

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
26th week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2020
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm Remember your mercy, Lord

2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Verse If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32



Doing God's Will

Canon Tom Gunning

In today's parable we have a contrast between two sons who are asked to go into the vineyard. One refuses to do the father's will but later thinks better of it and does his will. The other says he will go but doesn't go. The first son is obedient, the second is disobedient. Jesus is addressing his words to the chief priests and the elders of the people. However, his words are also directed at us. Do we follow Jesus with "lip service", saying we are Christians but not behaving in a Christian way? What is the Father's will? Some biblical scholars have described it as recognising ourselves as children of the Father and living as brothers and sisters of Jesus. What Jesus is saying to us today, is that we must be active in our Christian life. Our faith is not just words but actions. What are we doing to show we are Christians?



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ralph Devereux, Richard Walton and Ann Walton. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well being of Joseph and Josephine Rigby.

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.

REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

In the parable of the two sons Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, to pronounce and to make statements. It is more difficult to give time, effort and attention. Every Sunday at Mass we profess our faith, a faith which through our Baptism we are commissioned to live out in the daily activities of our lives. It is easy for us to say the words of the Creed, but it will be by our actions that will demonstrate our commitment to working for the reign of God during the week. Jesus values a few small acts more than many fine words.

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS. - 29th September.

Pope St Gregory the Great wrote:...when angels come to minister to us, even the names by which we know them are taken from their ministry - Michael means 'Who is like to God', Gabriel 'Strength of God' and Raphael 'Healing of God'

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS - 2nd. October

The feast originated in Austria in the 15th century and gives thanks to God for the belief that he assigns to each person a guardian angel to guard and protect us in body and soul and to present prayers to God.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Well it may be a harvest like no other but we should still give thanks for the benefits we have. Harvest Fast Day this year is **Friday 9th October**. Please on this one day eat a little less and give what you save to benefit others. We take so many things for granted, just clean water to wash our hands, food to keep us healthy, a pharmacy to provide simple things like paracetamol. Please give so that others may have those too!

CAFOD MONEY BOXES: If you still have these (probably full now) please leave them with the collection plates at the back of the church. Remember that CAFOD desperately needs your donations to support the work it is doing to combat coronavirus in underdeveloped countries with poor sanitation and medical services. It also benefits us because even if we (supported by our wonderful NHS) are successful we will suffer from re-infection from poor countries who are less fortunate. You can give online via the CAFOD website.

STARTING SCHOOL? - If you have a child born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the schools admission team of **North Somerset Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic School, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of the **15th January 2021**.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR? - The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact Bill at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information. He would be delighted to hear from you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: It was hoped to have application forms for the First Holy Communion preparations for 2021 in September at the start of the new school term. Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions regarding the 2020 programme, the release date for 2021 applications is still unknown. 2021 applications may also have to be capped in numbers to meet social distancing rules if restrictions remain in place. Please keep checking the Parish website for updates.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): At present we are not meeting as a group and may not be able to reform for the foreseeable future. However if you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith please contact Canon Tom or our parish Administrator Tracey. We will then see how best to go through the programme with you

CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER GROUP invites you to pray a **Decade of the Rosary**, each day, for 100 days or as many days as possible. Commencing on the **Feast of our Lady of Sorrows**: Tuesday 15th September to 23rd December 2020. Let us unite in prayers asking God that this pandemic will soon end. Let us place into God's Holy Hands, the sick who have the virus and those suffering from its effects, for those who have had abortions, for the economic, social, health and wellbeing for all living in the UK and for the Vocation of the Priesthood. Thanking God for our NHS workers and Care Home Staff. Also that they will be protected as they dedicate their lives to looking after the sick and needy. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH MEIGH (Seminarist who was on placement with us from Sept '19 to June '20): Hello from St John's, Womersley! Thankfully, we've been able to gather the community again, after the Seminary (like everywhere) has invested heavily in hand-sanitiser and Dettol wipes! And as we're all in a 'bubble', but sitting apart in our chapel, we've even been given special permission to sing... which means I'm back on the organ, playing for Mass and the Divine Office. We're a small House this year — only 18 students in total — and our friend Stuart (who you may remember from the Readers' Day last year) has sadly decided not to return to continue his formation, at least for the present: so please pray for his continued discernment of God's way for him. The good news is that Thomas Lawes will be ordained priest at the Cathedral on the 24th of this month, Stephen Corrigan (the other Clifton seminarist at Womersley) received 'Candidacy' last week (the final stage before Diaconate), and Clifton has a new seminarist starting formation next month in Rome. So please keep all of us in your prayers! I'm missing Weston (especially now it's back to classrooms and essays!), but still so grateful for all that I experienced in the last year with you — so thank you again! God bless.

LEPRA APPEAL - Today 600 people will be diagnosed with Leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children. 'Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; with your support we can achieve this sooner. Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.' Leprosy were due to have an Appeal with us in March but it was sadly cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic'. Please donate at <https://donate.lepra.co.uk/LepraDonate>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Please could all parishioners be aware that the maximum capacity of attendees, in **OLOL**, is **46**. When there are members from the same household, the number can be extended to approx **65**. With anything more than that, we are breaking the government's guidelines. It would help the stewards, immensely, to manage the numbers more easily if parishioners attend the Mass by **9.00am** to allow for checking in and seating arrangements. Also, if numbers increase to an unmanageable level, we would be required to refuse entry. Alternatively, you could attend the **11.00 am** or **6.00 pm** Mass in Corpus Christi. In line with the Government's new rule of 6, please avoid being in a big group after Mass on the Church premises ie. the car park. You are allowed 6 in a group, all must be wearing a mask and maintain social distancing at all times. Bear in mind that the police force have been granted authority to take action appropriately. Also, neighbours are able to report breaches of the new guidelines.

VOLUNTEERS AT OLOL - We are looking for volunteers for deep cleaning after Mass, flower arrangements, mowing the grass and other maintenance around the premises. If you feel you could help please contact Maricris on 07577773452.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES BOXES - There are still a number of boxes of Offertory Envelopes at the back of the church. Please could they be collected as soon as possible.

CHURCH CLEANING - The church will be open from 10am to 11am on Saturday the 3rd October for cleaning. If anybody is available to help it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 13th September
CC - £331.47
OLOL - £361.20
ST J's - £191.00

HOLY PLACES AND CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND
CC - £348.12
OLOL - £186.96

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>26th Sunday of Ordinary time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Anne and Sid Howard R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass For the recovery of Machell Riley	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased of the Perrin Family
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY	9.30am	CC	Mass Holy Souls			
TUESDAY <i>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Reg Coombs R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Jerome</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Francis Philip R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	7pm	OLOL	Mass Ralph Devereux Intention	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Tom and Kit Sparling R.I.P			
SATURDAY	12noon	OLOL	Mass Ms. Gabrielle Patricia Igoe R.I.P	9.30am 10.00am	St J's 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
NEXT SUNDAY <i>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Carpenter Family R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intention

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.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence

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

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