



Sunday Year B
Newsletter 24th March 2024
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD**



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Readings

Procession Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest

Procession Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

Responsory on entering Church as Priest moves to sanctuary if there is no hymn.

Response of People: Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads, 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend?

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell your name to my brethren and praise you. Where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise, all sons of Jacob, give him glory Revere him, Israel's sons.

Second reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbles himself but God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on the cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The passion of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1,15-47

Communion Antiphon:

Father if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Diocese Prayer Link: St Georges Warminster.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: PRAYER INTENTIONS:
For those receiving the Sacraments of Imitation at Easter especially Willow, Rafeal, Raquel and Don at St Augustine's on Easter Day

For Peace and harmony in our troubled world.



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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 23 rd Mar		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	Merle RoseMeyer RIP
Sun 24 th Mar	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Holy Hour	11.00am Mass	People of the Parishes Con O'Keeffe RIP
Mon 25 th Mar		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	Manuel Brazao RIP
Tues 26 th Mar	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Ken Singh RIP
Wed 27 th Mar		7.00pm Mass with Reception of the Holy Oils	Alan Cahill RIP
EASTER TRIDUUM 2024 ALL AT ENGLISH MARTYRS			
Thurs 28 th Mar	Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet 28th March at 7.30pm		For Vocations, Deacon Barry's Diaconate & Fr Gerry's Priesthood
Fri 29 th Mar	10:00am Extended Morning Prayer Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 29th March at 3pm		No Mass Today Please Pray for the Holy Places
Sat 30 th Mar	10.00am Extended Morning Prayer Easter Vigil 30th March at 8.00pm		People of the Parishes
Sun 31 st Mar	9.00am BST Mass	11.00am BST Mass	In thanksgiving for Eilis and Ken Brill's 60th Wedding Anniv For those receiving Sacraments of Initiation at this Mass

Confessions times this week: English Martyrs after Extended Morning Prayer on Good Friday to 11.30pm
St Augustine's before Saturday evening Mass on 23rd March from 5.45pm to 6.15pm
and in both parishes after Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday Masses upon request to Fr Gerry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will take place this Sunday 24th March and next on 14th April. On other Sunday's families with young children are invited to use the resources at the back of the Church.

Holy Hour: This Sunday there will be a Holy Hour at English Martyrs from 6-7pm. The theme will be on the Last Words of Christ in Mark's and John's Gospels.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: This is normally celebrated 9 months before we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas on 25th March. As this year 25th March falls in Holy Week the Solemnity is transferred to the next available day which this year means it will be celebrated on Monday 8th April.

St Augustine's Faith Discussion Group. The next meeting in St Augustine's Hall will be this Wednesday 27th March and the April dates are , starting at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm The group continues to read & discuss the Acts of the Apostles. The April meetings will be on 10th & 24th.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places: With hardly any pilgrims going to the Holy Places in the Holy Land your donations this year are more important than ever to the small Christian Community who looked after the Holy Places.

Easter Eggsplores held at St Barnabas Church Hall on Friday 29th March from 10am until 12noon FREE! All families are very welcome. Any adult helpers would be much appreciated to help set up from 9.30 am and clear up after 12 noon but help during the event is also appreciated. Any children wanting to take part should be booked in by emailing: CYF@StBG.UK to book Helpers can just turn up on the day?

Church in Tuffley Good Friday 29th March Schedule: We look forward to being with our brothers and sisters in Christ for a variety of other activities on Good Friday. **1.00pm** Walk of Witness **from St George's** to Grange Baptists. 2pm Baptist/Anglican Communion Service at Grange Baptist Church.

Church in Matson Messey Easter on Holy Saturday: At Matson Baptist Church, Matson Avenue, GL4 6LA on Saturday, 30 March, from 10am to 12 Noon. Come and explore the Easter story by making fun craft all free to take home afterwards. Drinks and snacks provided For families - children please bring along your family and friends to join the fun! Please book in advance (so we have enough resources to go round) by emailing hilarypentycross@gmail.com

English Martyrs Children's Mass: At the Easter Sunday 9am Mass, on 31st March children will be doing a short play based on the Gospel reading and, as usual, will also do the main readings, bidding prayers and bring up the Offertory. If your child/children would like to be involved in any way on Easter Sunday, please join Lucy and Nikki in the church at 10.15am (after a quick drink and a biscuit!) to start rehearsals for the readings and play. Any new children to the parish are very welcome to come and join us. Rehearsals will start this Sunday, every Sunday until Easter. For more information speak to Lucy, Nikki or Flit. The next Children's Mass after Easter will be on 21st April.

Youth Group at English Martyrs: Will be meeting on Friday 5th April. The First Friday of each month will always be an activity – in April backing cakes and decorating them – there is no additional cost for activity Youth Group gatherings. The group also meets on the Third Friday of the month when it takes the form of a café setting and all youths are encouraged to bring board games to share with all. The rules of the Youth Group are on the notice board.

St Augustine's CAFOD Group Lent Soup Lunches: We like sincerely thank and to congratulation all those who organised this event during Lent and all those who supported and contributed to making the Lunches another great success both socially and as a fund raiser for CAFOD and Matson Together all told about £1,400 was raised.

Coffee Morning: Thanks to Rosemary, Ann and all the team for another very enjoyable Coffee Morning last Wednesday £155 was raised for English Martyrs Parish Funds. The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 24th April from 10.30am to 12noon. All welcome.

St Augustine's Vigil Mass Time Survey: Forms remain available in both Churches. This weekend marks the end of the survey period. So, if you wish your views to be taken into account, please make sure you complete a survey form by Sunday 6pm.

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***

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.

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

Egalite Absolue Lourdes Pilgrimage Thursday 12th September to Saturday 21st 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.

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 as 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.



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