

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

*THIS WEEK*

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2020**

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### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**      Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10

**Psalm**              On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**      Corinthians 15:20-26

**Gospel Verse**      Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

**Gospel**              Luke 1:39-56

### Giving

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## The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

### Canon Tom Gunning

There is a story of a priest who went into a parish school and asked the children in a class to tell him about the Assumption. One child put up a hand and said: "One day the disciples went to look for Mary. They couldn't find her and assumed she'd gone to Heaven." We don't know the age of this fictitious child but we accept that the concept of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven is a difficult one to grasp. The dogma was only officially defined 70 years ago. In the Church document St John Damascene is quoted as writing that it was fitting that Mary "should keep her body incorrupt even after death". Jesus is risen from the dead with his human nature. Mary is the perfect representative of redemption and what we say of her is our own hope as we believe in the resurrection of the dead. Our second reading today throws light on the position of Mary as the first among the saints: " ..all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him." Mary the Mother of Christ, the Mother of God, belongs to Christ. She gave birth to him and was important in the divine plan. She is now sharing in the glory of Jesus now that she has been assumed into Heaven.



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Hilary Derrick who is poorly at this present time. Please keep her in your prayers. Also pray for Paul Simms and Kate Hughes who have died 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 Rigby and Carrick Families.

### REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

#### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We hear in today's Gospel how the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when she is greeted by Mary and she is filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary has travelled to see her cousin, Elizabeth, to share her amazing news that she is to bear a son who will be named Jesus. The joy of the two women is electrifying. Mary is full of praise for God who has 'done great things' in her. Mary's response to Elizabeth's praise is a song of hope for great things to come. God is at the heart of this prayer, a God who is to bring salvation to all and Mary is to be the bearer of the one who will bring about the justice that the poor have longed for. Mary's joy reflects the inner longing she has had for the oppressed in her own country to be released from their pain. She has given her unequivocal yes to God's invitation to her. As a young woman at the start of her life, this was a generous and selfless act of personal sacrifice. Mary was giving her body and her life to the world. What is God's invitation to us this day and in the week ahead? Can we say yes to God, even if that yes is costly? If we do, then we too will be able to sing of the marvellous things God has done for us.

**RECEPTION OF ADULTS INTO CHURCH** will take place at the 6pm Sunday Mass this weekend. Mass will be 15 minutes longer. You may wish to attend another Mass. Please pray for Ruth, Penny and Di as we welcome them into our Eucharistic Community.

**WORK** - There will be work on the pre-school, church and flats in the next few weeks. Scaffolding is in place on the wall of the pre-school which is next to the Baptist church and on the school side of our church. More scaffolding will be going up by the flats, 16 Ellenborough Park South. Some essential maintenance work is taking place.

### 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.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. For the past 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world, focusing on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of marriage. It offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the coronavirus pandemic, our residential retreat has had to be cancelled, so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a new energised video conference retreat. **The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is on the 26th and 27th September 2020.** Why not find out more at [wme.org.uk](http://wme.org.uk) or contact us on **0845 260 2016**. Please also see the poster in the church porch.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

You can see the latest video by Julie Ottley on YouTube under Catholic Weston.

**LGBT+ MASS** - A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ catholics, family and friends is taking place this weekend, Sunday 16th August at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Lawford's Gate, Easton, Bristol BS5 0RE.

### CORONAVIRUS AND VITAMIN D3

According to recent studies, Vitamin D3 appears to help reduce serious complications amongst coronavirus patients. It also helps to build up the immune system to fight coronavirus.

**FR. ANTHONY SAFFA KEILA** will be celebrating Masses from 22nd until 31st August.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 2nd August

**LOL** - £183.81

**CC** - £346.60

# 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>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Terry McGinley R.I.P	9am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Bill Little R.I.P	3pm	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	11am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	6pm	CC	<b>Mass</b> Bishop Mervyn Alexander R.I.P
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Tracey Nelson (ints)			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> No Mass			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> No Mass	7pm	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> No Mass	10am	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10am	CC	<b>Mass</b> No Mass	7pm	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12noon	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Edna and Basil Fuller R.I.P	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>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Merle Foster R.I.P	9am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Catholic Women's League	6pm	CC	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	11am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			

## 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

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

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