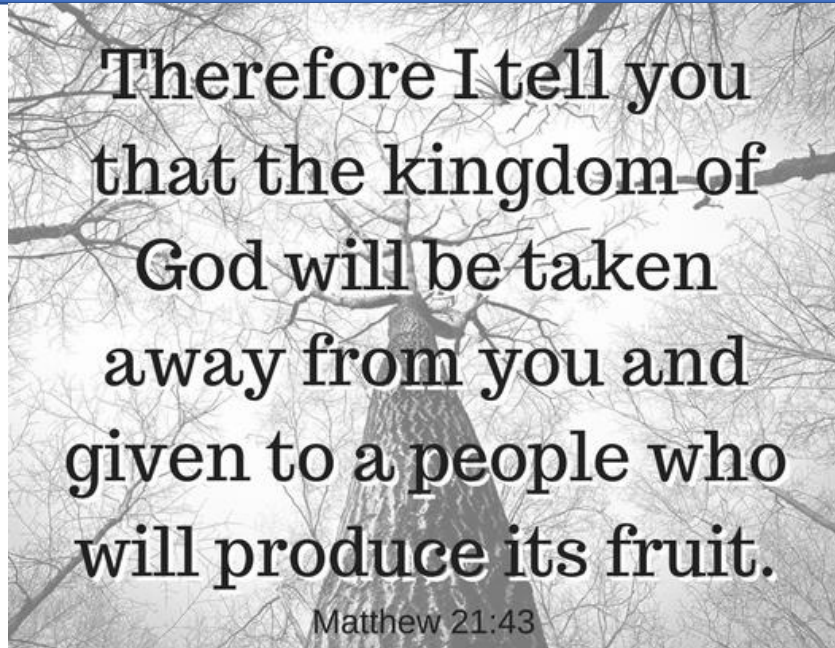


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SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 8th October 2023

TWENTY SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME



Therefore I tell you
that the kingdom of
God will be taken
away from you and
given to a people who
will produce its fruit.

Matthew 21:43

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, you are the Lord of all.

Reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. You brought a vine out of Egypt, to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, being us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

The God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia I call you Friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 21:33-43

He will leave the vineyard to other tenants.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Diocese Prayer Link: Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton, St Francis of Assisi Nailsea & St Joseph, Portishead.



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 7 th Oct		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	People of the Parishes
Sun 8 th Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Rita Jones Anniv Harkin Family Intentions
Mon 9 th Oct	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		<i>Feast of John Henry Newman</i> Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Tues 10 th Oct		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Barbara Dias RIP
Wed 11 th Oct	10.00am Mass		Special Intentions of the Cavanagh Family for Healing
Thurs 12 th Oct		12 Noon Requiem Mass for Patrick Bowles	Patrick Bowles RIP
Fri 13 th Oct	12 Noon Funeral Service for Daniel Kavanagh	10.00am Mass	In thanksgiving for Dominic and Diana Philip
Sat 14 th Oct	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	Private Intention for George and Nikki O'Neill Nicholas Clutterbuck RIP and Mary 'May Clutterbuck RIP

Confessions Times: English Martyrs after Mass on Saturday Morning 10.45am to 11.15am
Saturday St Augustine 5.45pm to 6;15pm and upon request from Fr Gerry

Please Pray for the sick: 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, Maria McGovern and by special request Phil Bawden. **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 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, Daniel Kavanagh whose funeral service is at 12 noon on Friday 13th October at English Martyrs and Mr James Balding and Mrs Mary Balding whose funeral service is at St. Augustine's at 12noon on Wednesday 18th October.

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 8th October and then on Sunday 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!

The Faith Discussion Group: Their next meeting will be this Wednesday 11th October 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 is on Friday 20th October. URGENT REQUEST FOR EMPTY GLASS JARS FOR THE YOUTH GROUP TO BE BROUGHT TO ENGLISH MARTYRS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING PLEASE.

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 NEXT **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. The Auction will consist of fresh fruit and vegetables to be brought to the church on Sunday the 15th October and tinned fruit and vegetables which can be brought to the church from this weekend onwards

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVUy9aU1c5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

Prisoners' Sunday: Today is Prisoners' Sunday. PACT (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) supports prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. Anyone wishing to support financially the work of PACT can do so via www.prisonadvice.org.uk. or by taking one of the few envelopes in the porch at both Church and sending it to PACT. Please keep prison chaplains in our prayers.

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 Open Meeting: Monday 13th November at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall with tea/coffee and cake available from 7pm. If you have items for the agenda these should be given or emailed to Richard Merigold at richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk by Friday 10th November

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.

St Augustine's Holy Souls List: Please add the name of any deceased to the list in the porch. Please note; only those names which are not on previous lists. The Memorial book will be placed before the Altar during November

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 NEXT 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.

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

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU.