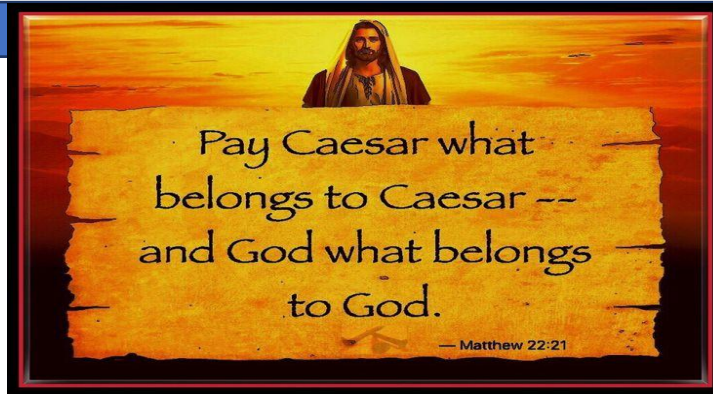


# WELCOME

**Newsletter 22nd October 2023**  
TWENTY NINTH IN ORDINARY TIME



## Entrance Antiphon

*To you I call; for your will surely need me, O God; turn your ear to me, hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

## Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25:1, 4-6

*I have taken Cyprus by his hand to subdue nations before him.*

## Responsorial Psalm

*Give the Lord Glory and Power.*

*O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.*

*The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the goods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.*

*Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord of glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.*

*Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations; God is King. He will judge the people in fairness.*

## Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Thesalonians 1:1-5

*We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.*

## Gospel Acclamation

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

## GOSPEL according to Matthew 22:15-21

*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.*

## Communion Antiphon

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

**Diocese Prayer Link:** Immaculate Conception, Devizes with Lavington.

**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

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S	MASS INTENTION AND LITURGICAL DAY
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	For the intentions of Ann Smith and Family. Eternal rest for Tejiri, Egba and Clementina Bakpa.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><b>Fr Gerry is away on holiday until midday on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.</b>  <b>We have a Missionary Priest Fr Francis MSP celebrating the Sunday Masses this weekend.</b>  <b>There will be no Virtual Masses while Fr Gerry is away.</b>  <b>Please see St Peter's website for Masses during the week.</b>  <a href="http://www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk">www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk</a></p>		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Morning Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	People of the Parishes

**No confessions while Fr Gerry is away.**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 5.45pm to 6.15pm at St Augustine's 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. **Names may only be added to the list if individuals or their legal representatives have given their consent.**

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr. Donal Daly who died on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Bristol Royal Infirmary. He was a much-loved Priest of Gloucester. He will be missed. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Application forms for children in school year 3 to 6 to make their First Holy Communion in 2024 are available in our churches and on our website. Applications should be returned by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. If your child is under 18 years old, is in school year 7 or above and 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 4<sup>th</sup> May at English Martyrs and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at St Augustine's.

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**Confirmation:** For children in school year 9 and above confirmations are scheduled for Summer 2025. Confirmations are not held yearly.

**OCIA, Reception into Full Communion or completing the Sacraments:** For 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 may be 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. Please return the forms no later than Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will next be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. 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:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October in St. Augustine's parish hall. The group will continue studying The Acts of the Apostles.



**English Martyrs Youth Club:** The next meeting is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. The club is open to children from both parishes in school year groups 7 – 13. It normally meets on the first and third Fridays of every month. Come and join us on. The current Youth Group Mission Statement and Ground Rules are on the notice board at English Martyrs and on the website.

***URGENT REQUEST FOR THE YOUTH GROUP: EMPTY GLASS JARS AND CHRISTMAS COLOURED MATERIAL ( ideally felt or velvet colours ) TO BE BROUGHT FOR 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** We will have several stalls selling all sorts of crafts and gifts plus a cake stall. Our Cafe will be open for lunches, teas and homemade cakes. If you would like a stall then please see Nora. 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 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.** 11am to 2pm. This is always a great social occasion with lots of stalls - tombola, books, cakes, bottles, and many others. Refreshments will be served during the day. Please add your name to the volunteers list, or contact Moira on 07751289118. We are always delighted to welcome to the team new people and new ideas.

**Mission Sunday Collection:** This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. We will have a Mission Priest with us, and a retiring collection will be taken. The retiring collection for Missio, which is normally taken on Mission Sunday, will therefore be moved to the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> October.

**St Augustine's Open Meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall with tea & coffee from 7pm. Items for the agenda should be given to Richard Merigold by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.  
[richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk)

**St Augustine's Holy Souls List:** Please add the name of any deceased friends and relatives to the list in the porch. Please, only those names which are not already on any previous list. The Memorial Book will be placed before the Altar during November.

**Church in Tuffley Time to Remember:** Will be held at St George's at 3pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 friend or relative to be remembered, and are planning to attend the service, then please let Marisa know by tomorrow, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**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. This day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this. It will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, starting at 10am and ending at 4pm. Please 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 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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. During 2024 it is hoped that there will be celebrations in each of our new Pastoral Areas

**Time for Secondary School:** If your child is in year 6 ( 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 you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority ( available on the LA website ) by 31 October, and also if you are applying for a baptised child for St Peter's Catholic High School, you also need to complete the St Peter's Supplementary Information Form ( available on the school's website ) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate

**Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester.** This is a local charity which provides friendship, practical and emotional support to families with young children in our communities. Parenting is not always easy, and to have the support from a trained volunteer is invaluable to many experiencing a difficult time in their lives. Our next free volunteer training course starts in February 2024, so if you would like to start the New Year in a positive way, have 2-3 hours a week or even a month to spare, and could share with someone else your parenting experiences please get in touch.

*"Home-Start is a fantastic charity and was there for me at a time of need. The volunteers are well trained and are really handy to have around especially when your child has extra needs, sometimes that makes all the difference. Thank you very much."*

For more details visit [www.homestartsd.org](http://www.homestartsd.org), or email [Enquiries@homestartsd.org](mailto:Enquiries@homestartsd.org), or call the office 01453 297470.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATIONS WHEN CELEBRATED BY FR. GERRY ARE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

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

Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036