

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 6

SUNDAY 14th February 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to Save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

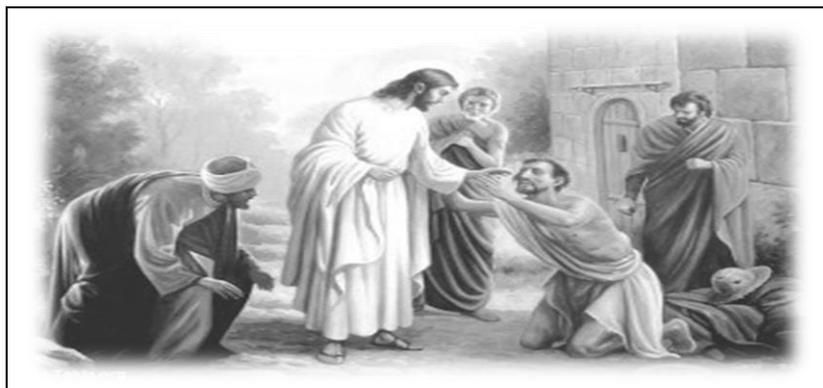
1st Reading Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

Psalm You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of
salvation.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Verse A great prophet has appeared
among us; God has visited
his people.

Gospel Mark 1:40-45



Jesus touches the untouchable

Canon Tom Gunning

At the time of Jesus lepers were excluded from society. This treatment of lepers still goes on in different parts of the world. The modern day residential complex of St John's Hospital in Bath is close to a building that was once a leper hospital.

As we hear in our first reading today from the book of Leviticus lepers had to cry out "Unclean, unclean" (Lev 13:45) to warn people to keep away from them. They were known to be contagious. A touch could pass on the disease and yet Jesus touches this leper. He not only heals him but in touching him he is teaching us that no-one is excluded in his sight. No-one should be excluded from society. No-one is beyond the reach and the love of Jesus. So we should not think of anyone as untouchable.

We are living through unusual times when we are told to avoid touching, shaking hands etc. But, given that, we are still taught by Jesus to think of all people as our brothers and sisters.

The Dominican Bible scholar Wilfrid Harrington draws our attention in his commentary on Mark's Gospel to the way we are cleansed by Jesus in Baptism. He compares the man who has been cleansed of his leprosy to Christians who have been cleansed in baptism. He suggests we should behave in the same way. We should tell our story to others.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Pauline Duffin and Su and Eric Hill who are all poorly at the moment.

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

CAFOD - The focus for this year's Lent Appeal is water. Please see the website (<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>) to learn more about what people in Ethiopia have to do and how we can help by "walking for water". Many people (especially children) we know like to save a little each week through Lent so we will have some CAFOD money boxes in the Church porch. They will have been left the requisite number of days so do not worry about infection by taking one. 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 direct 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - We would like to urge parishioners to use the QR signs and record their appearance in the church via the NHS COVID-19 App. You can download it on your phone free of charge and then go to venue check-in and scan over the QR code.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATIONS 2021-

The deadline date of 31st January for applications to enrol for 2021 First Holy Communion has passed and therefore no further applications will be considered.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Is a Day of Fasting (18-59 yrs old) and Abstinence from meat (14+)

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 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.

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**

MARY'S MEALS - The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. The region's capital, Mekelle, is being overwhelmed by displaced and traumatised people arriving every day. Many are unaccompanied children who have lost their parents. Mary's Meals has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and together we are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation. But we really need your help to continue this life-saving work. Please give if you can by donating at www.marys.meals.org.uk

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 or email Richard Ashby at: richard.ashby@cliftondiocese.com for further information.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them. Lord hear us"*

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**

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.

CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION BRISTOL - Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer for the earth our common home. **1.** A day of prayer – From 7.30 am to 6.30 pm we are encouraging people to pray in their homes, or wherever they are. People can sign up for a one-hour slot on the prayer rota, if you would like to do that please email: christianclimateactionbristol@gmail.com **2.** An evening service – 6.30-7.30 pm, on Zoom. An opportunity to come together for an hour to share prayers, readings and silence as we reflect on the Earth, our common home. Acknowledging the climate and ecological crisis, giving space for repentance and climate grief. Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is a good time to consider our failings and pray for the future. Register in advance for this service: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtce6rrzktH9KAmyXhAld8ZE9MLWXodJg> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the service.

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 to register.

GATEWAY FILEY - are a small local charity in Filey, North Yorkshire. They provide food, clothes, toys & other material assistance as may be required through frontline partner charities and to individuals in need in the UK and overseas. They are currently having a clearance sale of our items via our eBay store. They have some Filey Fishermen's Choir CDs, some Easter items and some Christian themed single cards. Filey Fishermen's Choir is a small local Christian choir, the Fishermen's Choir CDs might make an excellent gift. You can view at: www.ebay.co.uk

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) - If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith please contact Canon Tom or our Parish Administrator, Tracey.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Sisters of La Retraite	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Elvira and Renato Liviero R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	Mass Joseph Owen McCahill R.I.P (Angela Morley's Father)
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Canon Tom and Staff			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Jan Greaney			
WEDNESDAY <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Deacon Tony Inganni R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	10.00am	CC	Mass Angela Overton R.I.P			
	7.00pm	CC	Mass			
THURSDAY <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Bill and Agnes Hogg R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	7.00pm	OLOL	Station of the Cross			
SATURDAY <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Jack Collingwood R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
				10.00am	St. J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Ted Farrell R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Ann Lewis R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intention

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 – 31st January 2021

CC - £196.58 OLOL £143.20

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