

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Lent Week 4

SUNDAY 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be
satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the
human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and
eager faith the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.

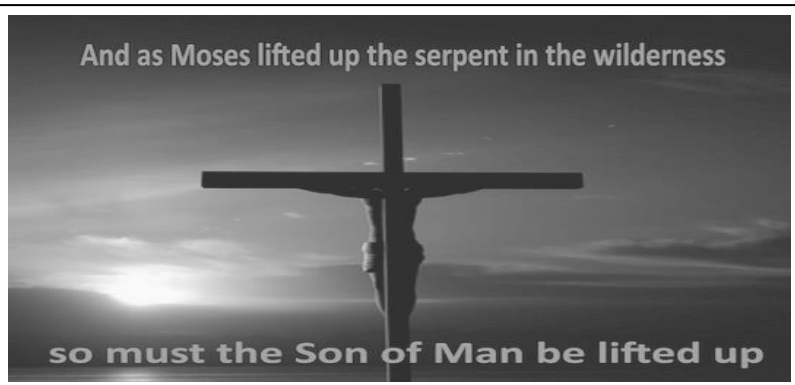
1st Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

Psalm O let my tongue cleave to my
mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Verse God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him
has eternal life.

Gospel John 3:14-21



God's Love for us

Canon Tom Gunning

As the London train approached Bath Spa Station you could see the words "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" on the roof of the Baptist church. This quotation from St John's Gospel is well known and the preceding verses in today's Gospel passage explain how God loved the world. Jesus says "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert" (Jn 3:14). Jesus is referring to his Crucifixion and comparing it to the holding up of a fiery bronze serpent. Jesus' death brings salvation just as all who gazed on the fiery serpent were healed.

However, Jesus is also calling on us to believe in him. If we do this we are in one sense saved already. Jesus goes on to say that many people will not believe in him because they have chosen darkness instead of the light. From considering the lofty thought of God's love for us we are brought down to earth with a bump. The world in which we live is not all love. There is the darkness of evil. We as Christians are called to conquer evil in our own lives, in our society and in the world. We do this by love and living in the light of Christ.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Christopher Browne, Ishbel Burgess and Michael Feeley who are ill. Also for Deacon Shaun Murphy who has passed away. 'May he see the light of heaven. Amen'

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Ellen Byrnes R.I.P.

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 PATRICK 17TH MARCH - Nearly all we know of St Patrick (c.390-461?) comes from his authentic writings. He was British by birth, the son of a town councillor who was a deacon, while his grandfather was a priest. His place of birth was somewhere in the West between the mouth of the Severn and the Clyde. Whilst a youth he was captured by Irish pirates and reduced to slavery for six years, using this time to pray - in contrast to his earlier years in Britain when he 'knew not the true God'. He either escaped or was freed and returned to Britain. He was ordained and later made his way to Ireland C.435, working principally in the North, setting up his See at Armagh. From this base he made missionary journeys. Patrick's writings show a sincere simplicity and deep pastoral care, devoted to abolishing paganism, idolatry and sun worship.

ST JOSEPH - 19TH MARCH - Joseph was foster-father of Jesus and husband of Mary. He was of Davidic descent and his trade was probably that of carpenter. He was betrothed to Mary at the time of the Virgin Birth. His doubts about her conception of Jesus, the decisions to go to and return from Egypt were all the objects of angelic disclosures during sleep. He was declared Patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX in 1870.

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 the gift to will receive the notification that you are remembering them as well as supporting a good cause.

CAFOD Money Boxes- If you have one please bring it back to the Maundy Thursday Mass and leave it in the basket at the back of church. It will form part of our Maundy Thursday offering.

CAFOD Walk for Water - This year CAFOD is focussing on providing water. They are focusing 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. Day 17 was a personal record for Mike with 20,334 steps. Total is now 286,317 steps and £375 raised already. Thank you for everybody who has given so far. 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. **Katie Davies** of Our Lady of Lourdes is also walking. Cafod's Walk for Water is just over half way through now, raising money for solar powered water pumps for villages in countries like Ethiopia. By Day 22, Kate has walked over 262,926 steps and £410 has been donated by friends, family and parishioners. She has been blown away by people's generosity and moral support, to the point of walking alongside with a different companion on most days of the week. For updates and donations please access <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-in-solidarity> or donations can be handed into the presbytery at OLOL.

RED BOX HOLDERS - Please would all Missio Red Box holders collect the spring editions of the Missio magazine from the Corpus Christi Church porch. If you would like to empty your red box and place the money in a bag or envelope (label it Red Box & put your name on it), you can hand it in to the Presbytery.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH - On Sunday, 28th February, we welcomed Nathan Greaves as a Candidate for Reception into the Church, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This would normally take place at the Easter Vigil but, in view of the Covid restrictions, Bishop Declan, along with all the Bishops, have asked us to wait till later. We are hoping therefore that Nathan, who is already baptised, will receive the remaining Sacraments of Initiation around the feast of Pentecost. Please keep him in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES 2020 - Reminder that there are some spaces at the Saturday 6pm Masses and all of Sunday 6pm Masses for those candidates from the 2020 programme wishing to make their FHC during these Masses in March. After March those 2020 candidates wishing to make their FHC can do so by arrangement with Canon Tom.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - For those children signed up to the programme, the dates for the 2021 sessions are now available from the school and Parish websites. Please note that to avoid any potential future delays related to COVID, we will be running the programmes in the Church on Fridays. Please note that there is a parents session on Weds 21st April at 6.30pm in the Church to explain the programme in detail.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH AT OLOL - To celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Friday 19th March, there will be a Mass at 7:30pm after the Stations of the Cross (at 7:00pm). If you wish to say a 9-day Novena which will commence from 10th to 18th March, novena booklets are available at both churches.

ST. JOSEPH - Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Pope Pius IX of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The St Joseph's Mission Society are doing a National Novena to St Joseph from 10-18th March and will have live streamed Masses. Further details are at <https://millhillmissionaries.com/novena/>

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - This year, for obvious reasons, it is unlikely that St Joseph's parishioners will be able to celebrate their Patronal Feast Day together. So to mark the Feast Day and Pope Francis' Year of St Joseph, Canon Tom has kindly agreed to bless statues of St Joseph at the morning Mass on Friday 19th March. They will then be welcomed into our homes and displayed in a prominent position. If you already have a statue which needs to be blessed, or would like to buy one (they are readily available online), bring it to Corpus Christi in good time for the 10.00 am Mass and place it in front of the altar. Don't forget to mark it with your name underneath.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (CLASS OF 2020) AT OLOL - Candidates will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 14th & 21st March at the 9:15am Sunday Mass. We will be following the government guidelines regarding Covid-19 but be aware that Mass attendance will be higher on these dates. Let us pray for all the children of our parishes who are receiving their First Holy Communion. May the Holy Spirit fill them with the gift of Reverence and the spirit of wonder and awe in the presence of God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Deacon Mike Roberts will also be leading Stations of the Cross at CC at 9.40am every Friday through Lent and this will be zoomed. **Meeting ID 922 2054 7539 and Passcode 123.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ZOOM - On Friday's 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

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**

CC PARISH OFFICE HOURS - Will be changing from Friday the 12th March to 9.15am-12.15pm Tuesdays - Fridays.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES You will need to book a seat for the Masses and services this Holy Week and Easter. We are still limited to 74 people per Mass at Corpus Christi and 46 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please contact CC on wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com or ring the Parish office between 9am-12noon Tuesdays - Fridays. or OLOL on wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com.

