

WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A
Season of Creation

Newsletter 24th September 2023

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.' It does not, therefore, depend on a person's desire or effort or hard work, but on God's mercy and love. (Matthew 20:1-16)



Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Reading from the prophet Isaiah 55_6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24-27

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous!

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Diocese Prayer Link: St Catherine, Chipping Campden, Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold with Bourton-on-the-water.

Please pray for all those who have died recently in Morocco and Syrian disasters, and for their families who mourn.



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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'Together, Reach Out and Welcome All with Joy, Compassion and Unfailing Love'

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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 23 rd Sept		No Vigil Mass	
Sun 24 th Sept	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	John Williamson Anniv In thanksgiving for 40th Wedding Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Karas
Mon 25 th Sept	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Philip Moloney RIP
Tues 26 th Sept		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Eternal rest for Tejiri, Egba and Clementina Bakpa
Wed 27 th Sept	10.00am Mass		<i>St Vincent de Paul</i> Tracey Family RIP
Thurs 28 th Sept			Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 29 th Sept		10.00am Mass	<i>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i> Jack O'Sullivan Anniv
Sat 30 th Sept	No morning Rosary, Mass or Confessions	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	<i>St Jerome</i> Joe Donnelly RIP

Confessions Times: Saturday St Augustine 5.45pm to 6;16pm and upon request from Fr Gerry

Please pray for those who have died recently and those that mourn and 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 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.*

HEALTH AND SAFETY please can parents ensure that children are not near lighted, or lighting candles unsupervised by an adult.. Otherwise we will have to remove the votive candles completely.

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 your child, **someone under 18 years old**, is in school year 7 or above who has been Baptised and now wishes to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Gerry. First Holy Communion Masses will be on Saturday 4th May at English Martyrs and Sunday 5th May at St Augustine's. Both Masses will start at 11am

Confirmation for Children: In School year 9 and above in our parishes is scheduled for early summer 2025. (Please note Confirmation is not yearly)

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 be available this Sunday 24th September at 11am Mass and then on 8th October. The Children's Liturgy team at St Augustine's is appealing for musical instruments for the children. No drums or recorders please, but more gentle music makers would be welcome. Thanks!

The Faith Discussion Group: Their next meeting will be this Wednesday 27th 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 on Friday 6th October will be the AGM.

English Martyrs Children's Mass: We thank all those children who have participated in anyway at the Children's Mass this Sunday. The next scheduled Children's Mass is on **Sunday 15th October** at 9am. 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. for more information or if you have any ideas, please speak to Fr Gerry, Nikki and George O'Neill or Flit Rogers.



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.

Offertory for loose collections for Both Parishes in August:- St Augustine 6th Aug £348.84, 13th Aug £278.61, 19th Aug £193.10, 26th Aug £247.95 (NB this includes all Envelopes).

English Martyrs 6th Aug £84.88, 13th Aug £105.92, 20th Aug £91.26, 27th Aug £76.60, plus donations of £1,000 and £3,000. (This will help with getting the leaking roof repaired on the lantern of the church). A huge thank you to both parishes for their continued generosity.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT

<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVhUy9aUj1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

English Martyrs Gift Fair 2023: Will be held on Saturday 11th 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.

St Augustine's Autumn Fete is taking place on Saturday 25 November, 11 - 2. This is always a great social occasion with lots of stalls - tombola, books, cakes, bottles, and many others. Tasty refreshments too. The list for volunteers will soon be available, or you can call Moira on 07751289118. We are always delighted to welcome new faces and new ideas to the team.

Fr Gerry future leave in 2023: Fr Gerry will be on annual leave in October from Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October. A Mission Priest will be coming to make the annual Mission Appeal on the weekend of 21st/22nd October therefore all 3 Masses for Sunday including the Vigil will be celebrated.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD Communion - Participation – Mission Journeying together from Vision into Action: Linking with the first Session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome (October 2023) Clifton Diocese will be exploring the same themes through a series of webinars. Each webinar will focus on a different element of the work of the Synod. You are welcome to sign up for any of the events on offer. Please use the webinar link to register via <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/we-are-the-people-of-god/> Continuing our series, we are delighted to welcome Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ a senior research fellow at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, an international speaker and lecturer/ Sr Gemma brings wisdom, insight and a wealth of experience within the Church. She will speak on the Theme of: 'For a Synodal Church – an integral experience' on Thursday 4th October (7.30-9pm).

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.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 3 October at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Jean Hockett** was a Lay Reader in the Church of England for 20 years, as well as Church Warden and Deanery Synod representative for St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, until her recent retirement. She will speak to us on: ***Celtic Christianity - A Spirituality for the 21st Century***.

Synodal; information:- Fr Philip Inch (Archdiocese of Liverpool) to conclude our series on 23 October. Below is information detailing five webinars focusing on the Synod. Linking with the first Session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome (October 2023) Clifton Diocese will be exploring the same themes through [a series of webinars](#) (7.30-9pm) through September & October. For the series we are delighted to welcome: Bishop John Arnold **21 September** Beginning our series, we are delighted to welcome Rt Rev Bishop John (Salford Diocese) who will set our series within the context of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – **Lumen Gentium**. [Click here to register](#)

Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ **October; 'For a Synodal Church - an integral experience'** - Continuing our series, we are delighted to welcome Sr Gemma – a senior research fellow at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, an international speaker and lecturer, Sr Gemma brings wisdom, insight and a wealth of experience within the Church. [Click here to register](#)

Dr Greg Ryan - **10 October 'A Communion that Radiates'** - we are delighted to welcome Dr Greg - an Assistant Professor of Ecclesiology and Receptive Ecumenism (CCS) for the Centre of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham. He will be exploring with us the themes of service and mission within a Synodal Church. [Click here to register](#)

Jenny Sinclair- **19 October; 'Co-responsibility in Mission - How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?'** we welcome Jenny, the founder of Together for the Common Good (T4CG) a writer and a lecturer she will help us to explore how we can walk together towards a shared awareness of the meaning and content of mission. [Click here to register](#)

Fr Philip Inch **23 October; 'Participation, governance and authority in a synodal Church'** - concluding our series we welcome **Fr Philip Inch**, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Development and parish priest of Holy Rosary, Aintree Village. He served as a moderator of Synod 2020 for the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is closely involved in the implementation of the Pastoral Plan. Fr Philip is well equipped to explore with us how our Church governs in a truly synodal way. [Click here to register](#) *please note a change in date from 24th to 23rd October.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU.