

WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A
During the Season of Creation

Newsletter 10th September 2023

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them.
Matthew 18:20



Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at the Meri bah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they see my work.**

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Diocese Prayer Link: Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

**Please pray To stop
the unnecessary
violence in our world,
and bring harmony
and fulfilment to all
cultures.**





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 9 th Sept		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	People of the Parishes
Sun 10 th Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Mary Withers & Family Barbara Dias RIP
Mon 11 th Sept	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		In thanksgiving to God for Josephine Miki recovery and blessing
Tues 12 th Sept		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Philip George B'day Intention
Wed 13 th Sept	10.00am Mass		St John Chrysostom Hugh Berry Anniv
Thurs 14 th Sept	Fr Gerry is away on Pilgrimage in Lourdes till 23 rd September. No weekday Masses during that period		Feast of The Exaltation of the Cross
Fri 15 th Sept			Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16 th Sept	No morning Rosary, Mass or Confessions	6.30pm (Vigil) Mass	Aibel Jojin B'day Thanksgiving

Confessions times this week None

Please pray for: Those who have died recently especially Fr John Ward, Sr Marion's brother and Philip Beer, Ann Beer's, for those who mourn and 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.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM IF FR GERRY IS SAYING THE MASS AT <https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVvUy9aU1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

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 now available. You can also please apply for both parishes on our website at <https://gloucestermaoc.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://gloucestermaoc.com/sacraments>

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will commence this Sunday 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

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

The Faith Discussion Group: Their next meeting will be this Wednesday 13th 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 this 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 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.

Recent Coffee Morning: Thanks to Rosemary Bernard, Ann Apperley and all the coffee morning team for hosting a busy social coffee morning last Wednesday in English Martyrs Hall. £147 was raised .

Blessed Carlo Acutis Encountering the Eucharistic Miracles Retreat Day: Blessed Carlo Acutis At Prinknash Cafe Meeting Room Saturday 30th September 2023 11.00 am - 3.30 pm Booking is essential Please contact Moira Govan or John O'Donnell to confirm attendance by phoning 07598797252 or 07732910554. They can also be reached by email at moira.govan@gmail.com or jodonnell1372@gmail.com

NEXT WEEKEND: Fr Bob Rainbow who was ordained on 20th July 1985 at St Augustine's will be supplying for Fr Gerry next weekend 16th and 17th September. As Fr Bob is travelling by train all 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated.

THERE WILL BE NO 6.30PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER AT ST AUGUSTINE'S: Alternatives St Peter's, London Road at 6pm and St Patrick's Brockworth at 6.30pm

Lourdes Petitions: All petitions for Lourdes are to be with Fr Gerry asap and no later than after 10am on Wednesday 13th September. If you want candles to be lit please place details and a donations for those in a sperate envelope from the petitions envelope. Thank you

Fr Gerry future leave in 2023: Fr Gerry will be taking 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. All 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated on 21st/22nd 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 fruit and vegetables that are brought to the church for the Harvest Festival the weekend 14th/15th. Tinned and dried items can be brought to the church any time from the start of October.

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.

Clifton Evangelist: Volume 8 is now available on the diocesan website <https://cliftondiocese.com/faith-and-formation/>

ome & 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 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, 25th 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th 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 1st October.

Clifton Diocese Trustees: The Diocese is currently looking for individuals to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board in specific areas as a result of current vacancies. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of either property or contracts as a lawyer, or finance as a qualified accountant. The commitment is to one 3-hour meeting approximately eight times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of at least one sub-committee which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 29th September.

ST WULSTAN PASTORAL AREA

Last weekend Bishop Declan in his Pastoral Letter told us that the Diocese is going to be divided into 9 new Pastoral Areas. Our Parish comes together in the new St Wulstan Pastoral Area with the following other Parishes: 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 both our Parishes Fr Gary Brassington VF is the Dean of the area.

St Wulstan was born in Warwickshire in 1008. He studied at the abbeys of Evesham and Peterborough, received ordination and was incumbent at St Mary's Church in Hawkesbury, in South Gloucestershire. He joined the Benedictines at Worcester. Wulstan served as treasurer of the church at Worcester, was prior of the monastery, and finally was named bishop of Worcester in 1062. After overcoming initial doubts about his ability to hold the office of bishop, he demonstrated such skill after the Norman Conquest that he was the lone bishop to be kept in his post by William the Conqueror. For the next three decades, Wulstan rebuilt his cathedral, cared for the poor, and struggled to alleviate the harsh decrees of the Normans upon the vanquished Saxons. He was the first English bishop to have made a systematic visitation of his diocese, which at that time included parts of Gloucestershire. With Lanfranc, he was instrumental in abolishing the salve trade from Bristol to Viking Ireland. He died in 1095 and was canonized in 1203. His feast day is January 19th