

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

*THIS WEEK*  
17th Week of Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020**

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

**Psalm** Lord, how I love your law!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel Verse** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Gospel** Matthew 13:44-52

### Giving

To donate to any of our parishes, please visit [corpuschristiweston.org/giving](http://corpuschristiweston.org/giving).



### Parables of Decision

#### *Canon Tom Gunning*

We only find the twin parables of the Treasure and the Pearl in St Matthew's Gospel. They are Jesus' teaching about the correct reaction to the Kingdom or Reign of Heaven. We must value the Kingdom and do all we can to be part of it. The enthusiasm of the poor farm worker and the rich merchant are examples of how we should behave. Whether we stumble across the Kingdom or have spent our whole lives looking for the Kingdom we should appreciate that it is the priceless gift of God to us. Jesus compares the attitude of the poor and the rich in their search for God's Rule. The rich merchant had many other things in his life that competed for his attention. The poor farm labourer had little in his life and was more free to welcome the Kingdom when he chanced upon it. We ask ourselves: What is important in my life? Do I realise how precious a gift I'm being offered by Jesus? St Paul gives us a picture of the Kingdom in his Letter to the Romans: "it means righteousness and peace and joy brought by the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17).



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### 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 Masses at Corpus Christi, please subscribe to our email list via the website.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Madeleine Gleeson and John Stokes who are both in hospital. Please keep them in your thoughts and Prayers.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week the Prayer is for the wonderful memory of Teresa Rigby R.I.P

### REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

Many of us have probably had those moments of dreaming that we have won the lottery or winning a big prize in some other set up. Such a prize could change our life. But is this really the pearl of great price that Jesus is speaking of? At the age of nine, a boy was asked this question during a storytelling session. His thoughtful response to the question unnerved the facilitator who knew nothing about him. His reply? "My dad". A year earlier, his father, a farmer, unable to deal with losing all his cattle to foot and mouth disease, had taken his own life. The little boy's loss was devastating. He knew that no money or prize would ever replace his father. For him his dad was the pearl of great price and he would have given everything to have him back. This is a sad, but true story but it gives us the opportunity to truly reflect on where our own treasure lies. What is it that we would give up everything for? Jesus offers himself to us. His presence in our lives is the true treasure.

**CAFOD** If you have any CAFOD money boxes please either bring them into one of the churches or leave them at the presbytery.

Please donate to the CAFOD coronavirus appeal. You may have seen the DEC appeal last week on the TV. The message overseas is the same as we are familiar with. **Wash your hands!** But many poor people have no running water! **Stay at home!** But that means the family starves! **Seek medical advice if you can't breathe!** But there is none.

Please help in one or all 3 critical ways. **Pray! Donate! Petition (to cancel the debt)!** The websites are:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations>  
<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/>

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

It is hoped to restart the FHC programme for 2020 in September when school resumes. If Government guidelines remain the same for social distancing and gatherings, the sessions will be limited to 20 children per session in the Parish Hall and First Confessions and FHC Masses will take place based on the capacity of the church. This means that these may also require that we dilute the main group into three sessions, with guests limited to adhere to the social distancing capability of the church. I hope to contact parents with their children's groups and session dates in the next few weeks.

It is hoped that application forms for 2021 will also be available in September. All this of course, is subject to Government restrictions at the time. Thank you for your patience and understanding and I hope to release more information as we go through the summer term. **Alan Malone Catechist.**

### 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.

**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](mailto:sue.parrott374@btinternet.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS AT OLOL

There are spaces available for Mass Intentions at OLOL. If you would like to book one, please speak to Canon Tom or contact Maricris on 01934 627137 or email [wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com).

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are a number of Gift Aid Envelopes that need to be collected. They are at the back of the church behind the Font. Please collect them as soon as possible.

# 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		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Francis and Elizabeth Sarkovicz R.I.P (Sue Maguire's Parents)	9am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Brendan Greaney R.I.P (Death Anniversary)	6pm	CC	<b>Mass</b>
	11am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Amar Dias R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>St Martha</i>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Tony Callanan R.I.P	7pm	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Mary Anne Ryan R.I.P	10am	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	10am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Ruby Aris R.I.P	7pm	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri, Bish</i>	12noon	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Kenneth Thomas	9.30am 10.00am	St J's St J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month when there will be a Mass)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> August                      18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Helen Pomroy R.I.P	9am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Doris May Baker R.I.P	3pm	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	11am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	6pm	CC	<b>Mass</b> All mothers and mothers to be

## CONFESSIONS

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

**Saturday 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 WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund.

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

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