

# WELCOME

**SUNDAY Year A**  
*World Communications Day*

**Newsletter 21st May 2023**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face; hide  
not your face from me, alleluia!**

**A Reading from the act of the Apostles 1:12-14**  
*All joined in continuous prayer.*

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**I am sure I shall see the Lord's good ness in the  
land of the living.**

**The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I  
fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I  
long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days  
of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.**

**O lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy  
and answer. Of you my heart has spoken; 'Seek  
his face'**

#### **Second Reading of St Peter 4:13-16**

**It is a blessing for you when they insult you for  
bearing the name of Christ.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans,  
says the Lord; I will come back to your hearts  
will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL John 17:1-11**

*Father, glorify your Son.*

#### **Communion Antiphon**

**Father, I pray that they may be one as we also  
are one, alleluia!**

**Diocesan Prayer Link Cathedral church of St  
Peter and St Paul.**

**Please keep in your prayers the all the  
Confirmation candidates and their  
families.**



# 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 20 <sup>th</sup> May		6.30pm <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	John & Mary McVann RIP
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00am <b>Mass</b>	Vivian Newland B'day Intention Thanksgiving Daniel Ajay
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		For success in 'A' level exams
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	Alfred and Frederick Jojin Birthday Intention
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am <b>Mass</b>		<i>Memorial of St Aldhelm</i> Deceased Members of the Gray and Sweeney Families
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May			<i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</i> <b>Fr Gerry's Day off</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm <b>Confirmation Mass</b>		<i>Memorial of St Philip Neri</i> For those being Confirmed
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May		9.30am <b>Mass</b> 6.30pm <b>Vigil Mass (Sunday)</b>	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</b> Philip & Danty 23rd Wedding Anniv People of the Parishes

## Confessions times this week Saturday

St Augustine's 5.45pm to 6.15pm and upon request to Fr Gerry

**Please pray for:** Those who have died recently especially Doreen Domaille, who died on 28<sup>th</sup> April and whose Funeral Service will be at Gloucester Crematorium on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00am, for those who grieve her passing especially her husband and family and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Please also pray for the sick especially:** 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, Genevieve Robinson and Fr Gerry. **Please also pray for all The Confirmation Candidates and their families.**

**Please take your newsletter home with you.**

**Confirmation Mass:** On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Mgr. Liam will confirm 6 of our young Parishioners during a sung Mass at English Martyrs starting at 7pm. All welcome. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

**The Faith Discussion Group:** Will meet next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in St. Augustine's parish hall at 7.30 p.m., tea and coffee available from 7.15pm. The group will continue studying The Acts of the Apostles. The following meeting will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.



**English Martyrs Youth Club:** The Youth Group, open to youth from both parishes and beyond. Normally meets on First and Third Fridays of the month. The next meeting will be this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June; between 7.30 – 9.30pm in the hall at English Martyrs. T 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 parishes' website.

**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. 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. If your child/children would like to bring a small offertory gift suitable for Gloucester Food Bank e.g. wrapped sweets, biscuits, baby food or other baby products (but not perishables please) that would be much appreciated by GFB. For more information or if you have any ideas, please speak to Fr Gerry, Nikki and George O'Neill or Flit Rogers

### **Date for your diary - English Martyrs Summer Fete:**

Is to take place on **Saturday the 17th June from 12 noon until 4 pm**. We would like you to start bringing in items for the fete and leave them in the Narthex. We need good bric-a-brac, toys, handbags/scarves, books, toiletries and bottles (full) for the bottle stall. On the week of the fete we'd really appreciate cakes for the cake stall. Sorry but we can't take electrical goods or videos. Thank you all in advance for your continued support of our events.



**Date for your diary – St Augustine's Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by lunch in the Church:** This year will be **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** starting at 11am. Further information and a sign-up list will be available from the beginning of June.

**English Martyrs Coffee Morning:** Thank you as always to Rosemary Bernard and her team and those who attended and supported the Coffee Morning last Wednesday. You raised £134.12

**St Augustine's and Presbytery Grounds:** Fr Gerry has tried various garden maintenance companies to bring firstly bring the grounds back under control and then to continue to maintain them. They either don't have capacity or have not replied. If you know of anyone with appropriate insurance and equipment who might be able to take on the grounds maintenance, please let Fr Gerry or Marisa know

