

# WELCOME

**SUNDAY Year A**  
**During the Season of Creation**

**Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*Take up your cross,  
and follow me*

MATTHEW 16:24

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Have Mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**Reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

O god, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help, in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2**

*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, alleluia May the Father of our Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL according to Matthew 16:21-27**  
*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

**Communion Antiphon**  
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Diocese Prayer Link: St Gregory the Great & St Thomas More Cheltenham.**

**Please pray for all those parents who are grieving for their lost babies.**



# 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept		6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sunday)</b>	Joe Donnelly Anniv
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00am <b>Mass</b>	Mass for Healing for George Jack O'Sullivan RIP
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		People of the Parishes
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	Naomi & Richard's Intentions
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm <b>Mass</b> <b>Followed by Adoration and</b> <b>Praise to 8.30pm</b>		Anne-Marie Kilker RIP
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.00pm to 4.00pm <b>Silent Adoration</b>		<b>Fr Gerry's Day Off</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept		10.00am <b>Mass</b>	<b>Feast of Nativity of the BVM</b> Intentions of Fr Gerry
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am <b>Rosary</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	6.30pm ( <b>Vigil</b> ) <b>Mass</b>	Thanksgiving Ajay Mathew and Honey Joseph People of the Parishes

**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 Oandasana, 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 THIS 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 in 2024 are available as usual from THIS 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 in our parishes is scheduled for early summer 2025.

**OCIA, Reception into Full Communion or completing the Sacraments:** For adults, those over the age of 18, who are not Baptised or Christened who wish to become Catholics, the official route to becoming Catholic is now called the OCIA (formerly RCIA). For anyone who has been Baptised or Christened in another Christian tradition one can become Catholic by being Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Finally there maybe adults who 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 is an application form for all these to provide essential information available from this 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](mailto: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 this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am all welcome.

**First Wednesday Mass followed by Adoration and Praise:** Returns to English Martyrs this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. With Tony Wadley leading the Prayer and Praise in front of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament till 8.30pm. All welcome to come for as long as you wish. All on Zoom too

**First Thursday Silent Adoration:** At English Martyrs Church from 2pm to 4pm. You are welcome to come at any time and stay for as long as you wish. If you are able to commit to 30 minutes starting on the hour or half hour please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

**Joint Parishes Pastoral Council:** Will meet this coming Thursday at English Martyrs to discuss volunteers who are such a vital part to what happens in both our parishes. We are very grateful for all they do.

**T@3 St Augustine's:** The next T@3 in St Augustine's Hall will be next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 3pm.

**The Faith Discussion Group:** Their next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in St. Augustine's parish hall. The group will continue studying The Acts of the Apostles.

**English Martyrs Youth Club:** 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 15<sup>th</sup> September when the young people will finish off getting their Food Certificates. The meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October will be the AGM.**



**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY 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.

**Fr Gerry future leave in 2023:** Fr Gerry will be going to Lourdes from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September.** Fr Gerry will also be on annual leave in October before and after the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October when a Mission Priest will be coming to make the annual Mission Appeal. All 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October.



**CAFOD HARVEST LUNCH & AUCTION:** Harvest Festival Lunch and Auction to be held at St Augustine's Church Hall on Sunday 15th October at 12.00pm. Lunch will be Chilli Con Carne with a vegetarian option which will be £5.00 per person. Auction to follow lunch. This Auction will consist of the fresh and tinned fruit and vegetables that are brought to the church for the Harvest Festival the weekend before

**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 25<sup>th</sup> November.



**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 9: 24

**Season of Creation 2023 "Let Justice and Peace Flow:** From 1st September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Christian family unites worldwide in prayer and action for creation during the Season of Creation. The 2023 theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." The symbol is the mighty river.

Pope Francis said "In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again."

His full message maybe found at <https://seasonofcreation.org/2023/05/25/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/> Pope Francis has also announced that on 4<sup>th</sup> October he will release a follow up to Laudate Si updating his urgent concerns for the worldwide environment.

**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!

**Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th October at 12 Noon for Married**

**Couples:** He is inviting all married couples to join him. If you would like a personal invitation to be sent to you or to your relatives from the Bishop as you have/will be celebrating significant anniversaries during 2023, 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> or if you have or will be married in 2023 then please let Fr Gerry or Marisa Wood know including the names of the couple, the anniversary and the address to send the invitation to no later than Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Thank you for your generosity CORRECTION to last week's newsletter:** 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 by mistake selecting St Augustine's when they meant to select English Martyrs recently and another donor who gave £500 to English Martyrs. Should you select the wrong parish/fund/second collection by mistake at any time please ensure Marisa or Fr Gerry are informed so that the monies maybe properly assigned.

**Bishop Declan's Pastoral Letter and our new Deanery and Dean:** This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Declan which will be read after the Gospel. You can watch a video of Bishop Declan reading it, or to read a pdf version as well as read a pdf of the new deaneries/pastoral area and see a pdf map of the Diocese and its parishes all at <https://cliftondiocese.com/bishop/>

Our parishes will belong to the new Deanery/Pastoral Area of St Wulstan. The other parishes in the Deanery/Pastoral Area are: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford St Margaret Mary, Coleford St Dominic's, Dursley St Peter's, Gloucester St Patrick's, Brockworth Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent St Joseph's, Nympsfield St Joseph's, Stonehouse The Immaculate Conception, Stroud Christ the King, Thornbury Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge and The Annunciation, Woodchester. A former Parish Priest of these Parishes Fr Gary Brassington has been appointed by Bishop Declan as the new Dean

**ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT**  
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVlUy9aU1c5UT09>

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