

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 5

SUNDAY 7th February 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

1st Reading Job 7:1-4.6-7

Psalm Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

Gospel Verse He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20



Serving is Discipleship

Canon Tom Gunning

After Simon's mother-in-law is healed she begins to wait on Jesus and his disciples. From a modern perspective we might think of this as a sexist comment as though a woman's work was in the house and involved looking after the menfolk. This would be a misunderstanding of today's Gospel passage. We must look upon the activity of Simon's mother-in-law as a symbol of discipleship. As followers of Jesus we imitate him who came not to be served but to serve (Mk 10:45). As John Shea comments in his study of Mark's Gospel "...serving is not menial work. It is the hallmark of the new humanity that Jesus came to establish." (The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels...P56...Liturgical Press 2005)

There is another aspect to Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law. It relates to the word that St Mark uses to describe how Jesus helps her up. It is the verb "egeiro" which is the same word used for Jesus' Resurrection. In the use of this word we see Mark telling us that this woman has been raised up to a new spiritual status. She is also the first person in the Gospel to act as Jesus does i.e. she serves others. We are raised up to new life by Jesus because of his resurrection. We too are called to serve others.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Sister Dorothy Kerr (Sister Mary Frances) who has died recently. She was a La Retraite nun and taught at Burnham where the funeral is next week. Deborah Philip (Margaret Woods niece) who passed away suddenly on Monday evening and also Imelda Evans who died on Wednesday. 'May they see the Light of Heaven. Amen' Karolina Rybka who is currently in Bristol Children's hospital and is a pupil at Corpus Christi School. Also for Freddie Aidan Lewin (Aidan and Cathy Reynolds from OLOL great-grandson) who is currently in ITU in Preston at just two days old.

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

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.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - 8th February - Josephine was a young Sudanese girl sold into slavery and brought to Italy where, while serving as a nanny, she was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. There she was baptised and, having reached a majority age, was granted her freedom by Italian law. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity where she served humbly for the next fifty years. She died after a long and painful illness, during which she would cry out to the Lord: 'Please loosen the chains...they are so heavy!' Her dying words were 'Our Lady, Our Lady!'

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 11th February - The appearance of the Immaculate Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 at Lourdes in France was a call to penance and prayer, which has found particular expression in the service of the sick and disabled. Between the 11th February and the 16th July Our Lady appeared eighteen times and showed herself to Bernadette in the grotto at Lourdes. On the 25th March she said to the 14 year old Bernadette in the native patois 'I am the Immaculate Conception'

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.

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@cliftodiocese.com or telephone during office hours 9am-12 noon Tuesday to Friday.

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - As COVID-19 runs rampant across Brazil, claiming more than 200,000 lives (the second highest number of deaths in the world) the Church has intensified its work helping those worst hit by the virus. If you can help please go to www.acnuk.org. Thank you.

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.

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: rcashby@gmail.com for further information.

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 or 07710094976 – he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

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=KidbgQHRkEKigby9p4Zaca73jzxdQONHsGHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENjRJV1EyQVdGU0ZFWEpFNFhQVCQLQCN0PWcu> or emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*

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

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.

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Arthur Swift R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Tim and Breda Dooley (ints)	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Douglas and Rita Stevens R.I.P
MONDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Valerie Madden R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Phyllis Bagley R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Fr. Anthony Saffa Keila	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	6.00pm	OLOL	Holy Hour	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P			
FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Deacon Steve, Rosemary Munday and Family	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Lynda Foster 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>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 McCahil R.I.P (Angela Morley's Father)
	11.00am	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 anything you may have touched.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 24th January 2021

CC - £369.81 - OLOL £128.00

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