

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Easter Week 4

SUNDAY 25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by
The word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

Collect

Almighty every-living God, lead us to a share in
the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may
reach where the brave Shepherd has gone
before.

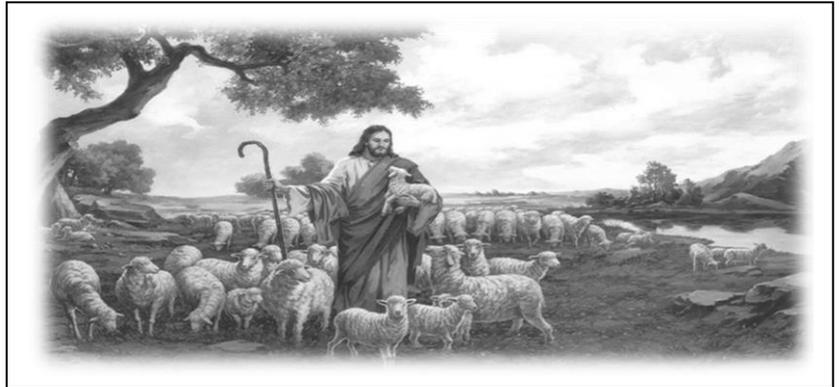
1st Reading Acts 4:8-12

Psalm The stone which the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Verse I am the good shepherd, says
the Lord; I know my own
sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:11-18



Good Shepherd Sunday

Canon Tom Gunning

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter we always hear parts of Chapter Ten of St John's Gospel where we find Jesus referring to himself as the Good Shepherd. Biblical scholars argue that "good" should be translated as true, perfect, model, ideal or noble. Jesus emphasizes that the Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. Here we take up the words we heard last Sunday when the Risen Lord explained to his disciples that the Christ had to suffer. In our Gospel today Jesus also refers to his Resurrection when Jesus says: "...I lay down my life in order to take it up again" (Jn 10:17).

Another important theme in today's Gospel is that Jesus came to save all people. He explains this by saying: "...there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well." (Jn 10:16)

Today we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, the Religious Life, Marriage, the consecrated single life and many other forms of service. We keep in our prayers Joseph Meigh who will soon be ordained a Deacon and next year, God willing, he will be ordained a priest.

May men and women be open to the special vocation to which God is calling them. May they become good shepherds caring for the sheep.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Brian Griffin, Joan Brannigan, Father Kevin Alban, O.Carm. and Leonard Dean who are poorly at the moment. Also for Sharon Heap who has died. 'May she see the light of heaven' Amen.

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

29TH APRIL - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA - c.1333-1380. A member of the Dominican Third Order, Caterina Benincasa was the youngest of twenty or more children of a Sienese dyer. She devoted time to prayer and penance, helping the sick in hospital. She later journeyed in a call to reform and repentance. In the last five years of her life, she was involved in the politics of Church and State, working for the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome. This makes her one of the leading figures of the fourteenth century. Both a contemplative and ascetic, her writings are remarkable for their spirituality and theology.

30TH APRIL - ST PIUS V - Pius (1504-72) was a Dominican friar, bishop and later pope, being one of the most important popes of the Counter-Reformation. He was a vigorous reformer and enforcer of the letter and spirit of the decrees of the Council of Trent. The Breviary and Missal were reformed under him. The Roman Catechism was completed and translated into many languages. He is a model of total commitment to frequent prayer, fasting and kindness both to the poor and the sick.

CAFOD LENT WALKING - Together Katie Davies and Mike Usher-Clark, walked a total of 1.4 million steps and raised £3290. The money (without gift aid) is enough to provide water to 4 communities that do not have water and therefore have to themselves "walk for water" which is why CAFOD created the challenge. So, a huge thank you from Katie and Mike to their fellow parishioners, friends and families for their support.

CAFOD - Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

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.

MARY'S MEALS - Pray in May - Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children. You could offer your prayerful support in a number of ways such as: including a bidding prayer for Mary's Meals at Mass, praying the Rosary for our work or hosting a Holy Hour. You will find inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card, on [our website](#) or do [get in touch](#) if you would like to arrange a talk for your church about our work. Thank you for remembering Mary's Meals in your prayers. God bless you all.

