

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Lent Week 5

SUNDAY 21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, May we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

1st Reading Jeremiah 1:31-34

Psalm A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Verse If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Gospel John 12:20-33



THE HOUR

Canon Tom Gunning

At the Marriage Feast of Cana (Jn 2:1-11) Jesus tells Mary his mother that his hour has not come yet. This hour would come when Jesus dies on the Cross, when he is lifted up and when he pours out or hands over the Spirit (Jn 19:30). In St John's Gospel Jesus' crucifixion is not depicted as a moment of suffering but a time of glorification since by this act he draws all people to himself (Jn 12 :32). The parable of the grain of wheat that has to die gives Jesus' view of his saving death. We, the followers of Jesus, are the "rich harvest" (Jn 12:24) that his death has produced. Jesus rushes towards his "hour" as our Gospel passage today explains: "But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour" (Jn 12:27). Through this hour Jesus returns to his glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Did the Greeks ever get to see Jesus? We are not told. They didn't come just to see him but to believe in him. They represent all the peoples of the earth who are drawn to Jesus. The Cross calls us to contemplate the love that God has for us. We come to belief in our loving God and are asked to imitate Jesus' death by dying to our own selfishness in order to pour out our lives in service of others.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR - John Dorrington, Adam Walker and Joan Brannigan who are ill. Also for Peter Briffitt (Sonia's husband), Joe Mathew, Trudy Payne and Stella King who have passed away. 'May they 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 wellbeing of Sally and Collin Hall.

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.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - The annunciation of John the Baptist happened when Zecharia, the priest, ready to begin the liturgical ceremony enters the Sanctuary of the Temple, while all the assembly is outside waiting. The Annunciation of Jesus, instead, happened in a lost place of Galilee, in a peripheral city and without a particularly good reputation (cf. John 1:46), in the anonymity of the home of a girl called Mary.

God Himself is the one who takes the initiative and chooses to insert Himself, as He did with Mary, in our homes, in our daily struggles, full of anxieties together with desires...

"Nothing is impossible for God" (Luke 1:37): thus ends the Angel's answer to Mary. When we believe that everything depends on our capacities, on our strengths, on our myopic horizons, when, instead, we are ready to allow ourselves to be helped, to let ourselves be counselled, when we open ourselves to grace, it seems that the impossible begins to become possible... God continues to seek allies, He continues to seek men and women capable of believing, capable of remembering, of feeling part of His people to cooperate with the Spirit's creativity. God continues to tread our suburbs and streets. He pushes Himself into every place in search of hearts capable of listening to His invitation and make it become flesh here and now. God continues to seek hearts like Mary's, willing to believe even in altogether extraordinary conditions.

23RD MARCH - ST. TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO 1538-1606. Turibius was a lay professor of law at Salamanca University from which Philip II appointed him Principal Judge in the court of the Inquisition at Granada. Very unexpectedly, he was appointed archbishop of Lima. Both these appointments were most unusual ones for a layman to hold. Turibius in vain pleaded his own incapacity and the enactments of Canon Law, which forbade such promotions. All was in vain; he received orders and was consecrated bishop. He arrived in Lima in 1581 and in 1591 he founded the first seminary for priests in the New World. He championed the rights of the Indians and the poor.

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION - We welcome the designation of Tuesday the 23rd March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. "We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. *Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon.* Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer". **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.**

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.

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.

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.

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 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 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. **Katie Davies from OLOL and Mike Usher-Clark from CC** took up the challenge of walking together from OLOL church to CC church last Wednesday the 17th March and arrived at CC for the 10am Mass. Together they have so far completed ¾ million steps and raised over £1000! Thank you for all your support and donations so far. "It was lovely walking together, comparing notes and observations and we plan on walking together again" To donate to Mike please visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water764> or to donate to Katie please visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-in-solidarity>

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**

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 9.15am-12.15 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. **Also please do not give any bread.** Thank you.

LEPRA APPEAL - This Weekend - 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. Leprosy 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

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.

RED MISSIO BOX AT OLOL - Could all who have a red Missio box please return them for emptying? Please call Eileen Nickels on 01934 514099 and she would be happy to come and collect it from you.

CLIFTON DIOCESE LGBT+ MINISTRY - Our next monthly celebration of the Eucharist for the LGBT+ community, family, friends and allies will take place at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church at 3pm this Sunday the 21st March. This will be live streamed and the link is on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>. All are welcome.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - On Wednesday 24th March, the Vigil of The Annunciation, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/725021905067267>

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally. Lord hear us"*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
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
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Olga Jupe R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Commemoration of Saint Turibius of Mongrobojo</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Annie Queenan R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass John Kilby R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Ernie Smith R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Mgr. Gabriel Leydon	9.40am	CC	Stations of the Cross
				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 Bernard and Mary Winifred Bray 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>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Rita Gillespie R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Kevin Gunning R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Anthony Airs 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 – 7th March 2021

CC - £256.45 OLOL £309.22