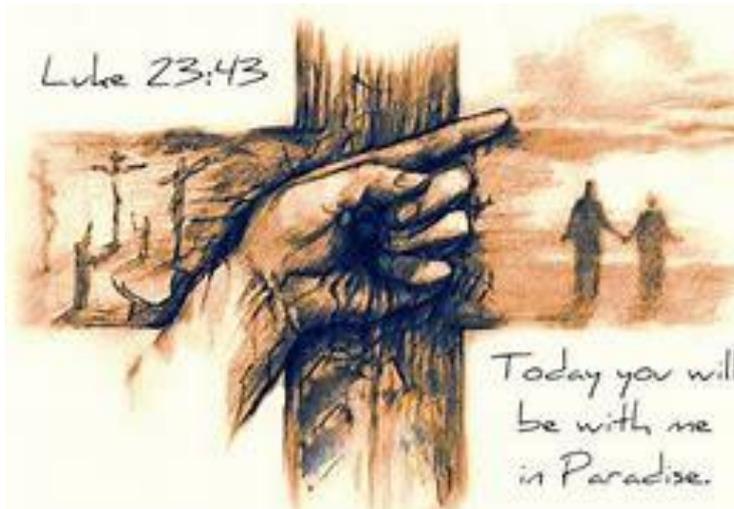


# WELCOME

Year C – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER- Month of Holy Souls departed Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading Book of Samuel 5:1-3

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**I rejoiced when I heard them say, 'Let us go to God's house'.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say;  
'Let us go to God's house'.  
And now our feet are standing  
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city  
Strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
The tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
There to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
Of the house of David.

### Second Reading St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20

*He has created a place for us in the  
kingdom of the Son that he loves.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who  
comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings  
on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL LUKE 23:35-43

*Lord Remember me when you come into  
your Kingdom.*

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord  
will bless his people with peace.

**Diocesan Prayer Link St Dunstan,  
Somerton, Holy Ghost, Yeovil, with  
South Petherton.**

***A DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.***



# 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 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov		6.30pm <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Eardley Rebello RIP
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00am <b>Mass</b>	Gerri Conlon's Intentions Denise and Betty Willoughby RIP
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> John Gerard & Edmund Patrick James Kelly RIP
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	<i>St Cecilia</i> Rosanna Varkey RIP
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6.30pm <b>Mass</b>		Marie & Keith Hill RIP
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov			St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions <b>Gerry's Day off</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov		12 Noon <b>Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Prakuzihiyil Family
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am <b>Rosary</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	6.30pm <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Denise Evison's Intentions People of the Parishes

**Confessions times this week:** Saturday English Martyrs 10.45am to 11.30am  
Saturday St Augustine's 5.45pm to 6.15pm and on request by contacting Fr Gerry

**Please pray for:.** And all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also pray for the sick especially: John Evison, Max Hall, 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, Maureen Rebello, Bernadette Williams, Teresa Kilker Christine Evans, Jan Donnelly, Desmond Woods, Genevieve Robinson, Roman Peacey, Rita Smith, Myra Merehan an Monica Evans



**English Martyrs Youth Club:** The New Youth Group, open to youth from both parishes, has agreed to meet on the first and the third Friday of each month between 7 - 9pm in the hall at English Martyrs. Come and join us on **Friday 18th November**. The youth group is open to all children in school year groups 7 - 13.

**English Martyrs Children's Mass** – Our first Children's Mass will be on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9 am. The idea is for children to take leading parts in the mass – playing music, singing in the choir, reading and offertory procession. Please encourage your children to be actively involved. 0-4 yrs are encouraged to bring their favourite 'cuddly toy'. 5-7 yrs to bring a cushion to sit on in the area in front of the altar. And all children are encouraged to bring an offertory gift suitable for Gloucester Food Bank e.g. wrapped sweets, biscuits, baby food or other baby products (but not perishables please). Please help us to make this new venture successful. For more information speak to Fr Gerry, Nikki and George O'Neill or Flit Rogers.

**THE FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP:** The next meeting of the St. Augustine's Faith Discussion will take place in the parish hall, at 7.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** and then on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Refreshments available from 7.15 p.m. All welcome.

**First Christmas Social since 2019!!:** Come and join us for a great English Martyrs social evening on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 – 10.00 pm**. Not a Music Night with dinner but a social with music! It's a 'bring a plate of food' for a shared supper. Tickets will be £2 for adults and only £1 for children to secure your place! See Nikki or George for details or Tel: 07976 958402 (Nikki's mobile).

**Christmas Mass Times in our Parishes 2022 (English Latin Rite unless stated):**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm at St Augustine's

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at English Martyrs

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St Augustine's Syro Malabar Rite

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11pm at St Augustine's

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at English Martyrs

Please note there is ONLY the one Mass on Christmas Day even though it is a Sunday

**English Martyrs Children's Play at 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve** - If you would like your child/children to take an active part in the play during the 'Homily' time on Christmas Eve, please let Lucy Pearce or Nikki O'Neill know as soon as possible. This year we need some confident readers to tell the 'Christmas Story'. All acting parts will be non-verbal and especially suitable for younger children. Rehearsals will start after the Children's Mass on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Parents please encourage your children to join in.