**Liturgical Ministries:** If you would like to join the readers rota for Sunday masses, then please email your name and contact details to the parish office [tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftodiocese.com) indicating which Sunday Mass you attend and would like to read at. Training will be arranged for all new and existing readers in due course. We intend to reintroduce Holy Communion under both kinds at Sunday Masses from the weekend of June 10th/11th. This will be dependent on having sufficient Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are willing to assist with offering the Precious Blood to those who wish to receive from the chalice. **All those who were Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion prior to lockdown are asked to contact/speak to Fr Gerry or your parish coordinator to let him or them know if they are willing to resume this role or not. Parishioners who would like to be considered for this ministry are also asked to contact Fr Gerry.** Practical and spiritual training will be provided over the coming weeks

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT  
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVhUy9aU1c5UT09>  
Meeting ID: 960 5004 5104 Passcode: 448036

**World Communications Day:** Today, Sunday May 21st, is World Communications Day. The theme this year is Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). Pope Francis in his message for this day says: 'The call to speak with the heart, radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth'. For the full text of his message and for further information please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk). The retiring collection at all mass this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Network.

**Solemnity of Pentecost:** The 6.00pm mass at St Peter's next Saturday May 27th will be celebrated in line with the provision provided for in the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal for an extended form of the Vigil Mass for Pentecost. It is provided to be a compliment to the Easter Vigil which opened this season of Easter. Following the penitential rite there will be 4 readings from the Old Testament, each with its own prayer. The Gloria will then follow and mass will continue in the usual way.

**Retiring Collections:** The following mandatory retiring collections will be taken over the coming months: Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund (June 4th), Day for Life (June 18th), Peter's Pence (July 2nd), Stella Maris – Sea Sunday (July 9th)

**Church in Tuffley (CIT) Litter Pick:** The next Litter Pick will be on Saturday, 27th May starting from Grange Baptist Church in Grange Road at 11.30am. The Litter Picks always take place on the last Saturday of the month and are a great opportunity to do something to improve the local environment and to get to know our fellow Christians too. The venue alternates between the 4 Tuffley churches and the times vary each month. It would be wonderful if you and your family (it's a great opportunity for young people to be involved) could come and join us

**Clerk to Governing Body:** St Peter's Catholic Primary School has a vacancy for the Clerk to the Governing Body. For details, please see <https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies>

**Ecumenical Taize Prayer and Reflection for the Persecuted Church:** Sunday June 4th at 6pm at Christchurch Abbeydale Gloucester. A retiring collection will be taken for OPEN Doors UK with brother Andrew.

**Clifton Diocese Pastoral Ministry Course:** The next course begins in September 2023. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. If you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? – then please do come to one of our information evenings which will be taking place around the Diocese in June. Here you will hear in more detail about the two courses on offer (one a diploma the other a Ministry Skills Course), content of both, time commitment involved and costs including the role of parishes to support those who take on either of the courses. Dates and Venues for information sessions near us are as follows: Wednesday 7 June: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham and Tuesday 20 June: St Margaret Mary, Coleford. Each session starts at 7pm, no need to book, just turn up on the evening.

**OVERFLOW:** Is the first national gathering organised by CHARIS England and Wales (CNSC). CHARIS seeks to bring together individuals, communities, prayer groups and movements in CCR, who share in baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and beyond. OVERFLOW is an invitation to gather in unity just outside Birmingham on Saturday 1 July in the Bethel Convention Centre. There will be streams for school-age participants and a creche for infants alongside events for adults on the main stage-parents must stay with children under 5. Doors open from 9.00 am, but the programme runs from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm. Under-18s attend free; there is a £12 charge for each adult. There is an exciting range of speakers for the day. These will include popular American speakers and couple Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, Bishop of Northampton David Oakley, and young people from the Ascent-the discipleship movement which is sweeping across today's youth like wildfire and raising up a new generation of passionate disciples of Christ. Bookings can be made online at <http://www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/>

**Support Rotary International and via them Gloucester City Mission:** Mina, Rosemary Bernard's deceased daughter, was a big supporter of Rotary International, having been a previous president of Magill Sunrise Rotary Club, and a Paul Harris Fellow. On what would have been Mina's 40th Birthday, her sister Bridget and others are walking from her memorial bench in Battersea Park, to her bench at Rococo Gardens Paniswick, finishing at her bench at Gloucester Rowing Club. In true Mina style, walking a very long way, with very little training, to just see how it turns out! The walk will take place over 9 days, covering nearly 200 miles, and it will start with a dinner, in London on her birthday (Wednesday 24th May 2023). If you would like to support this worthy cause please do donate whatever you can at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bemorelikemina>

**Become a Mary's Meals Church Representative:** Could you become a church representative and help bring Mary's Meals to your church community? We are looking for people to help share our story and be the link between your Church community and Mary's Meals. Please contact Katie Harding, your local Mary's Meals team member to sign up or for more information [katie.harding@marysmeals.org](mailto:katie.harding@marysmeals.org).

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland:** £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)