

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK

12th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY **21st JUNE** 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm In your great love, answer me, O God.

2nd Reading Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Verse The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Giving

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Do not be afraid

Canon Tom Gunning

Jesus tells us not to be afraid three times in Sunday's Gospel. What he wants to re-assure us about is that we will face opposition in our lives if we witness to him. The Greek word for witness is "martyr". So we get the picture. In verse 25 of chapter 10, just before our passage, Jesus says: "If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul (ie the devil), what will they not say of his household?" We are not to be afraid to profess our faith. We are not to be afraid to live out the Gospel. Have Christians down through the ages always lived out the Gospel? Have they witnessed to Jesus? Yes, some have but sadly many were afraid. Can we be sure that we wouldn't choose to "save our skin" rather than risk our life in following Jesus?

Today's Gospel is not only addressed to saints and martyrs of the past. It is addressed to all of us. We are sent out into the world to proclaim the Gospel from the roof tops. We can summarise Jesus' teaching as "Love one another". It's a message that the world needs to hear. We can proclaim it by the lives we lead.



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Mass is now being offered online via Zoom. For the link to join us, please subscribe to our email list via the website. Mass is at 9am each day apart from Wednesdays, which is 6.30

9am Sunday 21st June - People of the Parish

9am Monday 22nd June - Anne Howard R.I.P

9am Tuesday 23rd - Robert Alford R.I.P

6.30pm Wednesday 24th - Mike Kemp R.I.P (anniv)

9am Thursday 25th - Father John Reville R.I.P (7th death anniversary)

9am Friday 26th - Maureen Baines R.I.P

9am Saturday 27th - Bill Lowe R.I.P

READERS If you would be happy to read at one of our Zoom masses, or sing a psalm, please contact Richard who is coordinating this at: rcashby@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ray and Maureen Chambers and also John Dorrington. Please keep them in your prayers. Also for Maura Hunt (Gerald Hunt's mother) who passed away on Tuesday the 16th at the age of 95. Please pray for Maura and her family. 'May she see the Light of Heaven' Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes, this week praying for the Magbanua family.

REFLECTION CLIFTON DIOCESE

Today's Gospel is full of consolation and encouragement. Three times Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid, not to fear. We are to be fearless even in the face of adversity because we are known by God, loved and cherished intimately. If sparrows are precious in the eyes of God, we are even more precious. If there has been a time in our history when we have needed to be courageous, it has been this time during COVID-19. For many it has been a very frightening period and they have been incredibly courageous. This is often what discipleship is like. There can be hardship but there is also the knowledge that we are passionately loved by God. There are some who do not know that they are loved. As disciples of Christ we are called to share the Good News so that everyone in the world comes to know that they are precious, that they are loved and the one who created them is close to them.

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE AT OLOL – If you would like to light a candle for your special intentions (1 week), please ring Maricris - 07577773452 to book an available date. The candles cost £5.00 and you can drop your payment off to the presbytery or through the Parish's account. Thank you

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE: Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for a volunteer to be the Health & Safety Representative. They need to provide safety for all parishioners and those visiting the Church, to conduct inspections, making sure that all relevant yearly checks are updated - there will be online training provided by the Diocese. Please speak to Canon Tom if interested.

PRAYER - ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRIVATE PRAYER

While many of our churches are now open for times of private prayer, it may be that some people would be grateful to have resources available to aid that prayer using their smartphones or tablets as we cannot make books, reflection sheets etc available. I realise that there are a number of useful sites online, such as Universalis and pray-as-you-go, but I wondered if some people might like to access the resources that were made available for the National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus.

Some of these, for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, are now collated under the 'Further Resources' tab on our Liturgy Office section of the website and may be accessed here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/>

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