities as well as the practical steps we can take to serve those needs and proclaim the Gospel by our lives. We are hoping that our newly ordained Bishop Bosco will be joining us as well! Living the common good is a call that we all share, and the formation will be enriched by the presence of both clergy and laity. We understand your busy schedules, but we hope that you will consider joining us on the day if you have the time. Your presence will make the day both more joyful and more fruitful for everyone. There is no cost to attend. Please register on our Eventbrite page [cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk](http://cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk) We hope to see you on 18 May!

**The Bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May at 12 Noon:** And is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. Fr Gerry is aware of some significant wedding anniversaries this year and of course of a couple who are marrying at St Augustine's. However, if you are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2024 please do let him know and with your permission he will pass your names on to the Bishop.

**The Eucharist: A Bond of Love Which Can Never Be Undone:** There is an opportunity on Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. We are delighted that Fr. Michael McAndrew will lead us in our reflections and conversations. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music, and silence. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. Attendees are asked to bring a packed lunch. The day will finish by 4pm. Please use the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk/> to register.

**Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support Officer:** The Clifton Diocese Curia offices are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen its central finance and property functions. The role is a part-time, 2year fixed term contract, to be worked over 25 hours per week and based at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, good communication and organisational skills, to include time management and working on various tasks simultaneously. Previous administrative experience and a can-do flexible attitude are essential. For further information please go to <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th May 2024.