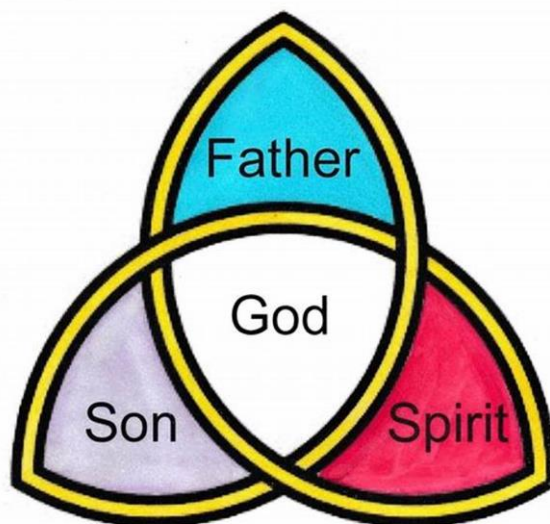




Sunday Year B
Newsletter 26th May 2024
**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY**



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Readings

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.

Responsorial Psalm:
Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

The Word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading Romans 8:14-17
You received the spirit of sons and it makes us cry out. 'Abba, Father'.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and the to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20
Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon
Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: 'Abba, Father'.

Diocese Prayer Link: Our Lady & St Alphege, Bath, St Joseph, Peasedown St John.

PRAYER:
We celebration the Baptism and Confirmation of Timothy Martin Peacock this Sunday at 9am. May he always follow in God footsteps. Heart-warming Congratulations and every blessing!



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 25 th May		6.30pm Vigil Mass	John & Mary McVann RIP
Sun 26 th May	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Jim McKelvey RIP Thanksgiving Alfred & Frederick Jojin
Mon 27 th May		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Solemnity of St Augustine of Canterbury People of the Parishes
Tues 28 th May	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Philip & Danty Wedding Anniv
Wed 29 th May	9.45am Mass		For the Intentions of Rita Smith
Thurs 30 th May			Fr Gerry’s Day off
Fri 31 st May		10.00am Mass	Feast of the Visitation of the BVM Theodora Allum B’day Remembrance
Sat 1 st June	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Mass	St Justin Fred Boon RIP Joe Donnelly RIP

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

Please pray for: Timothy Martin Peacock who will be Baptised, Confirmed and make his First Holy Communion in English Martyrs at the 9am Mass this Sunday 26th May. **We pray for those who have died recently and 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 Sunday at the 11am Mass and then next on Sunday 9th June. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

Solemnity of St Augsutine of Canterbury: As Monday is the Feast of St Augsutine of Canterbury and the name of the Church in Matson liturgically it is raised to rank of a Solemnity. There will be a Second Reading from the Common of Pastors as well as the Gloria and Creed during the Mass. Had we been celebrating Mass on Tuesday at St Augsutine's it would have been the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church on 28th May in 1988.

St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group. The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 5th June 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 19th June.

English Martyrs Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday 16th June. Normally children at these Masses, will do the main readings, bidding prayers and bring up the Offertory. For more information speak to Lucy, Nikki or Flit. When there are Children's Masses there is no Children's Liturgy of the Word which takes place in the Church Hall on all other Sundays.



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 put your name down if you are able to help on the day.**



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 more help 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.

Syro-Malabar Mass Times and use of St Augustine's Church: Following a request at the St Augustine's Parish Open Meeting there is now a diary on the St Augsutine's Page of the Joint Parishes website which list the Syro-Malabar Mass times and other uses they have requested of the Church until the 31st July. As with the Hall booking diary this will be updated as required.

Missio/Mill Hill Masses: Are taking place in each of the Pastoral Areas around our Diocese during this year. The next is the one for our pastoral area, and will be at **7:00pm on Wednesday 5th June** at Saint Peter's, Gloucester. The Mass will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to this Mass.

Pastoral Area Forum on Saturday 8th June: From 11:00am until 3:00pm (coffee from 10:30am) at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). This is an opportunity for us to come together as our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan and look towards the future. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

Next Weekend's Second Collection: Is for the Priest's Retirement Fund. This Fund supports priests who have given so generously of their time in service of Clifton Diocese. Donations may be Gift Aid either on the Dona Plate, Online or by using the Clifton Diocese one off Gift Aid Envelopes available in both Churches in all cases please make sure you select or write Priest's Retirement Fund.

Parish Administrator for Saint Joseph, Stonehouse and the Annunciation, Woodchester: This position is for 20 hours per week (9:00am – 2:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, negotiable for the right candidate) with a salary of £12,480. For further information or to request the Job description and application form please contact Father Gary Brassington (gary.brassington@cliftondiocese.com). Applications need to be received by Wednesday 19th June with interviews planned for the morning of Wednesday 26th June.

General Election 2024: As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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.

Growing Seeds of Hope: we are delighted to let you know that the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will be returning once more to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. I hope it will also enable and inspire anyone who may not yet be a catechist but who cares about the formation of children, young people, and adults, not only for sacramental preparation but in all the in-between stages. The day takes place on **Saturday 13 July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**. Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, parishioners just need to contact us at the adult.education@cliftondiocese.com email address.

Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Bosco, 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.

Transport: A 43-seat executive coach, with a toilet, has been booked to travel to Glastonbury on Sunday 14th July 2024 from Gloucester. The coach will leave St Peter's at 9.45am & pick up at English Martyrs, Tuffley at 10.00am, the return journey will depart Glastonbury at 17.15pm. The cost will be £20.00 per adult and £10.00 for under 16s. **Payment must be made at the time of booking.**

2024 - Year of Prayer

The Joint Parishes Pastoral Council at their meeting in early May 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 or 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 9th 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.