

New Life

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A Newsletter for the Parishes of English Martyrs, Tuffley & Saint Augustine's, Matson

Father Gary writes ...

Lent begins in just over a week's time with our celebration of Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. This is a day of fast and abstinence and begins our period of intense preparation for Easter.

As in previous years the Walk with Me booklets and children's calendars will be available in both parishes. Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Friday Lenten Lunches will also form part of our preparations.

There are also deanery-wide opportunities to grow in our faith through the Revelation of God Bible Seminars on Tuesdays in Newent, and the Life in the Spirit Seminars beginning this week on Thursday at Saint Peter's.

Within the Diocese we have the Rite of Election at Clifton Cathedral at 11:00am on Saturday 25th February. All are welcome to this event during which those journeying towards baptism or reception into the church, including from our own parishes, are presented.

Looking forward to Holy Week. The Chrism Mass will take place at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 4th April, and there will be a coach from our parishes.

This year the three main services of the Sacred Triduum will take place at English Martyrs, with many of the other events taking place at Saint Augustine's

Parish Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meetings for our parishes give everyone an opportunity to contribute to their life. Information about the past year and planning for the year ahead is a key part of these meetings and help Father Gary, the Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees in their work throughout the year ahead. Please make every effort to be present.

The Saint Augustine's Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 1st March at 7:30pm in Saint Augustine's Hall. Agenda items and nominations for the various posts can be handed into the presbytery or sacristy. Posts for nominations are:

Parish Chairperson (currently Mike Matthews)

Vice Chairperson (currently Terri Selby who is standing down this year)

Secretary (currently Veronica Hollingsbee)

The English Martyrs Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 15th March at 7:30pm. Agenda items should be given into the Parish Office or to Father Gary.



**Father pour out your Spirit upon us,
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Missio APF/Mill Hill

Brother Eddie Slawinski will be with us on the weekend of 3rd/4th March and will speak about Missio APF/Mill Hill.

Additional red box holders are always welcome, while there is also a need for more promoters in English Martyrs. Our local secretaries are Margaret Knight in English Martyrs and Ann Marie Lopez in Saint Augustine's.