

# WELCOME

SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY FIRST IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Entrance Antiphon

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.**

#### Reading from the prophet Malachi 1:14-2:2,8\_10

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

O lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever.

#### Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9-13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

#### 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:** St Stanislaus, Dulverton, Sacred Heart, Minehead with Watchet.

**We pray for the Holy Souls in this Month dedicated to them.**

**We pray for Pope Francis:** We pray that the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**We pray for Peace.**



# 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 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	Horn & Namkang Supvilai RIP
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	Deceased members of the Kennedy Family Kay Slade RIP
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Conversion of Souls to Know, Love and Follow Jesus' Way
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov		9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass	K.J. Joseph RIP
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov		10.00am Mass	Deceased members of the Withers Family
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Adoration of the Blessed Scarce ment 2pm until 4pm		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast Fr Gerry's Day off
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00am Concelebrated Mass for the Pastoral Area		St Leo the Great Deceased of the St Wulstan Pastoral Area
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Rosary, Mass or Confessions here because of the Fair	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	St Martin of Tours Deceased members of the Hancock Family People of the Parish

**Confessions times this week:** St Augustine's after Mass on Saturday Morning 10.45am to 11.15am and before Saturday evening Mass from 5.45pm to 6.15pm and upon request to Fr Gerry

**Please pray for Repose of the Souls of: Dave Barrett, whose Funeral Service is at Coney Hill Crematorium on 16<sup>th</sup> November; Rosina Philpott whose Funeral Service will be at English Martyrs on 17<sup>th</sup> November; Manuel Brazao whose Funeral service will be at St Augustine's on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November as well as for Anne Hancock who died recently. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and may the Lord comfort all those who mourn. Please pray 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, 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.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** This Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mass for the Deceased of our Pastoral Area:** This Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am at English Martyrs, Tuffley. All are welcome to this Mass which will be the first gathering our new Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan. There will be tea and coffee in the parish hall afterwards. Fr Gary Brassington, the Pastoral Area Dean, will be main celebrant. All welcome.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will be available next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. It currently runs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We would welcome any new leaders or helpers that might enable us to run more frequently.

**Faith Discussion Group:** The meeting on 8th November is cancelled. The meetings are in St Augustine's parish hall on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. (refreshments from 7.15 p.m.) The dates for the rest of this year are 22nd and 29th November and 13th December.



**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** Our next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday, 19 November** at 9 am. The idea is for children to take leading parts - playing music, singing, reading and offertory procession. Please encourage your children to be actively involved. There will be a short **rehearsal for the children after mass on 12 November**. If your child/children would like to bring an offertory gift suitable for Gloucester Food Bank that would be much appreciated e.g. wrapped sweets, biscuits, baby food or other baby products (but not perishables please). For more information or if you have any ideas, please speak to Fr Gerry, Nikki and George O'Neill or Flit Rogers.

**St Augustine's Open Meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:richard.merigold@blueyonder.co.uk) by Friday 10th November

**St Augustine's Projects:** Every year the Parish supports both a local and overseas charity. Proposals for 2024 will be welcome at the Open Parish meeting.



**English Martyrs Gift Fair 2023: NEXT Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 12 Noon to 4pm** 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. Thank you to those who have signed the list to run a stall or help. Donations are welcome now. Please leave them at the back of church. We need toys and games, bottles, books and gifts for the tombola stall. On the day we will need donations of cakes. Please do all you can to make this a huge success. Most of all please come and join us on the day for a delicious lunch or just a good chat.

**RAFFLE for St. Augustine's Autumn Fête:** Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses on the weekends 11th/12th and 18th/19th November. If you cannot attend the fête (on the 25th) then bring some cash to buy raffle tickets after Mass and support the parish.

**Newman Association:** There will be a talk this **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.

**Monthly LGBT+ Mass at St Nicholas of Tolentino Catholic Church Bristol BS5 0RE Next Mass Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 3pm** All partners and their families are most welcome. The mass is followed by refreshments and a social time. For life stream details follow the link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

**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 [equiries@homestartsd.org](mailto:equiries@homestartsd.org), or call the office on 01453 297470.

**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@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com) or call the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation between 8.30am and 4.30pm at 0117 902 5595.

**Cost of Living Statement:** Ahead of the Government's Autumn 2023 Statement, the Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released a cost of living statement which can be viewed at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk).

**Synod Report:** The Synthesis Report at the conclusion of the first stage of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality has been published. The document of some forty pages is the result of the work of the assembly that took place "while wars both old and new have raged in the world, with dramatic consequences that are impacting upon countless victims." The report continues, "The cry of the poor resounded among us, of those forced to migrate and of those suffering violence and the devastating consequences of climate change. We heard their cry not only through the media, but also through the voices of many present, who were personally involved in these tragic events whether through their families or their people". The report can be viewed on [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Weekly Newsletter Email:** If you wish to be added to the weekly newsletter email please send Fr Gerry an email. This week the email will have attached in pdf format the Newsletter, the Mass Readings for the 31<sup>st</sup> Week, the Wednesday Word reflection based on this Sunday's readings as well as the two reports mentioned immediately above. If you no longer wish to receive the email please also let Fr Gerry know.

### **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (c.324)**

The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about 324.

The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century.

In honour of the basilica, "the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World," the feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, "presides over the whole assembly of charity."

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