

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
16th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 19th JULY 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

1st Reading Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Psalm O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Verse May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Giving

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Parables of the Kingdom

Canon Tom Gunning

We have three parables this Sunday which give us some clear teaching and encouragement. In the parable of the wheat and the darnel Jesus is teaching us not to judge others. We leave judgement to God. We are not in a position to judge others. In the parable of the mustard seed Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom has come in him but the true potential of his rule is hidden. Likewise, in the parable of the yeast there is a teaching about the hidden force of the Kingdom. Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world and is hard to detect. However, the Kingdom has come. Jesus has conquered sin and death. The consequences of his victory are in the future but we should be re-assured and not be discouraged by what may appear as the small impact of the Gospel. Jesus' victory is real in our lives of faith.



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NOTICE BOARD

MASS TIMES

Mass will be reverting to its original times prior to lockdown (please see back page for full details) and will still be offered online via Zoom. For the link to join us, please subscribe to our email list via the website.

PLEASE PRAY FOR James Joyce, a two year old from OLOL parish who has leukaemia (ALL). Please keep James and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Also for Cliff O'Brien who passed away on Wednesday in Weston Hospice. Please pray for Celsa and his family. 'May he see the Light of Heaven' Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Michael Berry R.I.P (Lovingly Remembered)

REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a parable of weeds growing amongst the wheat. The farmer decides not to uproot them but to allow the weeds to continue growing until it is harvest time, when the wheat and the weeds can be separated out. There are very few of us who, when we get things wrong or upset another, do not want to put things right. Sometimes, even if we are forgiven for our mistakes, we find it hard to forgive ourselves. We want to rid ourselves of our faults. At the same time, we can fall into the trap of judging others, of losing patience with those who don't quite meet our expectations. Thankfully God is more accepting and far more compassionate. Despite our imperfections, God is patient with us and as with the weeds, has no desire to get rid of us. What God wants is that we treat others in the same way, accepting one another's frailties, being patient and kind so that we all have the chance to heal and grow.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Another wonderful video has been uploaded onto Catholic Weston youtube byulie Ottley. Please follow the link on the email to view or alternatively search Catholic Weston on youtube.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL - DEC APPEAL AND LATEST NEWS.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which CAFOD is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on Tuesday 14th July. We heard at the start of lockdown about CAFOD's response to the global pandemic - a long term, large response programme. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, they are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex and evolving and so the response needs to be large scale and multifaceted. So this month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, they are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving. Whatever is possible at this time, they ask you to continue to pray for the communities hit worst by this pandemic and its many effects.

Everything CAFOD does, in every region, is different because of this disease. The challenges are enormous and ongoing. But any support is enabling CAFOD through the Catholic networks, to adapt and respond. You can donate on the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal website or send a cheque to: Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

WANTED! Volunteers to join the church Flower Rota. Any age or ability welcome but enthusiasm is a must. Several roles available and training will be provided. For further details please contact Sue Parrott on 07580783370 or email: sue.parrott374@btinternet.com

READERS AT OLOL

More readers are needed for the **Saturday Mass at OLOL**. If you feel you can help please contact Peter Hardy on 01934 824575 or 07713738433.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

OLOL – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Bill Little R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass People of the Parish			
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass All priests, deacons and seminarians
MONDAY <i>St Apollinaris</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Lawrence Jordan R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass John Quinn R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Ed Carpenter R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>St Bridget</i>	7pm	OLOL	Mass Anne Bessant R.I.P	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
				4.45pm	St J's	Rosary for Peace In the church
FRIDAY <i>St Sharbel Makhluf</i>	10am	CC	Mass Geoff and Maureen Thornton R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>St James</i>	12noon	OLOL	Mass Ann Coombs R.I.P	9.30am	St J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except for the 1 st Saturday of each month when there will be a Mass)
				10.00am	St J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Francis and Elizabeth Sarkovicz R.I.P (Sue Maguire's Parents)	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Brendan Greaney R.I.P (Death Anniversary)	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass

CONFESSIONS

Canon Tom is always happy to hear confessions on request or by appointment, but regular slots in the week are:

12.30pm OLOL, and **5pm** CC.

Sunday 5.40pm CC

Thursday 7.30pm OLOL

The glass door in the Confessional that separates Canon Tom from the penitent will remain in place as a means to stop infection transmission. After Confession, please cleanse with household detergent the kneeler, seat and anything you may have touched.

Please note that the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.

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