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**PALM SUNDAY - Vigil Sat 6pm CC.Sunday 9.15am
OLOL and 11.00am and 6pm CC**

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7.30pm CC and OLOL

GOOD FRIDAY - 3.00pm CC and OLOL

EASTER VIGIL - 8.00pm CC and OLOL

**EASTER SUNDAY - 9.15am OLOL. 11.00am and
6pm CC**

HOLY WEEK CHANGES - There will be no procession with Palms. Palms will be handed out at the end of Mass. There will be no foot washing or Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. There will be no individual veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. There will be no fire and no individual candles at the Easter Vigil. The Paschal Candle will be lit on the Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS - We will **urgently** need volunteers for stewards and cleaners for the Holy Week and Easter Masses and services. Please contact the parish offices with regards to your availability.

FOODBANK - Barbara is still collecting money to buy the items needed for the Foodbank and is grateful for all the wonderful donations received. You may, if you wish, buy your own items and place them in the boxes available in both Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes. We are mainly looking for tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables, rice, pasta and sauces. **We do not need baked beans and tins of soup** as there is an abundance. Thank you.

LEPRA APPEAL - Weekend of 20th/21st March - Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy .Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. Although curable, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The lives of many people have been changed thanks to the generosity of supporters like you. In the 97 years since our founding we have helped millions of people affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases such as leprosy. There is now a cure for leprosy, however, there is more work to be done as prejudice, discrimination and lack of healthcare and resources mean not everyone can receive this in time to prevent disabilities. Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; **with your support we can achieve this sooner**. Please help us **beat leprosy** – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease. https://donate.lepra.org.uk/LeptraDonate?activity_id=17121

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
TO ALL OUR MOTHERS**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Gianluigi Giordani R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Ann Lewis R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Dorothy Mahon R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Josh Thomas R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Elena Thompson R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass John Murray R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Vicky Meneo R.I.P	9.40am	CC	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	OLOL	Mass Feast of St Joseph Deceased members of the Morris Family R.I.P	5.30pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Stations of the Cross
				6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
				6.45pm	CC	Stations of the Cross on zoom
				7.00pm	OLOL	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	12.00 noon	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Bill Coulter	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>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Ralph Ogborn R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Anne Bessant R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Iris Stead 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 – 28th February 2021
CC - £279.50 OLOL £219.25

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Financial Report 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish financially last year. We are grateful to Parishioners who have Standing Orders, which has seen an increase in the past year; you do not need to Gift Aid to set up a Standing Order. Thank you to those Parishioners who have envelopes (both Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid) and for using the envelopes during the lockdowns. Also, thank you to the Parishioners who have been using the 'Just Giving' scheme on-line.

The Parish Hall has been closed since last March and we have not been able to hold events, or let the hall, in the past year, resulting in a decrease in income. We have been given support by the Diocese with a reduction in our Parish Share over the past 12 months.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the various charities we supported last year, and the second collections which we were able to hold.

You may be wondering what is happening to the Presbytery. We have been unable to let it until a 'solution' had been found for the Parish Office. The 'Finance and Fabric Committee' looked at various options and it was felt that we should convert the garage and outer storeroom, and then erect a 'shed' to be used for storage. This has been approved by the Diocese and a Planning Application has recently been submitted to North Somerset Council. Once approved we will put the project to tender and hopefully start work later this year. We will then be able to let the Presbytery.

	2020	2019
INCOME		
Offertory – Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	12,532	11,827
Offertory – Standing Orders (Non-Gift Aid)	3,160	2,340
Offertory – Gift Aid Envelopes	3,005	9,123
Offertory – Loose Cash and 'Blue' Envelopes	7,997	18,875
Gift Aid (Tax reclaimed)	6,080	7,173
Donations	2,872	1,028
Hall Hire	4,712	18,276
Fund Raising	192	1,747
Other	6,537	5,508
Total	47,087	75,897
EXPENDITURE		
Parish Costs	9,240	23,727
Premises Costs	11,129	13,241
General Expense	4,302	13,113
Parish Share (to Diocese)	17,204	31,012
Total	42,875	81,083
Surplus / Deficit	5,212	-5,186