

WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 1st October 2023

TWENTY SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME



Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty for your mercy.

Reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28
When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love have shown form of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright, He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Diocese Prayer Link: St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmsbury & St Michael, Tetbury.

Prayer Intention for Pope Francis for October

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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 30 th Sept		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sun 1 st Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Harry Gray RIP Philip Beer RIP
Mon 2 nd Oct	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i> In thanksgiving Ken & Eilis Brill
Tues 3 rd Oct		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Fr John Ward RIP
Wed 4 th Oct	7.00pm Mass Followed by Adoration and Praise to 8.30pm		<i>St Francis of Assisi</i> Mathai Varkey RIP
Thurs 5 th Oct	2.00pm to 4.00pm Silent Adoration		Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 6 th Oct		12 Noon Mass	In thanksgiving to God for Jose- phine Miki recovery and Blessings
Sat 7 th Oct	No Rosary, Mass and Confessions	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> People of the Parishes

Confessions Times: Saturday St Augustine 5.45pm to 6.15pm and upon request from Fr Gerry

Please pray for those who have died recently especially Patrick Bowles whose Requiem Mass will be at St Augustines at 12 noon on Thursday 12th October 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, 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.**

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 in both parishes and on our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/sacraments> They must be completed and returned asap and no later than Sunday 29th October.

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>

Silent Adoration at English Martyrs: This Thursday 5th October from 2pm to 4pm. If you are able to commit to a certain time for more than 30 minutes please sign up on the sheet in the Church lobby. Otherwise please feel free to come and spend as much time as you can with the Lord in prayer.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Dr Nasha' mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where its needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. This Friday 6th October is CAFOD Family Fast Day. The retiring collection next weekend is to support the vital work of CAFOD enabling more families to get he expert help they need. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Online donations can be made at cafod.org.uk.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will be available next Sunday 8th October at 11am Mass and then on 22nd 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!

T@3: The next Tuesday Tea at 3pm in St Augustine's Hall will be on Tuesday 10th October. All are welcome to come and join in some refreshment, friendly banter and a raffle.

The Faith Discussion Group: Their next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th October in St. Augustine's parish hall from 7.30pm with tea and coffee from 7.15pm The group will continue studying The Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome.



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 is this Friday 6th October which will be their AGM.**

English Martyrs Children's Mass: The next Children's Mass is on **Sunday 15th October at 9 am**. There will be a short rehearsal for the children to practice the hymns and sort the readings after Mass next Sunday, 8th October. 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.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVkUy9aU1c5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

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.

Fr Gerry health update: Wishes to express his sincere thanks to all those who have prayed for him during the last 6 months or so following his diagnosis with an enlarged prostate and high PSA level. Following prostate reduction surgery and testing of biopsies from the prostate and surrounding area he and his GP have been informed by the consultant that "The urology team have received the results of your recent investigation and have found no signs of cancer" Praise the Lord.

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.

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 25th 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.

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.***

The Kingship of Christ: Responding to the Cry of the Earth' On Monday 16th October, Jason Charewicz, Caritas and Environmental Officer for Clifton Diocese, comes to The Old Priory adjoining St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham GL50 3PR to explain how Care for Creation is grounded within the Tradition of the Church, with suggestions for what to do in practice. Refreshments from 6.30pm before the talk (7 to 9pm). All are welcome. No background knowledge is needed

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 by no later than Sunday 1st October.

Missio/Mill Hill Masses: There will be two Diocesan Masses this year, on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm. The Masses 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 Brassington, 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 these Masses. During 2024 it is hoped that there will be celebrations in each of our new Pastoral Areas.

Time for Secondary School: If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013), then now is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application:
1) you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website) by 31 October, and:
2) if you are applying for a baptised child for St Peter's Catholic High School, you should also additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the school's website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, also by 31 October.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU.