

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
3rd Week of Easter

SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

1st Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm Show us, Lord, the path of life.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel Verse Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Gospel Luke 24.13-35

Giving

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FINDING THE RISEN LORD *Canon Tom Gunning*

Today we discover how we meet the Risen Lord in our lives. We meet him on our life's journey, but as Christians we can meet him in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of Bread, that is in the Eucharist. On the road to Emmaus the two disciples travel from a position of hopelessness to a new hope, from sadness to joy, from the Cross that is an obstacle to belief to the Cross that is the reason to believe. Jesus teaches them that he, the Christ, the Messiah, had to suffer and so enter his glory. The Gospel passage also speaks to us about community and our need to share our stories about how the Lord is present in our lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus becomes the host who invites us to his sacred meal. Is St Luke teaching us that if we open our homes to the stranger and share our food and possessions we can also recognise the Lord in the stranger? May our eyes be open to the Risen Lord in our midst. May it not be too long before you can meet the Lord again in the Mass.



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MASS INTENTIONS for Canon Tom's (private) Masses at 9am each day this week:
Sunday 26th - People of the Parish
Monday 27th - Nuala Pluck R.I.P
Tuesday 28th - Gerry Mulligan R.I.P
Wednesday 29th - Maris Capino R.I.P
Thursday 30th - Anne Bessant R.I.P
Friday 1st - Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund
Saturday 2nd - Victor and Silvester Carr R.I.P

THANK YOU so much from Canon Tom and Joseph to everyone who kindly sent cards and gifts at Easter! It is so much appreciated to be part of a strong, if invisible, community, and you are all in our prayers. Thank you also to our parish staff, who are currently furloughed, and being greatly missed!

AMAR DIAS The funeral for Amar was held in Bristol last Friday, 24th April, attended by 10 people, in accordance with the government guidelines. The service was live-streamed to his family in India, and the recording can be viewed on YouTube (see the link on the website). *'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'* (2 Tim 4.7).

OLOL STANDING ORDERS Please could Standing Order Gift Aid Donors from Our Lady of Lourdes get in contact with Peter Mason, because the Bank details need to be changed. Phone: 07538 325056, or email: treasurer.wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes, this week for the well-being of Joshua and Lewis.

HELPING THE VULNERABLE

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS St Paul's Church in Walliscote Road has been designated as a hub for voluntary services in the Southward area of Weston, and are looking for volunteers (ideally with a current DBS) who would be prepared to do shopping, collect medication, or conduct telephone pastoral care. Referrals come from the North Somerset Council, or Weston Town Council, as part of the ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) initiative. Please let Fr Tom or Joseph know if you would be willing, and we can pass your details on to them. Many thanks!

HOMELESS The shelter is open for the purposes of cooking meals for the homeless, which are then delivered to them in their temporary accommodation by the YMCA. This means they can accept donations of food- particularly fresh food like meat and vegetables; or sauces, rice, and pasta; or alternatives for when there aren't enough donations to make a meal, such as pot

noodles or snack bars (most of the clients have a kettle, but not necessarily a microwave). Donations can be left at the Presbytery.

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.

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The story of the resurrection is the greatest story of hope, the true story of forgiveness and freedom. Two disciples of Jesus are travelling to Emmaus bewildered and confused. Why did he have to die? Was he not the Messiah, as they had hoped? They are also frightened. Will they be arrested for being a follower of Jesus? Bewilderment, confusion, fear - these are natural emotions when we are faced with death, trauma and the unknown. It can be difficult to hold onto hope in the face of such adversity. In this time of COVID-19 many people are struggling but there is also hope too. It is a hope that comes from seeing people coming together in a spirit of generosity and concern for the needs of the vulnerable and needy. It is the hope of seeing the heroic actions of those tirelessly working around the clock in hospitals and care homes. It is the hope that comes from a place of prayer and faith that, in the words of St. Julian of Norwich, 'All things shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'.