

WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 15th October 2023

TWENTY EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME



*For many are called,
but few are chosen.
Matthew 22:14*



Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL according to Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Diocese Prayer Link: St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent with Blaisdon.

Patriarch of Jerusalem: "The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis, We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death.. We come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation."



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 14 th Sept		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	Nicholas Clutterbuck RIP and Mary 'May Clutterbuck RIP
Sun 15 th Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Edna O'Keefe RIP
Mon 16 th Oct	<p>Fr Gerry is away on holiday until Saturday 28th October. We will have a visiting Missionary Priest Fr Francis MSP for all Sunday Mass on 21st & 22nd October There will be no Virtual Masses whilst Fr Gerry is on Holiday. Please see St Peter's website for Masses during the week www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk</p>		
Tues 17 th Oct			
Wed 18 th Oct			
Thurs 19 th Oct			
Fri 20 th Oct			
Sat 21 st Oct	No Morning Mass or confessions	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	Joe Donnelly RIP

No confessions whilst Fr Gerry is away at either church

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, 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: Mr James Balding and Mrs Mary Balding whose funeral service is at St. Augustine's at 12noon on Wednesday 18th October. Fr Donal Daly who died on Wednesday 11th October at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

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 in both parishes and on our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/sacraments> The applications should be 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 in both parishes and on our website at <https://gloucesteremaoc.com/sacraments> Please return the forms asap and no later than 29th October.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will be available 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 NEXT Wednesday 25th October 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 this Friday 20th October.

URGENT REQUEST FOR EMPTY GLASS JARS AND CHRISTMAS COLOURED MATERIAL (Ideally felt or velvet colours red, white etc) 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 this **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.



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: From 11am to 2pm. 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.

Mission Sunday Collection: We will have a Mission Priest with us next Sunday which is World Mission Sunday. The retiring collection next Sunday will go to his order. The Missio retiring collection normally taken on Mission Sunday will therefore be taken at Sunday Masses on 28th/29th October

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 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.

Church in Tuffley Refresh: Will be held at Grange Baptist Church this Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. The focus will have a missional feel and consider what it means to be Partners in Mission. We will use this to consider an opportunity to mission to our community together without favour of denomination, but to be brothers and sisters living together to grow God's Kingdom in Tuffley. All welcome

Church in Tuffley Time to Remember: Will be held at St George's at 3pm on Sunday 29th October. This is a service where we remember in prayer those who have died and those who mourn. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like a name of a love one to be remembered, especially if you are attending the service, then please let Marisa know at the parish office by Monday 23rd October.

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

Joy of the Gospel: In partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, we are offering a day to explore the ministry of catechesis. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. The date is Saturday 28 October at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. We will begin with prayer at 10am, refreshments from 9.15am and the day will end at 4pm. We ask attendees to bring a packed lunch. Participants can sign up for the day via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

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.

**ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM
WHEN FR GERRY IS THE CELEBRANT AT**

<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVkUy9aU1c5UT09>

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036