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SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 29TH October 2023

THIRTIETH IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
Matthew 22:37-39

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Reading from the prophet Exodus 22:20;26

If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise; when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God, you are now waiting for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Open our heart, O lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 22:34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Diocese Prayer Link: The Abbey church, Downside with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-fosse.

We continue to pray that the world Leaders can agree on less war and more peace talks and Action.

We pray for all the helpless, sick, homeless, unhappy people in our parish and all in Gloucester. May our prayers be heard that some comfort and help is received for them. AMEN!



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 28 th Sept		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	People of the Parishes
Sun 29 th Oct	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	50th Wedding Anniv of Peter & Christine Donegan For Peace and the work of Missio
Mon 30 th Oct	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Myra Meheran B'day Intention
Tues 31 st Oct		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Teresa de Jesus Sousa RIP
Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation			
Wed 1 st Nov	7.00pm Mass Adoration until 8.30pm with Prayer and Praise	10.00am Mass	In thanksgiving Danty Philip Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Thurs 2 nd Nov	7.00pm Mass	10.00am Mass	All Souls Holy Souls Holy Souls
Fri 3 rd Nov		10.00am Mass	In thanksgiving to God for Jose- phine Miki recovery and Blessings
Sat 4 th Nov	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo Special Intentions of the Cavanagh Family for Healing Horm & Namkang Supvilai RIP

Confessions Times: English Martyrs after Mass on Saturday Morning 10.45am to 11.15am

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.**

Fr Donal Daly RIP: Fr Donal's body will be received into St Peter's Church on Monday 30th October at 6.00pm followed by mass. His funeral mass, with Bishop Declan as the main celebrant, will take place on **Tuesday 31st October at 12.00noon** followed by burial in Chosen Hill Cemetery. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday for car park duties, welcomers, making tea & coffee for attending clergy. If you can help, please tell Fr Liam or Fr Stephen.

Memorial book in the lobby at English Martyrs for month of November. Please write the names of any of your loved ones departed in, this will be placed in front of the altar at each Mass. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will be available next on 12th 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: Their next meeting will be NEXT Wednesday 8th November 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.

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 **to be posted**. 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: Will be carried out this Sunday.

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 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.



Please note:- Adoration of the Blessed sacrament will be now on Wednesday evening after Mass until 8.30pm, but you are welcome to leave at any time.

The next date is 9th November between 2pm until 4pm. There will be a list in the lobby to enable you to put your names down to watch. All are welcome if you can spare sometime to come in and sit and pray before the altar especially for this troubled world.

Newman Association: There will be a talk on **Tuesday 7 November at 2.30pm**, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. **Dr David McConkey** For more than 30 years he served as a parish priest and theological college lecturer for the Anglican Church in the USA, Zimbabwe and England. In retirement he has returned to the practice of church music as Organist and Choirmaster of St Gregory's Catholic Church in Cheltenham. He will speak to us on:- ***William Byrd: A Recusant in Queen Elizabeth's Court***. All are welcome Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

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, or email Enquiries@homestartsd.org, or call the office 01453 297470.

Offertory Loose collections: September 2023 St Augustine's 3rd Sept £214.25, 10th Sept £225.20, 17th Sept £234.74 , 24th Sept £114.50. Cafod £ 442.50. English Martyrs 3rd Sept £91.86, 10th Sept £118.73, 17th Sept £81.86, 24th Sept £82.30. Coffee morning donation £137.00, and Cafod £272.00.

Many thanks for all your support this all helps to keep our churches and communities running.

Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation. We invite any 14 - 17 year olds (Year 10-12) to come and join us at **St Johns Parish Hall in Trowbridge on 18 November from 10am – 4pm** for an opportunity to personally encounter Christ in, through, and with those around them.

The day will focus upon developing our personal and communal view of Jesus, in the context of new and existing friendships and social contexts through inputs, shared personal experiences, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In group settings, our young people will be led by young adults to recognise and share their encounters in Christ, and reflect upon the mission Jesus gives to them. There is a limit of 50 participants, so parishioners need to register ASAP to secure their place. Lunch will be provided. To register, or to ask questions, please email youth@cliftdiocese.com or call the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation between 8.30am and 4.30pm at 0117 902 5595.

Love is not just a feeling. It is an action. It is shown by serving God and others with our time, talent, and patience. In short, the proof of love is service.

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