

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**Lent Week 1**

**SUNDAY 21st February 2021**

*First Sunday of Lent*

### Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

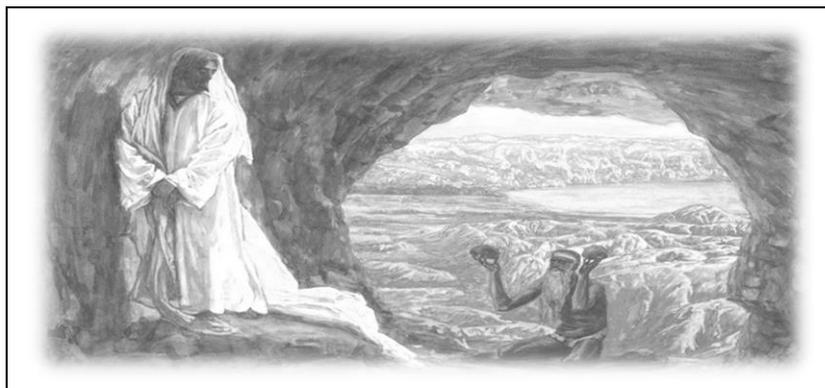
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**      Genesis 9:8-15

**Psalm**              Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**      1 Peter 3:18-22

**Gospel Verse**      Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

**Gospel**              Mark 1:12-15



## **Temptation and Summary**

### **Canon Tom Gunning**

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Lent always covers Jesus' 40 days in the desert at the beginning of his earthly ministry. In the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke we have an elaborate dialogue between Jesus and Satan. In St Mark's Gospel we get a brief summary, namely Jesus "was tempted by Satan" (Mk 1:13). Perhaps St Mark didn't have access to the sources that St Matthew and St Luke were drawing on. Perhaps St Mark didn't think the dialogue mattered that much. What these brief words illustrate is that St Mark was very fond of summary statements. For Mark the exorcisms performed by Jesus in the following verses of his Gospel demonstrate that Jesus has defeated Satan. His whole Gospel points to Jesus' final conflict with Satan at his Crucifixion.

The verses that immediately follow the temptation are another very succinct summary of Jesus' teaching. These words explain that the Kingdom or Rule of God has come in him. This is Good News. This is Gospel. We can welcome Jesus' Rule by repenting of our sins and letting his Kingdom come in and through us.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Christopher Browne, Patricia Saffa Keila and Michael Feeley. Also for Carmel Carter who has died. She lived in Weston but died in London. 'May she see the light of heaven. Amen'

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well-being of Valerie Picken.

### **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.

**CAFOD WALK FOR WATER** - This year CAFOD is focussing on providing water, They are focussing on Abdella who has to walk 10 miles each day to get water so he has little time for anything else. We are all invited to walk 10,000 steps each day in solidarity with him. What a good way to get our exercise or lose some of the weight the lockdown seems to have added. For more information see <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>. You can do it in various different ways but why not get your friends and family to sponsor you and raise money for a good cause. If you feel you couldn't manage that distance just get sponsorship for whatever you think you can manage. Michael Usher-Clark will be taking up this challenge. 10,000 steps a day for 40 days is 40,000 steps. Mike will actually be trying to get to half a million steps. You can donate on the **Just Giving** site which is dedicated to this appeal. The money at the end of this appeal goes directly to CAFOD. The website for the donations and also where Mike will report his progress is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water764>. Alternatively donations can be handed into the presbytery or if you ring the presbytery, you can request your donation be collected.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** - Have a look at the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/> for some great ideas for birthday or Easter presents. You can choose the means of delivery and the person you are giving to will receive the notification that you are remembering them as well as supporting a good cause.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** - This year's Lent Fast Day is Friday 26th Feb. We are asked to eat less and give what we save to benefit those who are less fortunate. You will find envelopes stapled to your newsletters but there will be spare envelopes in the porch if you forget. If you are a taxpayer please fill in the Gift Aid form and slip it in the envelope so no one else needs to know how much or little you give. You can of course give on line at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

Anything you can spare will benefit those in need. And remember the power of prayer. Those in the front line testify how your prayers give them encouragement to carry on.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020** - As the pandemic continues to influence public gatherings and numbers that can attend, it is being proposed that we offer the opportunity for the 2020 candidates to receive their First Holy Communion at any one of the three weekend Masses on a weekly basis until all candidates have completed the programme. This will begin in March. Each Mass will be limited to 5 (five) candidates plus 5 (five) family members / guests. If we fully utilise these Masses we should complete the programme within 3 (three) weeks. To book your preferred Mass time and day please contact the Parish Administrator who will advise you of availability. Please email the office on [wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com) or telephone during office hours 9am-12 noon Tuesday to Friday. Please also see the website for further guidelines.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS 2020** - As we have now started to receive applications for 2020 candidates to make their First Holy Communion during one of the three weekend Masses during March, we would like to remind the parents that were advised last October, that candidates can make their First Confession at any one of the four, weekly slots at OLOL, Corpus Christi, or prior arrangement with Canon Tom. Times can be found in the Parish newsletter.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ZOOM** - beginning on Friday 26th February at 6.45 p.m. Sign in using the parish Zoom address and lasting around 35-40 minutes. We will use the images from Corpus Christi to follow the Way of the Cross. We can make Jesus' painful journey as part of our own spiritual journey through Lent. **Meeting ID: 922 2054 7539**  
**Passcode: 123**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CC** - will be led by the Syro-Malabar Community on Fridays at 5.30pm

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021** - It is with regret that we announce that there will be no Diocesan and Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. The Pilgrimage, which was scheduled for 21-27 August 2021 has been cancelled in light of the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we will be announcing a schedule for special virtual events throughout 2021 and the virtual Pilgrimage programme very soon. We understand how disappointing this decision will be for many of our past pilgrims and those hoping to travel to Lourdes this year. Over the last number of years, we have offered an 'online presence' and 'Virtual Pilgrimage' experience whilst in Lourdes, where everyone is able to follow the Pilgrimage daily and experience the Homilies and reflections with those in Lourdes, at home. This year we are busy planning some special moments for 2021 that will enable us to still celebrate the miracle of Lourdes. We look forward to welcoming you all to our 'virtual Pilgrimage' once again and to our events programme throughout the year. More details will be available on this website soon!

**CORPUS CHRISTI MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP** -

Will be hosting Stations of the Cross on Zoom at 9:00 am each Thursday during Lent on the same Zoom Link as we use for Masses. Although the prayers we will be using are especially appropriate for women, everyone is very welcome to participate. We look forward to seeing you there! **Zoom Meeting ID: 922 2054 7539**  
**Passcode: 123**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - The World Day of Prayer is prepared by the christian women of Vanuatu. There will be a service via zoom at Milton Methodist church on the 5th March at 10.30am. **Meeting ID: 933 3259 4488** **Passcode: 596239**

**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 adults at risk of harm. 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 or email Richard Ashby at: richard.ashby@cliftondiocese.com for further information.

**RITE OF ELECTION** - We have one Candidate for Reception into the Church and Confirmation this year. Nathan has been taking part in the Journey in Faith (RCIA) process on-line and his name has been sent to the Bishop along with others from across the Diocese. The Bishop has decided that due to restrictions he could not hold the Rite of Election with everyone all together. Instead he plans for all the names to be read out at the Cathedral and then a simplified form of the Rite to take place in our parishes some time during Lent. Please keep Nathan in your prayers.

**ONLINE YOUTH MINISTRY COURSE** - Are you interested in working with young people in your parish but feel you haven't the knowledge or skills to do this. If so, then this course may be of interest to you. Equally if you would like to brush up on your skills or hear how others are doing the work then this course may also be of interest to you. It's an on-line course so no travel required! Cost £48 for 10 sessions with highly skilled speakers experienced in Youth Ministry. Starts Tuesday 16 March : <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/engage>

**COUNTDOWN TO COP26 FOR THE CARE AND CREATION** -

The Pope has asked for a new appreciation of the interdependence of all things in our beautiful planet. "*The parable of the seed growing by itself; Mark 4.26*" This speaks of the kingdom of God, but also speaks of the bounty of the world. We could extend it by 10,000 and more reasons for thanking God. For example, when we wake, we can thank God that we have breath, and that we have had air to breathe all the time we were asleep, for the loveliness of light returning, for our strength as our muscles respond to our thought, for the warmth of the atmosphere and the stability of gravity, for the peace in our streets... and that is in the first seconds of waking up!

**SAINT ROSE'S SCHOOL** - in Stroud is seeking to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. Saint Rose's is unique within our diocese for the help it gives children and young people with complex physical and other needs to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. Quentin House, named after Sister Quentin, the former long-serving, dedicated and inspirational headteacher, will help Saint Rose's continue its mission. For more information about this project and how to donate or fundraise please visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/> or contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext 225 or [gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk](mailto:gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk)).

