



Newsletter 31st March 2024  
**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

Year B



Alleluia  
He is  
Risen



Scan for English  
Clifton Diocese  
Readings

**Entrance Antiphon**

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia! You have laid your hand upon me, Alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia!**

**First Reading Apostle 10:34 37-43**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**This day was made by Lord: we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say; 'His love has no end'.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up, I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

**Second reading from St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4**

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. He humbles himself but God raised him high.*

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled. Hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign; Tell us, Mary, say what thou didst see upon the way. The Tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen, he goes before you in the Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord, Alleluia!**

**Gospel According to John 20:1-9**

*He must rise from the dead.*

**Communion Antiphon**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia! Therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truly, alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Diocese Prayer Link: Corpus Christi/ Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph.**



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## Catholic Schools for the Parishes

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

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[www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stpetershigh.gloucs.sch.uk) Tel: 01452 711200

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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 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8pm <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>		People of the Parishes
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.00am <b>Mass</b>	11.00am <b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving for Eilis and Ken Brill's 60th Wedding Anniv For those receiving Sacraments of Initiation at this Mass
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>		Phyllis Leer RIP
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		9.30am <b>Adoration</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	Eugenia Bocko Anniv
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00pm <b>Mass</b> <b>Followed by Adoration, Praise and worship to 8.30pm</b>		Gina Kwedza Birthday Intention
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> April	2-4pm <b>Silent Adoration</b>		<b>Fr Gerry's Day off</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April		9.30am <b>Mass</b>	Ronald Hancock (Sick)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am <b>Rosary</b> 10.00am <b>Mass</b>	6.30pm <b>Mass</b>	Kieth Hill Anniv Joe Donnelly RIP

**Confessions times this week:** St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass 5.45pm- 6.15pm

English Martyrs 10.45am - 11.15am on Saturday morning and in both parishes upon request to Fr Gerry.

**Please pray for those who have died recently. We also pray for those who mourn or whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please pray for the sick especially:** Brian Hutcheson, 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, David Williams, Teresa Kilker, Jan Donnelly, Roman Peacey, Rita Smith, Monica Evans, Patrick McGovern, Julia Brenchley, Kathleen Withers, Edgar Rebello, Ian Gough, Maria Oandasan, Alan Dinsmore, George O'Neill, and Maria McGovern. **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.**

**Thank You:** To all those who prepared or participated in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies this year in anyway. A special thank you to those who gave so generously of their time: Deacon Barry for his Ministry of Word and Service at the Altar, Moni Mitchell for playing at all the Easter Triduum Masses and Services as well as at the Easter Sunday 11am at St Augustine's as well as to the choirs and other musicians, Anne Houlihan and Veronica Hollingsbee for their ministry as sacristans, Ufuoma Bakpa for altar serving throughout the Easter Triduum, Karen Dinsmore and Marisa Wood and others for preparing the Easter Gardens and flowers,. Nikki O'Neill and Lucy Pearce for preparing the Children for the Easter Play at the 9am Easter Sunday Mass. Many thanks to once again to EVERYONE who has helped in anyway.

**Congratulations:** To Conor, Rafael and Willow who will be baptised today and to Don and Raquel who will be Confirmed and make their First Holy Communion today. Easter Sunday. Please keep them and all those preparing for First Holy Communion in May and their families in your prayers.

**English Martyrs Children's Mass:** At our Easter Sunday 9am Mass on 31<sup>st</sup> March when their will also be a Children's play after the Gospel and next on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Normally children at these Masses, will do the main readings, bidding prayers and bring up the Offertory. For more information speak to Lucy, Nikki or Flit. When there are Children's Masses there is no Children's Liturgy of the Word which takes place in the Church hall on all other Sundays.

**Youth Group at English Martyrs:** The next session is this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April in our Church Hall starting from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. As this is a first Friday this will be an activity gathering as it is every month. This session we will be making biscuits and decorating them. There will be no additional charge for this activity on top of the ordinary £1 session charge. The gathering on the third Friday of each month takes a café setting and all young people are encouraged to bring board games or anything else they would like to share with others. The Youth Group is for those in school years 7-13. The Mission Statement and Ground Rules of the Youth Group can be found on the notice board.



