

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**Ordinary Time Week 4**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### Collect

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel Verse** The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

**Gospel** Mark 1:14-20



### WHO IS JESUS?

#### Canon Tom Gunning

In this Sunday's Gospel passage we see Jesus giving the homily in the synagogue and casting out an unclean spirit. The people react with astonishment wondering what all this meant. We the reader and the listener know who Jesus is. The unclean spirit also knows that Jesus is the Holy One of God. In sharp contrast to the legalistic homilies of the Scribes, Jesus is seen to have a prophetic voice i.e. he speaks for God. He is authoritative in what he says. We know why but the people are left wondering. Do they think of him as the prophet promised by Moses in our first reading?

At the time of Jesus illness and particularly mental illness was generally attributed to the influence of or to possession by demonic spirits. Jesus is able to cast out the unclean or evil spirit with a word. This demonstrates that Jesus has come to conquer evil and free us from sin. In this action and in his preaching we see Jesus' true nature. He is fully human but he is also fully divine.

As we battle with the physical evil of the Corona Virus we implore Jesus to cast out this disease from our world. However, we are reminded of the words of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila): "Christ has no body now but yours." We pray that Jesus may work through doctors, nurses and scientists to defeat the evil of illness in its many forms. May Jesus work also through us to bring healing to our world.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Ann Lewis who passed away last Monday. Ann had been the sacristan at OLOL. Also Allan Paver who passed away last Tuesday. Allan was the Chair of the Governing Body for The Holy Trinity Federation (Corpus Christi, Weston and St. Joseph's Burnham) 'May they see the Light of Heaven. Amen'. Please also pray for Margaret Barraclough who is in hospital.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Mervyn Reginald Ind RIP & For the Intentions of Maggie and families and friends.

### **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.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)** - At present we are not meeting as a group and may not be able to meet 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.

**FOODBANK CC AND OLOL** - If anyone would like to contribute any food items to the Foodbank, there is a box in the Narthex in both churches. If you prefer to give financial help, Barbara is still accepting envelopes and will then purchase the items needed and take them to the Foodbank. Thank you.

**PROPERTY REQUIRED** - Four bedroom property required by a local family to rent. Please contact Canon Tom.

**MORE CLEANERS AND STEWARDS NEEDED** - To clean benches after each Mass and to make sure parishioners are wearing masks and sanitising their hands on entry and exit from the church. Please see Canon Tom or contact the Parish Office to give your name and state which Mass you attend.

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS** - The Syro-Malabar Community are pleased to announce that they will be restarting their Masses from the 7th February 2021.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES** - To celebrate our Patronal Feast on Thursday 11th February, the celebration of the Mass at 7pm will be preceded with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm and Rosary at 6:30pm. If you are unable to come, please join us through Live Stream via "Youtube Catholic Weston"

**VACANCY FOR TWO SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** - Safeguarding is a very important issue in the Catholic Church and therefore each parish have safeguarding representatives whose roles are to act as a liaison between the parish and the safeguarding office in Alexander House. The local representatives are responsible for the D.B.S applications for volunteers who are applying to work alongside children and vulnerable adults. The representatives are also there to support any individual who is making a complaint of abuse, assaults or similar. The representatives take the initial steps and then the safeguarding office are involved and deal with the matter. Please contact Canon Tom.

**COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR** - Clifton Diocese are 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. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

**A PRAYER FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK** - *"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us"*

**DONATION OF CLEANING MATERIALS** - A very big thank you for the donation of cleaning materials to help clean and keep open our church. Thank you.

**AMAZON SMILE** - It seems that nearly everyone shops at Amazon. If that includes you, just register with Amazon Smile - [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) - and use that to continue your Amazon shop as normal. This generates a donation from Amazon to Life every time you shop if you select us (Life 2009) as your chosen charity.

**CHARITY DONATIONS AT OLOL** – A massive thank you to all our parishioners for your generosity. We have raised an impressive £710.00, during the lockdown, late last year. Monies raised have been split and given to the following charities; Somewhere to Go (WSM), Mary's Meal, Sight Savers, PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust, St. Elizabeth Convent. It is your continued support that sustains our mission and makes all the difference.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 31st January 2021** - “Ethnic minorities have suffered disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating a systemic problem with racial injustice in our society. Racism is a sin and violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church. Every single one of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission. It is not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of the Holy Father: “This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities - what we value, what we want, what we seek - and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new”. “Bishop Paul McAleenan.

**THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT invites you to “Global Healing.”** - In 2015, Pope Francis published his groundbreaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource “Global Healing”. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis’ call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. The series is six Thursday evenings from **18 February – 25 March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm** To register please email: [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global). It is hosted by GCCM *Laudato Si'* Animators in the UK.

**NOVENA** - If you wish to pray for 9 days of Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes from 2nd February to the 11th February, in preparation for our Patronal Feast Day, please take the prayer booklet from the Narthex.

**WORLD LEPROSY DAY - Sunday 31st January** - Please pray for the work of Lepra.

**WELCOME THE STRANGER - Celebrating the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita - 8th February 2021 5.00 - 6.30pm** - All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73jzxcgOQNhsGHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENjRJV1EyQVdGU0ZFWEpFNFhQVCQlQCN0PWcu> or emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK - Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain** - A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**READY, STEADY CENSUS** - The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across **Weston-super-Mare** will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk).

**OUR PARISH LIFE** - The February Parish Magazine is now available to view at: [corpuschristiweston.org/magazine](http://corpuschristiweston.org/magazine). There are also some at the back of the church in CC and OLOL.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Valerie Picken (Birthday)	<b>9am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Kathleen Armitage R.I.P	<b>6pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Marek Madej R.I.P
	<b>11.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Malivilla Antony Stephen R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Imelda Collins R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar, Bishops</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Debbie Middlecote R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Gordon Les R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin.</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Richel Planta (Birthday)	<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions</i>	<b>12.00noon</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Margaret and William Castro R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	St. J's St. J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Arthur Swift R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Tim and Breda Dooley (ints)	<b>3.00pm</b>	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>6.00pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Douglas and Rita Stevens R.I.P

## 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 anything you may have touched.

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 17th January 2021**  
CC - £271.96 - OLOL £130.40

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