

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**Ordinary Time Week 2**

**SUNDAY 17th January 2021**  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
And shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the  
pleading of your people and bestow your peace  
on our times.

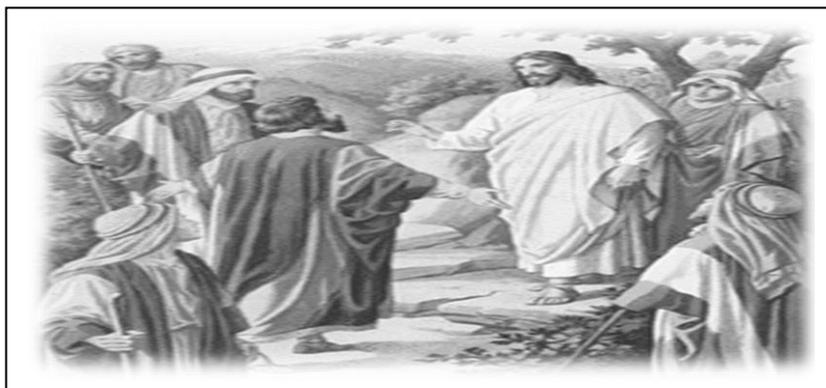
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**      1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

**Psalm**              Here I am, Lord!  
I come to do your will.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**      1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20.

**Gospel Verse**      We have found the Messiah –  
which means the Christ -  
grace and truth have come  
through him.

**Gospel**              John 1: 35-42



## WHAT DO YOU WANT?

### Canon Tom Gunning

Jesus asks Andrew and another of John the Baptist's disciples "What do you want?" in our Gospel passage today. They answer "Where do you live?" And then they're told to come and see. Jesus' question can be addressed to us. What are we looking for in our lives? Do we know? Did Andrew and his friend really only want to know where Jesus lived? Perhaps they didn't have a ready answer about what they wanted in life. Jesus invited them and he invites us to come to him and believe in him, for we say seeing is believing. Once we have come to belief in Jesus then our main goal in life is to remain in his presence. From this standpoint we begin to see what we want in life. We want to do God's will. To find out what this is we say with Samuel "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". We want to be happy. We want others to be happy and have what they need in life. We want justice and fairness. We need to ask for what we want. However, sometimes God replies that we can achieve these tasks ourselves. These are the things he wants us to do.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Noreen Ward, Brian Cotter Vinah Bell (Vera Dorothy Davidia) Valerie Picken and Chris Simpson. Please keep them all and anybody else who is sick in your prayers.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray in thanksgiving and for the recovery of Jessica Bond.

### **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.

**ARCHBISHOP PHILIP TARTAGLIA R.I.P** - Please pray for Archbishop Philip Tartaglia who died recently aged 70 having contracted COVID-19. Please pray for his family and the archdiocese of Glasgow.

**REQUIEM MASS** - The 10am Mass on Friday the 22nd January will be a Requiem Mass for Cecilia Matan.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CANDLE OFFERING AT OLOL** - If you would like to have a Divine Mercy Candle lit for the whole week for a special intention, please ring Maricris on 07577773452 or 01934 627137. There are a few spaces available.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** - A reminder that all applications forms for the 2021 programme have to be in by the end January. Only completed application forms will be accepted. Verbal requests for children's names to be added cannot be accepted. We hope to have a plan to complete the 2020 programme in the New Year when new COVID restrictions are announced.

**THIS WEEKEND** - Is Peace Sunday so there will be a special collection for Pax Christi.

**ST. WULSTAN - 19th January** - Wulstan (1008-95) was a Benedictine monk at Worcester where he became prior. He was a great preacher and counsellor and became Bishop of Worcester in 1062, being the first English bishop known to have made a systematic visitation of his diocese. Under him Worcester became one of the most important centres of Old English literature and culture. He was known for his abstinence and generosity to the poor. With Lanfranc he was instrumental in abolishing the slave trade from Bristol to Viking Ireland. He re-founded the monastery at Westbury-on-Trym. He insisted on clerical celibacy and, under him, Worcester became renowned as a centre of Old English literature and culture.

**ST. AGNES - 21st January** - Aged about 13, Agnes was beheaded around 305. She refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ and refused to offer incense to false gods. Her feast has been kept in the East and West from earliest times. She is named in the Roman Canon. The name 'Agnes' means 'lamb-like', and hence her principal emblem since the 6th century has been a lamb.

**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.

**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.

**VACANCY FOR A SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** - Safeguarding is a very important issue in the Catholic Church and therefore each parish has a safeguarding representative whose role is to act as a liaison between the parish and the safeguarding office in Alexander House. The local representative is responsible for the D.B.S applications for volunteers who are applying to work alongside children and vulnerable adults. The representative is also there to support any individual who is making a complaint of abuse, assaults or similar. The representative takes 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** - *“As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all the vulnerable in society. Lord hear us”*

**TRACK AND TRACE** - If anybody tests positive for Coronavirus within 48 hours of attending Mass, please could you contact Canon Tom who can then tell people at the Mass you attended to self-isolate. If you have a persistent cough and a high temperature, please do not come to church. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OLOL** - For those who are unable to come to church and need an application form, please email the parish office - [wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com). The form is also available to collect from the steward after Mass.

**VOLUNTEERS OLOL** - We would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone who continued to help keep the church open, and to those who stepped in the place of those who are shielding at this time. We will continue to pray for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS** - The Syro-Malabar community have advised that there will be no Masses for the next few weeks. However, there will be an online Mass at 12 noon on Sundays from Bristol.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - 3rd January 2021  
CC - £223.03. OLOL - £285.00.

**RETRouvaille** - Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: [retrouvailleinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF LIVE-STREAMED FROM ST NICK'S CHURCH** - Because of the Covid restrictions it is not possible for the Deaf Community to come to St Nick's for their normal monthly Signed Mass - so we are live-streaming our parish's 10am Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every First Sunday of the Month (live-streamed from parish website: [www.tolentino.org](http://www.tolentino.org) then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page). Many of our Catholic deaf sisters and brothers feel very isolated at the best of times and these are not the best of times! Most are not aware of the Catholic Deaf Association or the monthly Signed Mass. If you can, please either email Fr Richard McKay (email: [richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com)) with their contact details or ask them to do so. We want to make this Diocesan Ministry among the Deaf community as available as possible - please help us to do so. Thank you!

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# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Jean, Alec and Alex Ballantyne R.I.P	9am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Mike, Barbara and Finbar Griffin R.I.P	6pm	CC	<b>Mass</b> Deceased Parishioners
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Michael Reeves R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Wulstan, Bishop</i>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Ralph and Alan Purcell R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i>	10.00pm	CC	<b>Mass</b> Henry Rainford R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Marie May and Victor Silvester Carr R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon</i>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Requiem of Cecilia Matan	6.30pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Walenty Wasilewaki 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 the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Vincent Nash R.I.P	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Brian Barraclough R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	<b>Mass</b>
	11.00am	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 anything you may have touched.

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