

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK

15th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY **12th JULY** 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Verse Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

Giving

To donate to any of our parishes, please visit corpuschristiweston.org/giving.



Parable of Encouragement

Canon Tom Gunning

There is a contrast in the Parable of the Sower between failure and success. Some seed is lost and some produces a bumper crop. In verses 4 to 9 Jesus is reassuring his disciples that his own work cannot fail. He often calls his followers "men of little faith". There was opposition to Jesus as he preached the Good News. There would be obstacles but the message would eventually reach many people and there would be growth in the New Israel, the new People of God. Jesus is a great teacher. He takes examples from the world of his day. Farmers sowed before they ploughed in Palestine at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. Some seed would be lost but farmers were undaunted by this. Jesus exaggerates the quantity of the crop to make his point. There would be success beyond our wildest dreams. We take courage today from this parable. God is working in our world. Despite many setbacks we trust he will bring us to the great harvest of salvation. We pray for his help at this time of so many uncertainties. May there be a harvest of good things for our world.



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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 Elmer Betorin (Merlinda Little's Father) and John Raffield who have both passed away recently. 'May they see the Light of Heaven' Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well being of Joy Ganzon and family.

REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

One positive aspect of the last few months has been the attention that people have been able to give to their gardens. The planting and sowing of seeds have seen a resurgence as families have had an unusual amount of time to nurture growth and watch their efforts flourish. In today's Gospel we hear about a different kind of seed – the seed of God's Word. Just as some of the seeds we sow do not flourish, so it is with God's Word, unless we allow it to take root in us and bear fruit. If this is to happen, we need to be open to hearing the Word and enable it to enter our heart. During this year of 'The God who Speaks' we are encouraged to delve deeper into the Scriptures. The more we do this, the more we will allow the Word of God to dwell in us and be the seed that bears fruit in abundance. Our desire to respond to the Lord in and through the Scriptures will be seen in our words and actions that encourage others to want to know Jesus and live by his Word.

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.

RED BOXES For those who have a "Red Missio" box from our Lady of Lourdes, please bring them to the church for emptying. If you are unable to come to church, please ring Eileen Nickels on 01934 514099 and she would be happy to collect it from your place. Thank you all for your continued support!

READERS AT OLOL More readers are needed for the **Saturday Mass at OLOL**. If you are interested please contact Peter Hardy on 01934 824575 or 07713738433

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

On the 15th July, we celebrate the memorial of St Bonaventure. (c.1218-74) Born near Orvieto, Italy, he became Master of the Franciscan school in Paris. At the age of 36, he was elected Minister-General of the Franciscan Order. In 1265 he was nominated archbishop of York but rejected the honour. He took a prominent part at the Council of Lyons summoned to effect reunion with the separated churches of the East. He was a man of gentle courtesy, compassion and accessibility.

CAFOD: Obviously the COVID-19 restrictions abruptly terminated our CAFOD sales before Easter. The unsold Easter Eggs were however not wasted. The Food Bank made sure they went to needy families with children and the lady who distributed them was alive to the real Easter message they carried. Hopefully a little evangelisation? Unfortunately though in consequence it does mean that we have been unable to send a donation to our "Hands On" project in Colombia.

Please, if you can make a donation to the special CAFOD Coronavirus appeal via their website:

Coronavirus appeal/CAFOD

Furthermore, if you were one of the many who took away one of the CAFOD boxes to use through Lent(remember that?) please leave it at the back of the church or in the presbytery. Maybe you could even add a little bit in thanksgiving for God's deliverance and the wonderful people through whom He worked.

VOLUNTEERS we need volunteer stewards for the weekday Masses at Corpus Christi and also any help would be grateful for the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish office.

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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>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass People of the Parish	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P	12noon	St J's	Mass of the Ordinariate
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased Parishioners
MONDAY <i>St Henry</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Brigid Jordan R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>St Camillus of Lellis, Priest</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Winifred (Pat) Charlton			
WEDNESDAY <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	7pm	OLOL	Mass Harry and Ellen Benney R.I.P	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
				4.45pm	St J's	Rosary for Peace In the church
FRIDAY	10am	CC	Mass Adam and Jadwiga Szanser R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12noon	OLOL	Mass William 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>19th July 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	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass All priests, deacons and seminarians

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.

THIS WEEK-END

We celebrate Sea Sunday and we have a second collection for Stella Maris - The Apostleship of the Sea.

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

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