

WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 27th August 2023

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Your love, O Lord, is eternal; do not discard the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal; do not discard the work of your hands.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him, all is by him and for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Diocese Prayer Link: Our Lady of Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar and St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.



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 26 th Aug		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	John de Maria Anniv
Sun 27 th Aug	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Mary Williamson RIP Intentions of Janet and Paul Peacey
Mon 28 th Aug	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>St Augustine</i> Ed Goddard RIP
Tues 29 th Aug		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	<i>Passion of St John Baptist</i> Maria McGovern sick for a successful operation and good recovery
Wed 30 th Aug	10.00am Mass		Christine Donegan's Intentions
Thurs 31 st Aug			Fr Gerry's Day Off
Fri 1 st Sept		12 Noon Mass	Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Sat 2 nd Sept	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Eternal rest for Tejiri, Egba and Clementina Bakpa Joe Donnelly RIP

Confessions times this week Saturday English Martyrs 10.45am to 11.15am

St Augustine's 5.45pm to 6.15pm and upon request to Fr Gerry

Please pray for the sick especially: 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, Fr Donal Daly, Janet Peacey, Nicholas Payne, Claire Cooper, Dorothy Flower, Bernadette Williams, Teresa Kilker, Jan Donnelly, Desmond Woods, Roman Peacey, Rita Smith, Myra Merehan, Monica Evans, Patrick McGovern, Julia Brenchley, Kathleen Withers, Anne Hancock, Edgar Rebello, Fr Gerry, Ian Gough, Maria Oandasani, 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.*

Please take your newsletter home with you.

First Holy Communion 2023/4: Application forms for children in school year 3 to 6 to make their First Holy Communion in either parish will be available as usual from NEXT weekend in both parishes and on our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/sacraments>

If you are a child, someone under 18 years old, in school year 7 or above who has been baptised and now wishes to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Gerry. Confirmation for Children in School year 9 and above is scheduled for early summer 2025.

Journey in Faith/RCIA: For adults, those over the age of 18, who are not Catholic by baptism and wish to become Catholics OR are baptised Catholic but have not completed their sacraments of initiation that is making their First Holy Communion and being Confirmed and who now wish to complete their sacramental journey, there will be an application form for you to provide essential information available next weekend in both parishes and on our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/sacraments>

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will commence on 10th September. We hope it will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. So the dates to Christmas will be: 10th and 24th Sept, 8th and 22nd Oct, 12th and 26th Nov, and 10th Dec. We would welcome anyone who is interested in helping so that we might offer more sessions please contact Moira on 01452 619150 or moiratpratt@gmail.com All adult leaders are required by Catholic Safeguarding to have a Clifton Diocese Enhanced DBS check

Coffee Morning at English Martyrs: The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 6th September at 10.30am all welcome.

T@3 St Augustine's: The next T@3 in St Augustine's Hall will be on Tuesday 12th September at 3pm.

The Faith Discussion Group: Will take a break during August. Their next meeting will be 14th September in St. Augustine's parish hall. The group will continue studying The Acts of the Apostles.

English Martyrs Youth Club: The next YOUTH GROUP details to

follow. The Youth Group, open to youth from both parishes and beyond. Normally meets on the First and Third Fridays of the month. Usual times are between 7.30 – 9.30pm in the hall at English Martyrs. Come and join us on. The youth group is open to all children in school year groups 7 – 13. The current Youth Group Mission Statement and Ground Rules are on the notice board at English Martyrs and on the website. **The next meeting will be on Friday 15th September when the young people will finish off getting their Food Certificates. The meeting on Friday 6th October will be the AGM.**



English Martyrs Children's Mass: PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS WILL BE ON 17TH SEPTEMBER. We continue to encourage children of all ages to take leading parts - playing music, singing, reading and offertory procession. Please let us know if your child/children would like to be actively involved. There will be no Children's Mass in August, for more information or if you have any ideas, please speak to Fr Gerry, Nikki and George O'Neill or Flit Rogers.

English Martyrs Gift Fair 2023: Will be held on Saturday the 11th of November. We will have several stalls selling all sorts of crafts/gifts plus a cake stall and a parish stall. Our Cafe will be open for delicious lunches or tea and homemade cakes. If you would like a stall then please see Nora in the kitchen after Mass. This is a lovely Parish event that brings the community together so put the date in your diary and come along and support it.

Date for your diaries St Augustine's Autumn Fete 2023: Is scheduled to be held on Saturday 25th November.

Fr Gerry future leave in 2023: Fr Gerry will be going to Lourdes from Thursday 14th September to Saturday 23rd September by bus with Egalite Absolue. Among the VIPs will be those who attend Sunday Mass from both parishes. He is happy to take your petitions with him. Fr Bob Rainbow who was ordained on 20th July 1985 at St Augustine's will be supplying for him that weekend. As Fr Bob is travelling by train all 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated. **Please note there will be no Vigil Mass at St Augustine's on Saturday 23rd September.** Fr Gerry will also be on annual leave in October before and after the weekend of 21st/22nd October when a Mission Priest will be coming to make the annual Mission Appeal. Once again all 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated.

AN INTRODUCTION TO SMALL GROUP FACILITATION: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the Clifton Diocese department of Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other Parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. There are two available opportunities to attend sessions near us. Wed 20 Sept: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham (7-9pm) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652890672577> and Sat 30 Sept: St Patrick, Brockworth (10am-12pm) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652917512857> Please sign up for any of the events on offer at the Eventbrite Links given, as a minimum of five people is required for a session to take place there is no upper limit.

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth': Are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21 September
2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28 September
3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5 October
4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12 October
5. Methods and Resources – 19 October
6. Preparing a Catechetical Session - 26 October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. For parishioners to sign up for the series, they can do so at <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/clifton-diocese-in-partnership-with-light-of-truth-are-offering-a-six-week-course-for-the-formation-of-catechists/>

Come & pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer with Fr Matt Anscombe who has recently written a book entitled Don't Forget the Holy Spirit for further details see the associated website <https://www.dftholyspirit.com/> The dates around the diocese most accessible for us are:

Friday 8 September, 7pm, starting with Mass, at Immaculate Conception, Stroud
Friday 15 September, 7pm, Praise & Worship Evening, at St Pius X, Bristol
Friday 22 September, 7pm, starting with Mass, at St Augustine, Bristol
Friday 29 September, 7pm, starting with Mass, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol
All are welcome!

Thank you for your generosity: We would like to thank all Parishioners for their generosity in supporting both Parishes. A special thanks to the anonymous donor who gave £3,000 on the Dona Electronic plate for St Augustine's recently and another donor who gave £500 to English Martyrs.

Did you know there are now a multitude of ways you can give to the parish collection? You can give via the collection baskets which are passed around at Sunday Mass, either by cash or cheque made payable to English Martyrs or St Augustine's. At St Augustine's only via collection envelopes which can be gift aided please ask Fr Gerry, Veronica or Richard if you would like a set of envelopes.

You can also give via the Dona Electronic Plate for which you need either a physical contactless card or an electronic one on any device, e.g. mobile phone, for donations up to your contactless limit. Please select the parish or fund you wish to give to and also the amount. For amounts larger than your contactless limit you will need a physical card which can be inserted into the reader and you will be asked for your pin number. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please enter the relevant details.



It is easier to set up your Gift Aid details for a particular payment card via Dona Online which you can access through our website via <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/generosity> or by going directly to Dona Online at <https://donate.mydona.com/english-martyrs-st-augustine> or by scanning the QR code opposite, You can give at Dona Online 24/7.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVlUy9aU1c5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036