

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**Lent Week 3**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

### Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

### Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17.

**Psalm** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

**Gospel** John 2:13-25



### Meeting God

#### Canon Tom Gunning

In the passage from St John's Gospel that we have this week-end Jesus refers to himself as the "sanctuary" or temple. He has just "cleansed" the Temple by driving out the animals, the money changers and pigeon sellers. The Temple was revered as a place where you could meet God. His name dwelt there. However, it had become a market, a place of business where animals were bought and gentile Roman coins were changed into Temple currency for nothing profane was allowed to enter into this holy place.

This week-end marks the beginning of the special March Masses for the Class of 2020 to make their First Holy Communion. This should have happened in June of last year. Then it was moved to November but the second lockdown happened in that month. Our young people will meet God in a special way in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. They will receive Jesus, the sanctuary or place where they meet God. We don't have to go to Jerusalem to meet God. We meet God in the Blessed Sacrament. In every Mass we remember that Jesus died and rose again. We profess that Jesus is "the power and wisdom of God", a title we find in our second reading today.

We pray that our young people and all our parishioners will meet the Lord on many occasions when we recognize him in "the breaking of bread" (Lk 24:35). We remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy (Ex 20:8) by coming to Mass at the week-end. We are invited to come to the table of the Lord and be fed for our life's journey.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Christopher Browne and Mary Reville. Also for Gaye Shepherd, Betty Butler, Fr. Peter Cornwell and Seamus McNally who have passed away recently '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 well-being of Bernadetta Day and Family.

### **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. First week completed with 105,518 steps and donations received. **Katie Davies** of Our Lady of Lourdes is also walking. She is progressing well with over 122,000 steps by day 10. She is also blown away by the moral support and generosity shown so far. Please look for Katy's just giving page and sponsor her too, or donations can be handed into the presbytery at OLOL.

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

**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.

**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 was Friday 26th Feb. We are asked to eat less and give what we save to benefit those who are less fortunate. If you forgot it is never too late and there are spare envelopes in the church porch. Just leave your donation in the collection basket as normal. Don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid slip. You can of course give online 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 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.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (CLASS OF 2020) AT OLOL** – Candidates will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March at the 9:15am Sunday Mass. First Confession will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March after the 12:00 noon 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 9.40am every Friday through Lent. **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**

**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**

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH** - Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 10-18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH AT OLOL** - To celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March, novena booklets are available at both churches.

**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@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:wsm.corpuschristi@cliftodiocese.com) or ring the Parish office between 9am-12noon Tuesdays - Fridays. or OLOL on [wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftodiocese.com).

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES**  
**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm at CC and OLOL  
**Good Friday** 3pm at CC and OLOL  
**Easter Vigil** 8pm CC and OLOL  
**Easter Sunday** CC 11am and 6pm - OLOL 9.15am

**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 candles at the Easter Vigil.

**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.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Patrick Morrissey R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Jack Collingwood 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>Commemoration of Saint John of God</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Aileen and Norman Bishop R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> David Mason R.I.P in memory of a 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Birth			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Elena Thompson 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> Amar Dias 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> Sylvia O'Gorman (Birthday)	<b>9.40am</b>	CC	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
				<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>6.45pm</b>	CC	<b>Stations of the Cross on zoom</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> Pope Francis' Intention	<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>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Gianluigi Giordani 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>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 – 21st February 2021**  
CC - £279.50 OLOL £266.50