**MILLION MINUTES** - *'Only in the silence of prayer can we listen to the voice of God'* - The Holy Father, Pope Francis. Our 10th anniversary year of silence. The world has changed this year – and we know that Generation Z will be some of the worst-affected by the impact of Covid-19. Their education, employment and future prospects are all suffering. Their future hopes are being crushed. Yet young people's voices are not being heard. They are not in the rooms where choices about the future are made. As a Church we can stand together and look to the future with hope and include all our voices. We can support young people to be prophets of hope and restore our world. This Lent, to mark ten years of Million Minutes, we are creating 1,000,000 minutes of silence: ***A deafening 'noise' as an act of solidarity with young people. Reflecting on and praying for young people. Raising money to help young people be the change they want to see in our world.*** A 'Million Minutes of Silence' is a simple idea - each minute is sponsored to raise money for social action projects supporting young people. Throughout Lent schools, parishes, and individuals will help clock up a million minutes! We want this year to be the biggest year yet, to show our collective support for young people, and to raise at least a million pennies (which is £10,000!) to help young people restore our world. Explore our website and resources at: [millionminutes.org/silent](http://millionminutes.org/silent). Alternatively, if you feel inspired by our work and feel compelled to give, consider [donating](http://www.millionminutes.org) at [www.millionminutes.org](http://www.millionminutes.org)

**BEACON PARISH OPEN DAY** - We kicked off 2021 by welcoming over 70 parishioners, clergy, lay leaders and youth ministers to our first ever virtual open day showcasing our new 'Beacon Parish' initiative. It was an opportunity to discover how parishes can heed the Pope's rallying cry to develop a youth ministry so that all young people may know they are valued as belonging to the heart of the Church. We are offering a small number of parishes the chance to dedicate 'one million minutes' (approximately two years) to develop their youth ministry, striving to create meaningful times and spaces where all young people feel valued, with accompaniment, support and resources from Million Minutes. If you are interested in how we can help you explore this vision more visit: [millionminutes.org/youthministry](http://millionminutes.org/youthministry). Alternatively, please contact our Engagement Officer Sophie via email: [sophie@millionminutes.org](mailto:sophie@millionminutes.org)

**WELCOME** - To Father Michael, a Missionary from St. Paul who will be with us in Weston for a year. He will be arriving on Friday 26th February. He has been in quarantine as he has travelled from Nigeria.

**DARE TO DREAM** - Bishop Declan invites each one of us to take time during this coming Lent to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. This resource can be used by individuals, by families or by already established on-line parish groups. Each session has a similar framework to follow. The reflections and videos will appear on the Diocesan Website under the banner – 'Dare to Dream'. We are encouraged to read the accompanying resource before we set out on this journey through Lent and later onwards to Eastertide. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday of Lent. Taking time during Lent will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world. You can view these videos and reflections at: [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com).

**A ROADMAP FOR LENT - Three components of Lent** - Lent has officially begun. Thankfully, we have a roadmap for navigating the season. It involves three simple tasks: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each plays a crucial role in our Lenten preparations, but it can be difficult to know where to begin. First, please [pray](#) for the efforts of MISSIO project leaders in the Pope's missions, each of whom is making a difference for vulnerable communities in our world. Second, if you would like to [fast](#) for a specific intention, please remember these efforts as you do so. And third, if you are able, consider incorporating us into your plan for [almsgiving](#). There are so many wonderful ways for you to give with MISSIO, including to those on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19 in the Pope's missions. We encourage you to put your money where your heart is this Lent at: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

**THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT** - Invites you to "Global Healing." Six Thursdays in Lent: 18 Feb– 25 Mar 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. If you are interested please email: [info@greenchristian.org.uk](mailto:info@greenchristian.org.uk) to register.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Ted Farrell R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Ann Lewis R.I.P	<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> Donor's Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Deacon Mike and Kitty Roberts			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Of Lent</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Kathleen Dempsey R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Eithne Casey R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> James and Christopher McCallion R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Maira Anderson R.I.P	<b>5.30pm</b>	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Stations of the Cross</b>
				<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
				<b>7.00pm</b>	OLOL	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Derek Baker R.I.P First Death Anniversary	<b>9.30am</b>	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>10.00am</b>	St. J's	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Cosima Tarantino R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> John Burgess R.I.P	<b>6.00pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Holy Souls
	<b>11.00am</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 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

CC - £245.47 OLOL £272.00

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