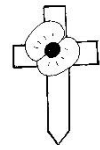


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SUNDAY Year A

Newsletter 12th NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME 'REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY'



Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My Soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second Reading of letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

God will bring with him those have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL according to Matthew 25:1-14

The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Diocese Prayer Link: St Dominic, Dursley, St Joseph, Nympsfield.

On this Remembrance Sunday we pray for all those who have died in warfare and for ceasefires and peace in those parts of the world currently at war.



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 11 th Nov		6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)	People of the Parish
Sun 12 th Nov	9.00am Mass	11.00am Mass	For the intentions of Ann Smith and Family Those who died in war
Mon 13 th Nov	9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass		Fr Donal Daly RIP
Tues 14 th Nov		9.30am Adoration 10.00am Mass	<i>Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i> Barbara Dias RIP
Wed 15 th Nov	7.30pm Refresh with Church In Tuffley		No Mass today in either Church
Thurs 16 th Nov		12 Noon Mass	<i>St Edmund</i> Mathai Chuunayammakbil Anniv
Fri 17 th Nov	12.30pm Requiem Mass Rosina 'Rosa' Philpott		<i>St Huges of Lincoln</i> Rosina Philpott
Sat 18 th Nov	9.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sunday)	Aiden McEvelean RIP Bill & Ksenmia Karas RIP

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 16th Nov. at 10am; Rosina Philpott whose Requiem Mass is at English Martyrs on 17th Nov at 12.30pm; Manuel Brazao whose Requiem Mass is at St Augustine's on Monday 20th Nov at 12 Noon and for Anne Hancock whose Funeral Service is at St Augustine's on Wednesday 22nd November at 1pm. 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, 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.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Augustine's: Will be available THIS Sunday 12th 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.

St Augustine's Open Meeting: This Monday 13th 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

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.

T@3 in St Augustine's Hall: Tuesday 14th November at 3pm. Join with other parishioner for a good banter and some delicious cakes and other refreshments. All welcome

Refresh: The theme this month is "The many forms of poverty in society today and how we as Churches in Tuffley can respond together". This Wednesday 15th Nov in English Martyrs at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Faith Discussion Group: The meeting on 22nd 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 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, 19th 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.

English Martyrs Gift Fair: Well, done everyone, thank you for all your hard work. The provisional amount raised will be announced at the 9am Mass this Sunday



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 this and next weekend 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.

Monthly LGBT+ Mass at St Nicholas of Tolentino Catholic Church Bristol BS5 0RE Next Mass Sunday 19th 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>

A Culture of Encounter – Synodality and women in Catholic Church: Is the title of a lecture to the Severn Theological Forum which will be given in person or on Zoom by Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ who is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus and a senior research fellow at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, where she is director of the Religious Life Institute, teaching Christian spirituality and pastoral theology. She is chair of trustees of the ecumenical Community of St. Anselm based at Lambeth Palace, London. She was one of four religious tasked with collating the response to the global synod of the Roman Catholic Church by Catholic religious orders worldwide. The Lecture will start at 7.45pm on Thursday 16th November 2023 at The Elwes Building Lecture Theatre TC014, The Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham GL50 2RH. Please email revphilipaveray@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom Link

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 next Sat. 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 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.

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

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 32st 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.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucestershire County Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**. If you can't find your child's baptism certificate please ask the Parish where they were baptised for a new certificate as soon as possible.

The St Peter's RC High School Choir: Warmly invites you to our annual Carols by Candlelight at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Friday 15 December at 7pm. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family. Tickets will be available from the main school Reception on 01452 520594 from 1 December. To reserve tickets in advance for collection on the door, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com Adults: £3 Concessions: £1

Have you considered leaving a Legacy to Clifton Diocese: Each year in the UK, about £3.9 billion pounds is left to charities in people's wills. Such legacies are now a major lifeline for charities. It is worth noting that for most medium and large charities bequests make up at least one third of their annual income on average. For example, for Cancer Research UK, legacies provide the largest single source of their income: over 36%. For the RNLI, legacies represent a staggering 64% of their annual income. Similarly, the British Heart Foundation relies on legacies which now make up 53% of their income. You can choose whether the legacy is left for the general purposes of the Clifton Diocese, for a particular purpose like the Priest Retirement Fund or for your parish. A new legacy leaflet has been produced by the Diocese and is available in our Church lobbies gives further information.

ALL MASSES AND ADORATION BEFORE MASS TIMES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM AT
<https://zoom.us/j/96050045104?pwd=YWsrTnVXVUJsL2dxMlVkUy9aU1c5UT09>
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