

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
4th Week of Easter

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)

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, 36-41

Psalm The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2.20-25

Gospel Verse I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my
own sheep, and my own
know me.

Gospel John 10.1-10

Giving

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LIFE TO THE FULL

Joseph C. Meigh

This year on Good Shepherd Sunday, we read the passage just before Jesus' self-identification as, 'the good shepherd' who 'lays down His life for His sheep'. In this passage, he says 'I am the gate', a gate we must pass through to reach eternal life with the Father. But a sheep can't open a gate - he has to have it opened for him. And in very simple terms, that's the Gospel: there was a gate we couldn't open, and Jesus opened it for us. We on our own cannot get to Heaven. No matter how morally perfect we are, we can't save ourselves. The only way is through Christ: 'I am the way... no one comes to the Father except through Me' (John 14.6). That, of course is why He came, and why He died: to open up the gates of Heaven. In fact, He tells us He *is* the gate, and He *was* opened up for us, on the Cross. As St Peter says to us in the first reading: 'Through His *wounds* you have been healed' (2 Peter 2.24, quoting Isaiah 53.5). The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Similarly, we are all called to lay down our lives: to model our lives on the pattern of Christ's, sharing His death and resurrection, through Baptism and through life lived in union with Him. The journey He leads us on will look different for everyone - what we normally think of as our 'vocations' in life. But how do we discern what our vocation is? The most crucial thing is to keep our eyes fixed on the Shepherd, and to listen for His voice each day in prayer. By following Him in the little things, He guides us in the big things, into becoming who He has created us to be. Because ultimately, He came so that we 'may have life, and have it to the full'. **To hear the full recorded version of Joseph's reflection, please visit our website.**



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NOTICE BOARD

MASS INTENTIONS for Canon Tom's (private) Masses at 9am each day this week:

Sunday 3rd - People of the Parish

Monday 4th - Martha and James Ngoba R.I.P

Tuesday 5th - Thomas Caddick R.I.P

Wednesday 6th - Gwen Ogden R.I.P

Thursday 7th - John Mather-Price R.I.P

Friday 8th - Paddy Courts and Peggy Townley R.I.P

Saturday 9th - Mary and Bob Blow R.I.P

R.I.P - Please pray for Bob Alford, Sr. Patricia Talbot and Mary Lawlor who have all died recently. Please keep them in your prayers. "May they see the light of Heaven" Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes, this week for the Deceased members of the Coombs and Roberts Family.

CORPUS CHRISTI MAGAZINE The May edition of the new Corpus Christi magazine is now available to view online: www.corpuschristiweston.org/magazine

CLIFTON DIOCESE VACANCY for an Office Administrator - Part time (24 hours over per week, worked 5 days) - 2-year fixed contract. This vacancy provides an opportunity to join the Curial team based in Alexander House, Bristol as an Office Administrator working within the Finance team. The role reports to the Diocesan Financial Administrator. The Finance team is a small but very busy team. Flexibility, attention to detail and excellent organisational skills are essential for this role. Salary and other benefits: circa £20,000 per annum depending upon experience. 33 holidays per annum including public holidays and a 5% matched contributory pension scheme. For full details of this vacancy and an application form visit:

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For an informal discussion about this role please contact Janet Parker, Diocesan Financial Administration, Clifton Diocese on 07751 258820. Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 15th May 2020. Applications should be sent by email to janet.parker@cliftondiocese.com Please do not post applications as Alexander House is currently closed. It is likely that we will be conducting interviews via video conference, so access to the internet and the ability to participate in a video call will be required.

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!

REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

When an ewe gives birth to her lamb, farmers will not release the mother and baby onto the farm until they are sure that the lamb knows the voice of the mother and will run to her when she calls. It is essential to the life of the lambs that they know who their mother is. Today, is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, a day which the Church designates as a special day of prayer for vocations. In the past this was always about encouraging people to consider priesthood or religious life. Now, however, it is recognised that there are many vocations to which God can call us. We are encouraged to discern what this might be, to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to follow where he wishes to lead us. It may be a vocation within the Church, but ultimately our own personal vocation is wherever we find ourselves at one with what God wants for us. Jesus has shown us the kind of Good Shepherd that he is - one who cares for the weak, the dispossessed, the sinner, the abandoned - and whatever the walk of life we choose, we are called to be like him, little shepherds, reaching out to those who need our care and tenderness.

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