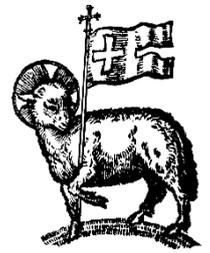




THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Corpus Christi • Our Lady of Lourdes • St Joseph's



THIS WEEK
1st Week of Easter

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2020
Easter Sunday

Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

1st Reading Acts 10:34,37-43

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

2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence See overleaf.

Gospel Verse Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Special Collection: N/A

Easter offerings? Normally, the collections taken at Easter & Christmas go directly to support the priest, but in this time of financial hardship for everyone, the diocese will be making special arrangements to support priests, so no Easter offering will be taken this year.

To donate to any of our parishes, or the Good Friday collection for the Holy Places, please visit corpuschristiweston.org/giving.



HE IS RISEN
Canon Tom Gunning

In crime fiction, we are presented with many clues and red herrings. We begin with the facts, then examine the clues, and then come to a conclusion. One of the facts that is not stated in today's Gospel is: Jesus had died and was buried. On Easter Sunday, Mary of Magdala tells St. Peter and the Beloved Disciple that someone has taken Jesus' body from the tomb. The Beloved Disciple enters the empty tomb and sees the linen cloths. If Mary's assumption were true, then why would the grave cloths be left in the tomb? We are told that the Beloved Disciple saw and he believed. What did he believe on this evidence? He believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. Today in our Baptismal Promises, we make a similar statement of belief. We say we believe that Jesus suffered death and was buried and rose from the dead. Our belief is based on the evidence of the Apostles and other witnesses to the Resurrection. Our faith has been carefully handed down to us and we pass it on to others. Jesus' death and resurrection is the central part of our faith. Through this saving action, Jesus has won life for us. Our Baptism was a dying with Christ in order to rise with him. With the eyes of faith, we see and we believe.

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EASTER 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 into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

NOTICE BOARD

RESURREXIT SICUT DIXIT - HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID! Have any of us known an Easter quite like it? But then, on the very first Easter Sunday morning, the disciples were in self-isolation, fearful to go outside (cf. John 20.19). We have been very conscious throughout Holy Week that the world has been sharing in the suffering of Christ during these times, and many experiencing loneliness and isolation - just as He did. Many have died in the last few days, and may they be with Him this day in paradise. But today we focus on life, and hope, and victory - Jesus Christ has risen, and conquered death forever. Wherever we are today, His new life will find us. Let us pray to be filled with this new life, and restored in our hope. It will be painful, this Easter, not to be able to worship together at Mass, and perhaps not to see our family and friends as we normally might. But let's choose to rejoice anyway, because the Lord is risen: His Resurrection has saved us from the power of sin and death, and He is present with us wherever we are, loving us more than we could imagine. May we, like those disciples on the first Easter Sunday morning, experience Jesus coming to us - despite the locked doors - and saying, 'Peace be with you' (John 20.19). On behalf of the whole Catholic community in Weston-super-Mare, wishing you a very peaceful and joyful Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS for Canon Tom's Masses (offered in private) at 9am each day this week:
Sunday 12th - People of the Parishes
Monday 13th - Maura Brosnan R.I.P
Tuesday 14th - Bernard and Mary Winifred Bray R.I.P
Wednesday 15th - Glen Briston R.I.P
Friday 17th - Aileen and Norman Bishop R.I.P
Saturday 18th - Edna Storey R.I.P

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we have to report the first death of somebody from our parishes from Covid-19. **Amar Dias** was a dear friend to many of us, and faithful member of the prayer group, but sadly he has died after spending several days in Intensive Care. We pray for the eternal rest of his soul, and the comfort and strength of his wife and daughters. We have also been praying for the repose of the soul of another beloved member of our community, **Pat Shields**, who died last week, for her husband and all her children; and also for **Keyna Footitt**, who died recently in a care home here in Weston (both not from the virus).

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes, this week for: the Rigby, Mackey, and Murphy Families.

CORPUS CHRISTI MAGAZINE Angela Clarke has put together a monthly magazine starting in April which is now available to view on the website. Just go to corpuschristiweston.org/magazine

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES As you are all aware, we are experiencing very unusual circumstances both here in the UK and in France due to the coronavirus. When considering any group pilgrimage, the paramount importance is the safety and well-being of our pilgrims and assisted pilgrims. With this in mind, Bishop Declan has made the difficult decision to cancel the Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. Anyone who has already made enquiries, will be informed.

HELPING THE VULNERABLE

MISSIO The parish secretary for Missio has received a letter saying that during 2019, the churches in Weston raised almost £4,000 via red boxes and donations. Corpus Christi parishioners donated £1,796.21, St. Joseph's £421.38, and Our Lady of Lourdes £1,654.83. A big thank you is given to all donors and collectors.

DOMESTIC ABUSE is on the increase during this lockdown period, with many people trapped inside the house with an abusive partner or family member. Please pray for anyone suffering in this way. If you are in an abusive situation, there is help. *For women:* WomensAid domestic violence helpline - 0808 2000 247. *For Men:* Advice for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse - 0808 8801 0327. *For under 25s:* The Mix -

0808 808 4994. For children: Childline - 0800 1111.
For the Catholic Safeguarding Service: CSAS - 0207
901 1920 or csas.uk.net.

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND Bishop Declan is the chair of the Catholic Holy Land Co-ordination, and has reminded us of our brothers and sisters there. He says: 'On top of the devastating impact upon the local economy [of the lack of pilgrims at this time of year], the confirmation of Covid-19 cases in Gaza, where the healthcare system has effectively collapsed, and people are trapped in the most overcrowded conditions on earth, points to an impending humanitarian catastrophe'. He urges us to support them by our prayers and, where possible, our donations. See: corpuschristiweston.org/giving

OUR OWN COMMUNITY If you know of anybody who is vulnerable or self-isolating, who may be in need of help during this time, please let us know at the Parish Office and we can arrange to help them.

More generally, the voluntary effort in Weston and across North Somerset is being co-ordinated by VANS (vansweb.org.uk) - so you can go online if you feel you can volunteer your time in any way.

FOOD BANK 'EMERGENCY' APPEAL Our teams are stretched to the limit due to space, the need to keep a safe distance and the amount of people needing our help. We are struggling to keep up with making emergency parcels - therefore we are asking if you would like to make emergency boxes. Each box would be identical, enabling you to order items and pack as many as you can. We can supply the boxes and a list of things to go in them: please email (rather than call) at info@wsmfoodbank.org.uk

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

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A MESSAGE FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

As we celebrate Easter, spring is beginning to burst forth. The life that comes with resurrection is evident all around as small signs of new growth begin to emerge on trees and in the ground. The world in which we live is beautiful, but it is also full of hidden and not so hidden dangers, which serve to challenge our faith and our beliefs. For the world to come to know the love of God, we have to say no to these things which destroy love. Instead we must spread Christ's message of hope and peace through our words and actions. In the renewing of our own baptismal promises, we recommit ourselves to living the promise we have been given and overcome all that takes us away from living fully as disciples of Christ.



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Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St Joseph's parishes are all part of Clifton Diocese. We pray for Bishop Declan Lang, and all the priests, deacons, parishes, and people of our diocese.

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