

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

*THIS WEEK*  
25th week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in distress, I will hear  
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your  
sacred Law upon love of you and of our  
neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts,  
we may merit to attain eternal life.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Psalm** The Lord is close to all who  
call him.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Philippians 1:20-24.27

**Gospel Verse** Blessings on the King who  
comes, in the name of the  
Lord! Peace in heaven and  
glory in the highest heavens!

**Gospel** Matthew 20:1-16



## All given an equal share

### Canon Tom Gunning

I find it amusing that the Gospel parable of the Good Employer falls on a Sunday around the time of the Trades Union Conference in Year A of our 3 year cycle of readings. What the landowner does seems very unfair. Some workers have laboured for 12 hours and others have only done 1 hour and yet both have received the same payment. How can that be right? This parable is not about the correct hourly pay. It's a parable about God's generosity and his willingness to invite all people into his Kingdom. We can allegorise the parable and see the first group of workers as representatives of the Scribes and Pharisees. We then see the second group as representatives of the Tax Collectors and Public Sinners. Through the parable Jesus is teaching the people that his love is for all people. All are welcome in the kingdom, the pious and the sinner. Whoever answers the call of Jesus to enter the Vineyard or Kingdom may have the same reward of eternal life.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Carmel Thomas who is going into hospital for an operation on Wednesday 23rd September.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we lovingly remember John and Harold Day R.I.P

### 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.

### 24th SEPTEMBER - OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In the 12th century, Walsingham was one of the four main shrines in Christendom. England was known as Mary's Dowry and Walsingham was its Little Nazareth. In 1061, Our Lady appeared in a vision to Richeldis de Faverches and showed her the house where the Annunciation had taken place. Richeldis was requested to build a similar house at Walsingham. At the end of the 19th century, Charlotte Boyd, an Anglican convert, bought the disused 14th century Slipper Chapel, restored it and donated it to the Benedictines of Downside. On the 19th August 1934 the chapel was formally consecrated as the National Catholic Shrine to Our Lady.

**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@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftodiocese.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.

**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** (Seminarian who was on placement with us last year): 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 seminarian at Womersley) received 'Candidacy' last week (the final stage before Diaconate), and Clifton has a new seminarian 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.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK** - On Monday 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as last year this country saw the highest number of abortions ever. For details of our live saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER : new online experience for marriage enrichment!** 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. Focused 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 retreats have had to be cancelled so we are reaching out to couples who want to deepen their relationship by offering a newly energised video conference retreat. **The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26 & 27 September 2020, why not find out more at [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact us on 0845 260 2016.**

**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.' Lepra 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**. 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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - 6th September  
CC - £401.96  
**OLOL** - £293.59  
**ST J's** - £76.00

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

LOLO – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary time</i>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Bob Layden R.I.P	<b>9am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Maureen Lowe R.I.P	<b>3pm</b>	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	<b>11am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Feast of St. Matthew</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Christina O'Neill R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> GCSE's Exams			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Carmel Thomas (sick)	<b>7pm</b>	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>7pm</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Teresa's Intentions	<b>10am</b>	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Requiem Mass of Hilary Derrick			
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Memorial of St's Cosmas and Damian</i>	<b>12noon</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Marion Lawrence R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	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>10.00am</b>	St J's	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>26th<sup>h</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Anne and Sid Howard R.I.P	<b>9am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> For the recovery of Machell Riley	<b>6pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Deceased of the Perrin Family
	<b>11am</b>	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** OLOLO, and **5pm** CC. **Sunday 5.40pm** CC  
**Thursday 7.30pm** OLOLO

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.**