

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
23rd week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2020
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

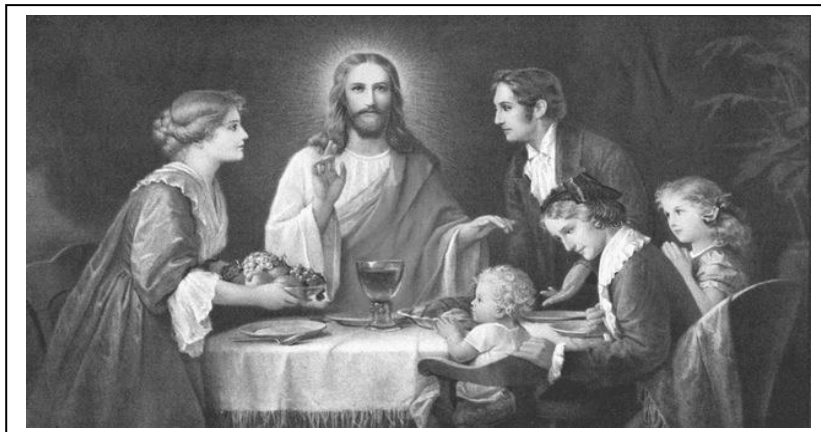
2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Verse Your word is truth, O Lord, Consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Giving

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



Responsibility for others

Canon Tom Gunning

This Sunday's Gospel is a difficult one. Does it contradict Jesus' other teaching about removing the plank from your own eye before you remove the splinter from someone else's eye? Chapter 18 in St Matthew's Gospel is about the Church and the behaviour of Christians. We like to speak about the faults of others. Here Jesus is asking us to speak with others about their faults. We're not preaching to them. In the previous verses in chapter 18 we read about the parable of the lost sheep. We might interpret this as Jesus seeking out the lost member of the community. These verses that we're given today imply that we should be the ones who bring back the lost sheep, those members of the Church who have gone astray. This is a difficult task and must be done with sensitivity and out of love for that member of our community whom we don't want to be lost.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick of our parishes especially John Dorrington, and all our families and friends. Please also pray for those who care for them.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Erin Ganzon for her exam results.

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

When we are hurt or angry, we can use silence both as a shield and a weapon. Afraid to say the wrong thing, afraid of causing more hurt, we can sit and fester. But silence is the enemy of peace. Jesus reminds us of the need to seek reconciliation. It is often difficult to take that first step, to be the one to start the conversation especially if we are the one in the wrong; but if we have the spirit of generosity and willingness to listen to the other, the process of healing can begin. If, on the other hand we continue to meet with hostility, we are encouraged to seek the help of others to try and bring about peace. Without this peace and reconciliation, the situation will remain bound. In other words we have to do everything we can to resolve the problem. Perhaps in our own life we have a situation which is causing pain either for ourselves or another. Do we need to take that step? Let us ask God for the courage and the willingness to reach out and begin the process.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 23rd August

CC - 504.62

LOL - £327.75

ST J's - £74.10

PARISH MAGAZINE - We are looking at giving the Parish Magazine a new name and would appreciate some ideas. Please email the parish office: wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com or leave details in Angela Clarke's pigeon hole.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) our sessions came to an untimely end just before Easter when 'lockdown' happened so it was very joyful to celebrate with our Candidates from all our churches when they were received into the Church on the 16th August. At present it is not clear how we shall move forward with the next series. 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 and we will see what can be arranged.

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.

FR. TOM DUBOIS - will be going on sabbatical for one year from the 27th September. Fr. Richard Elson will become the new parish priest for St. Francis, Nailsea and St. Joseph's Portishead in October. Fr. Tom will move to another parish on his return from France. The Deanery wishes him a fruitful and prayerful time with the Notre Dame de Vie community.

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>23rd Sunday of Ordinary time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Kenneth King R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Jeffrey Woodard R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass Eric and May Judd R.I.P	6pm	CC	Mass Douglas and Rita Stevens R.I.P
MONDAY	9.30am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
TUESDAY <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Rosemary Chitemerere R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Saint Peter Claver</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Deirdre McLoughlin	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY	7pm	OLOL	Mass Freddie Price R.I.P	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY	10am	CC	Mass Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	12noon	OLOL	Mass John Lough 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>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Joyce Family	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Thanksgiving Mass to the Sacred Heart and Virgin Mary for helping through an operation	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased Parishioners R.I.P
	11am	CC	Mass 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.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the **Holy Places of Palestine**

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

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