**Christmas Hampers 2022:** Christmas Hampers 2022 - All contribution sheets have now been taken. A big 'Thank You' to all those who have already provided their items for the hampers. If you have not yet brought in your contributions, please would you do so as soon as possible. Thank you. Once again many thanks for your generosity.

**Monthly LGBT+ Mass at St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol Bs5 0RE Next Mass 20<sup>th</sup> November @ 3pm** All partners and their families are most welcome.

**Time to Start School?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese, our designated Catholic Primary school for both parishes is St Peter's Primary Horton Road Gloucester. You may also wish to include or consider St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Churchdown on your application. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire Council from 3<sup>rd</sup> November, for admission during the 2023-24 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Newsletter Deadlines and where to send entries:** Items for inclusion should ideally be sent to both Marisa Wood and Fr Gerry, as they cover for each other for holidays or when one is sick, **by 12 Noon on Tuesday**. Items will be accepted as long as they are received by 6pm Wednesday, again please ensure you send them to both Marisa Wood and Fr Gerry. After 6pm Wednesday items may or may not be included in that week's newsletter. Items may of course be submitted early as long as it is clear which newsletter you wish it to be included in.

**English Martyrs Gift Fair 2022:** A huge thank you to all the organisers of the Gift Fair on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Nora Watson, Vivian Newland, Rosemary Barnard and their teams. As well as all the stall holders for coming along. Thank you for all your hard work and to all those who came along on the day making it another successful Gift Fair.

**ENERGY:** Please be aware our costs per unit are 2.5 times what they were this time last year. Therefore, from both a financial perspective as well as for the good of the environmental thermostats where we have them will be turned down and as far as possible outside doors will remain closed though unlocked rather than be left open when people are arriving for Mass or any other event.

**HELPING HANDS:** The saying goes 'Many Hands make light work'. This is certainly true in a Parish setting where a host of volunteers contribute so generously to everything from the Sunday Masses to cleaning. Without those who so generously give of their time we would soon notice the difference. St Augsutine's has produced a new 'Helping Hand's' Leaflet which is on the table with the printed newsletters covering all areas that could be thought of and giving details of the person you should contact. Please take one and seriously consider how you could get more involved with your parish! As the War Poster went: WE NEED YOU.

At the St Augsutine's Parish open meeting last Friday the following specific areas were highlighted where new or more volunteers were needed in order to enhance what the parish does and ensure its smooth running:

Children's Liturgy – Many parishes including English Martyrs have Children's Liturgy at their Sunday Masses regrettably St Augsutine's does not. It can only happen if we have volunteers. Could you Mum's Dad's consider volunteering maybe once or twice a month. For this role you would need to satisfy all Diocesan requirements for Safeguarding. You could gain experience at English Martyrs.

Church Maintenance – Francis Brown St Augsutine's Health & Safety Representative would like more volunteers to help to ensure we are safe and to do odd jobs on a periodic basis inside and outside the church. Training available where required.

Offertory collection Counters – Cash collections need to be counted by 2 adults on Church property at a mutually convenient time. Ideally, they would be counted weekly thereby reducing the time one would need to set aside. Please speak to Sandy Kinghorn our Parish Treasurer if you can help.

**Why is St Cecilia 'Patronnes of Music and Musicians:** Cecilia's connection to music is wrapped up in the many legends that surround her life. Much of St. Cecilia's life is steeped in legend, which is why it is difficult to discern between fact and fiction. What is known is that Cecilia likely lived in Rome during the 2nd or 3rd century and was martyred for her Christian faith.

One reason she is connected to music is a medieval interpretation of her life, as explained by the Catholic Encyclopaedia: "Medieval pictures of the saint are very frequent; since the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries she is given the organ as an attribute, or is represented as playing on the organ, evidently to express what was often attributed to her in panegyrics and poems based on the Acts, viz., that while the musicians played at her [wedding] she sang in her heart to God only ("cantantibus organis illa in corde suo soi domino decantabat"); possibly the cantantibus organis was erroneously interpreted of Cecilia herself as the organist. In this way the saint was brought into closer relation with music."

If this is true, then it appears Cecilia never actually sang out loud or played any musical instrument. Nevertheless, her patronage of music was firmly cemented in the 16th century.

When the Academy of Music was founded at Rome (1584) she was made patroness of the institute, whereupon her veneration as patroness of church music in general became still more universal.

Over the centuries she has been the inspiration behind many composers and her feast day became an annual celebration of music.

While she may not have been very musically talented, Cecilia now resides in heaven where she joins the saints and angels "singing a new hymn before the throne" of God (Revelation 14:3). (© Aletheia)

**Thank you to all who so generously contribute to music and singing in either Parish**  
**May you have a Blessed Feast of Cecilia and may she intercede for you and all you do for**  
**Music Ministry in either Parish.**

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