**St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group.** The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm The group continues to read & discuss the Acts of the Apostles. The following meeting will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's:** Will take place next on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April and then on 28<sup>th</sup> April. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

**Newman Association:** There will be a talk on Tuesday 2 April at 2.00pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Please note this is earlier than usual. Rev Duncan Munro is a non-stipendiary minister and a Councillor on Charlton Kings Village Council. He has recently completed an MA dissertation on the significance of E L Mascall (1905-1933), a leading theologian and priest in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England. He will introduce us to the life and work of Rev Mascall and speak on the subject of his dissertation: Nature, Grace and Glory in the Theology of L.Mascall. All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, Tel: 01242 539810.

**An appeal for help for the St Augustine's Summer Fete:** Sadly, a faithful helper, is unable to run the plant stall at St Augustine's Fete on Sat 11th May 2024! We urgently need to find someone to step up to run the stall on this occasion. If you can help, please speak to Moira Pratt or Fr Gerry, or sign the sheet at the back of church. Thank you,

**Children's Liturgy leaders at St Augustine's:** One of the current helpers is moving away from the parish in August. We would really like to keep the new routine going and therefore need an extra person willing to be a leader. It really is not difficult and we have lots of helpful plans available so you don't have to think of the ideas yourself! Also, if you would like to be a helper, then please speak to any of the current leaders or Fr. Gerry.

**Easter Offering:** This is your offering to support our Parish Priest Fr Gerry who is very grateful for your support over the years. Envelopes are now available in both parishes and you can also give on the Contactless plate Dona. You can Gift Aid your donation as the offering is used to support the clergy this adds 25% to your offering at no extra cost to yourself. Ideally Gift Aid on the Dona Contactless plate or online as this simplifies the administration. If giving by envelope and wishing to Gift Aid please use one of the Ad Hoc Clifton Diocese Gift Aid Envelopes available in the lobbies and mark it Easter Offering.

**Words of Faith:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening from 9th April to 14th May. See Poster or diocesan website for more details. To sign up for the course please click on this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde2gpj8pHdy\\_rbP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde2gpj8pHdy_rbP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration)

**Invited:** Is a diocesan course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, which will take place at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, beginning on Wednesday 17th April (7:00pm – 9:00pm). It will meet on twelve Wednesdays altogether (final session on 17th July) and will explore a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. The cost of the full course is £50.00 (or £6.00 for individual sessions). Visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/> for more information and a booking form. This is the course which was postponed from beginning in January.

**St Joseph Prayer Group at Prinknash presents:** A Day of Prayer for Healing/Laying on of Hands led by Gary Daly, leader of The Night of Prayer for Healing Team at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. 11 - 4 pm Saturday April 27th 2024 Prinknash Meeting Room Cranham, GL4 8EX. · Adoration, Benediction, Confessions and Mass led by local Parish Priest, Father Gerry Walsh. · Luke McCann, the leader of the Rosary at Belfast's monthly Healing Mass at St Peter's Cathedral will be leading the Rosary following Mass. Gary will be offering the laying on of hands during Rosary/Divine Mercy to all requesting it.

**The Bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25 May at 12 Noon:** And is inviting all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating a significant anniversary during 2024. Fr Gerry is aware of some significant wedding anniversaries this year and of course of a couple who are marrying at St Augustine's. However if you are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2024 please do let him know and with your permission he will pass your names onto the Bishop.

**Egalite Absolve Lourdes Pilgrimage Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024:**

This Pilgrimage is by coach from Cheltenham to Lourdes. All wheelchair spaces are taken however the Trustees are opening it up to Parishioners to come as helpers, self-supporting guests or those who need light assistance. The cost is from £950 and includes transport and full board on a shared room at the Hotel Astrid, Lourdes. Fr Gerry has been their Priest chaplain for a number of years and is going again this year. Please talk to him if you require further information or would like to go on the Pilgrimage.

**Offertory and Second collections for both Parishes:** The offertory donations go towards the upkeep of both churches and supporting our Parish Priest as our churches are self-financing. We welcome all your support and donations. Second Collections are forwarded onto the charity for whom they are collected or used as described. The best way to give if you can is via Gift Aided Standing Orders, forms are available at both Churches for these. Cash Collection in February were: **English Martyrs** 4<sup>th</sup> Feb £81.62, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb £81.51, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb £88.97, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 388.31 and donation £100, Leprosy 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £56.50.& Cafod £394.02. **St Augustine's** (Which include the Envelope donations) 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb £271.28, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb £372.41, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb £269.18, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb £285.54, 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection so far Cafod £341.65. Thank you all for your generosity.



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