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.

RETRouvaille - Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages. - So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **1st-4th July 2021** Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 AT OLOL - Parents of children who would like to make their First Holy Communion this year (2021) are invited to a planning meeting immediately after the 9:15am Mass this Sunday 25th April in the Parish Room. Classes will start on the 2nd May 2021.

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE - If you would like to light a candle for the whole week for a special intention, please ring or text Maricris on 07577773452 to book an available date. The candles cost £5.00- you can either hand your payment to the presbytery or through the Parish's account.

BOOK FOR SALE - "The History of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Milton,Weston-Super-Mare" is back on sale for £5. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see one of the stewards at the back of OLOL or put your money in an envelope and drop it into the Parish Office. Although the book is largely about OLOL, it brings up to date the histories of St Joseph's and Corpus Christi. There are over 150 photographs old and new. The books are available in the narthex of the three churches.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOSPICE - Clare Slattery is doing a skydive in September in memory of her father, John Slattery who passed away 10 years ago in December. The Slattery family were a big part of OLOL. John was a Eucharistic Minister and was on the Parish Council. Clare's grandad, Sean Slattery also went to OLOL. Also Clare and her sister were Altar servers for Father Martin. Clare is doing the skydive to raise money for the hospice that John spent time at before he died. You can hand any donations into the presbytery at CC or OLOL.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA - There will be an appeal at the end of Masses this weekend by EVC to support the education of children in the Kyansi RC Parish of central Uganda. This is an extremely impoverished parish in the Diocese of Masaka. The charity is engaged in building St. Matia Mulumba Primary School and providing essential services that we take for granted in the UK such as clean water, electricity and sanitation. The community has suffered considerably during the pandemic lockdown. The school has been closed and the children have lost over one year of studies.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - "Tuesday 27th April, is the 53rd anniversary of the abortion act coming in to effect. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please join us that day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country. [As we are in the Easter Season please limit your fasting to some small sacrifice] www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

40th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS BY POPE JOHN PAUL II - *Mary, humble servant of God Most High, the Son to whom you gave birth has made you the servant of humanity. Your life was a humble and generous service. You were servant of the Word when the angel announced to you the divine plan of salvation. You were servant of the Son, giving him life and remaining open to his mystery. You were servant of Redemption, standing courageously at the foot of the Cross, close to the Suffering Servant and Lamb, who was sacrificing himself for love of us. You were servant of the Church on the day of Pentecost and with your intercessions you continue to generate her in every believer, even in our difficult and troubled times. Let the young people of the third millennium look to you, young daughter of Israel, who have known the agitation of a young heart when faced with the plan of the Eternal God. Make them able to accept the invitation of your Son to give their lives wholly for the glory of God. Make them understand that to serve God satisfies the heart, and that only in the service of God and of his kingdom do we realise ourselves in accordance with the divine plan, and life becomes a hymn of glory to the Most Holy Trinity. Amen.*

MOTHERS PRAYERS ON ZOOM - Mothers Prayers meetings will be starting on Thursday mornings at 8.45am There will be Mothers Prayers one week and the Rosary the following week particularly during May. **Meeting ID: 922 2054 7539 - Passcode: 123.**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass People of the Parish	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Bob Alford R.I.P (1 st Anniversary of Death)	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Peter Briffitt R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Peter Dawnay R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel and Saint Louis Marie Grignon, de Montfort</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Marjorie Thomson R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena.</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Michael Spencer R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Pius V, Pope</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Deceased McEntee Family Members	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker</i>	12.00 noon	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Patrick Redmond	9.30am	St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition
				10.00am	St. J's	Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Kathleen Patricia Roberts R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls

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**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Holy Places - CC £398.24. OLOL £192.80. **Easter Offerings to the Clergy** - CC £1261.35. OLOL £945.98.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 11th April 2021
CC - £170.00 OLOL £362.89

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