

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**Easter Week 3**

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit. so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

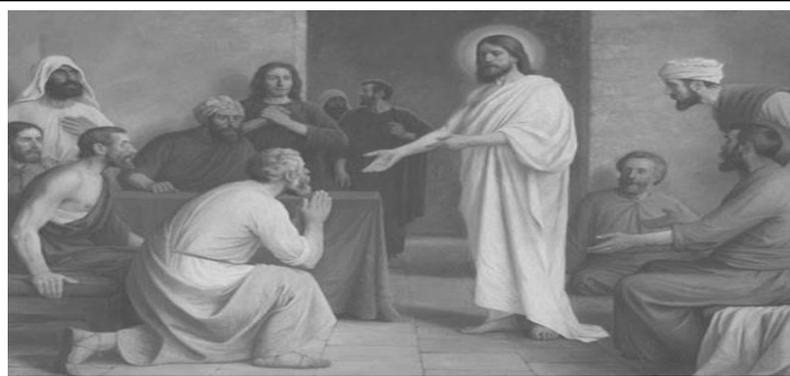
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

**Psalm** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 John 2:1-5

**Gospel Verse** Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**Gospel** Luke 24:35-48



### Jesus explains his death and resurrection

#### Canon Tom Gunning

On Easter Sunday the Beloved Disciple explains what the Empty Tomb means, namely that Jesus is risen. In our Gospel passage today Jesus himself appears to the startled disciples and explains that he is truly risen. He reassures them that he is not a ghost. He goes on to open their minds to understand that the Law, the Prophets and the Scriptures foretold that he, the Christ, had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. During his earthly ministry Jesus gave many predictions that the Son of Man (i.e. Jesus himself) would be handed over to the chief priests and suffer, die and rise again on the third day. Many of the Gospel writers added that the disciples didn't understand what "rising from the dead" could mean.

We too have to let the Risen Lord open our minds to see that he fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament. He is truly Emmanuel, God with us. He has suffered for us for the forgiveness of sins. Now like the disciples we have become witnesses of his saving love. We need to become evangelists, proclaimers of the Good News. As St Paul in his Letter to the Colossians teaches: "The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same" (Col 3:13). Our proclamation of the Gospel is an announcement that we are forgiven by the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have been given new life. Rejoice and share the Good News.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Danielle Ryan who died on Holy Saturday in Innisfree Nursing Home and Heather Hynan who died in Abbey Lodge in Holy Week. '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 Harold and John Day (lovingly remembered).

### **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.

**19TH APRIL - ST ALPHEGE** - Alphege (953c-1012) was a native of Bath, a monk at Deerhurst in Gloucestershire, later a hermit on Lansdown Hill, Bath and then respectively Abbot of Bath, Bishop of Winchester and finally Archbishop of Canterbury. Alphege was imprisoned and an enormous ransom was asked for him, which he forbade to be paid. The Danes murdered him at Greenwich during a drinking bout and by his death he became a national hero.

**23RD APRIL - ST GEORGE** - Martyred around 300, George was thought to be a soldier. Legend says that George attacked the dragon, telling the people that he would rid them of this monster if they would believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised. 15,000 people were baptised. George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry and King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under his protection.

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

**PROPERTY TO RENT** - If anybody knows of any four bedroom properties to rent, please could you let Canon Tom or Tracey know at the parish office. Thank you.

**SONIA BRIFFITT AND FAMILY** - Would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming kindness. Heartfelt thanks for all the messages of sympathy, cards, prayers and flowers and Masses offered for Peter. Truly helpful and a great support at this most difficult time. Apologies if I have omitted to thank anyone personally. Sonia.

**RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH** - Please continue to keep Nathan Greaves in your prayers as he approaches the time for his Reception into the Church and Confirmation. He is hoping to be ready for Pentecost. If you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith or are interested yourself please contact Canon Tom or the Parish Administrator for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** - There will be a meeting for the parents of children enrolled in the 2021 programme on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6.30pm in Corpus Christi Church to explain the programme in detail. As always we will be abiding by COVID rules. Parents only should attend the meeting to minimise numbers in the Church and maintain social distancing. Please ensure masks are worn, and you check into the venue using your NHS app.

**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.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER AND ENGAGED**

**ENCOUNTER** - New dates for marriage preparation (Engaged Encounter) and Marriage Encounter opportunities are now available. Information and dates regarding events organised by Marriage Encounter can be found by visiting their websites: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk> & Home - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales ([wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)) The dates and venues: Marriage Encounter Experiences 15/16 May - online video conference experience. 10/11 July - non-residential weekend - Savio House, Macclesfield. (Covid permitting). Engaged Encounter ( marriage preparation) 17 and 24 April - online video conference experience. 19 and 26 June - online video conference experience

**CLIFTON DIOCESEAN TRUSTEES** - The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees and to chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have a strong understanding of safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. The individual should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership in order to support the full activities of the main Board. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES** - We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV YouTube app.

The rector is inviting all our intentions and petitions which again can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>. This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

**BEING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH** - There will be a webinar on Love and Loss. Exploring questions around dementia, bereavement and grief. This will be on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April on zoom at 11.00am - 12.30pm. The Webinar, led by Peter Slee, will be framed around four questions: Can anyone who feels love avoid feeling loss? What are the losses that cause you the most grief? How does loss affect those caring for someone living with dementia? How does loss affect a person living with dementia? Please book your place through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-church-love-loss-exploring-questions-around-dementia-tickets-147405946153>

**GIFT AIDED OFFERTORY DONATIONS AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AT CC** - Thank you to every Parishioner who is making or has made Offertory donations during this last Tax year. As we start the new 2021/22 Tax Year you may have noticed that we have not yet issued any new Offertory Envelopes. This has been a deliberate step as we only have 7 people who are currently using these envelopes. We also have at least 25 sets of envelopes that were never collected last year. If you regularly contribute to the Offertory can I ask that you consider using a Standing Order to transfer your Offertory Donation directly from your bank account to the Church's bank account. If you would like to use this facility we can provide you with the form you need. You can either use the bank details on the form and arrange for a Standing Order / Bank Transfer online directly with your bank or complete the form and return it to the Presbytery and we can forward it to your bank. You can get a form by either contacting the Parish Office or after the Sunday Masses from Russell Harvey or Peter Ottley. If you would prefer we can supply you with a set of envelopes for 2021/22. Please contact the Parish Office leaving your name and address and we will get you a set of envelopes. If you already Gift Aid your Offertory donations, thank you. If you have moved or if you no longer pay income tax can you please let the Parish Office know so that we can update the Gift aid records and confirm that the Gift Aid mandates are still valid. Finally, If you have not yet Gift aided your Offertory Donations can I ask that you consider doing so. If you can Gift Aid your donations we can claim 25p for every £1 you donate from the Government. Again the form is available from the Parish Office or from Russell Harvey or Peter Ottley after the Sunday Masses.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Peggy Willcox R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Sean and Maud O'Reilly 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> Iris Stead R.I.P
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Alphege, Bishop</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Teresa Shaw R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	CC	<b>Reception</b> of Peter Briffitt's body into the church			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Wellbeing of Adam Walker-Rhifari			
	<b>12.30pm</b>	CC	<b>Funeral Mass</b> Peter Briffitt R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Mary Catherine Brennan R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Walter Henry Benny R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Georgina Barlow R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b>	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Fidelis of Sigmaringen and Adalbert of Prague</i>	<b>12.00noon</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Trevor Walby R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	St. J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition</b>
				<b>10.00am</b>	St. J's	<b>Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except the 1st Saturday of the Month when there will be a Mass)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Bob Alford R.I.P (1st anniversary of death)	<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**

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

