

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Easter Week 2

SUNDAY 11th April 2021
Second Sunday of Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Collect

God, of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

1st Reading Acts 4:32-35

Psalm Give thanks to the Lord for he is Good, for his love has no end.

2nd Reading John 5:1-6

Gospel Verse Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Gospel John 20: 1-9



The Gospel-An Appeal to Believe

Canon Tom Gunning

Why did John write his Good News? We have the answer in the last few verses of today's Gospel passage. He wrote these chapters so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and in believing this that we might have life. This final statement presupposes that some people already doubted the amazing truth that God has come among us. The Father has sent his Son and in our Gospel passage we hear that Jesus sent or breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples so that they may themselves be sent out. It is their testimony of the Risen Lord that we meet in the Gospel. We are called to believe in Jesus in our western world which seems to have lost faith in God.

When Thomas sees the wounds on Jesus' risen body he makes a great statement of faith, namely that Jesus is God. The crucified Jesus is the risen Jesus. He is able to pass through closed doors now that he has passed from death to life. We who believe are invited to share in God's life. Jesus brings us joy and forgiveness. This message continues to be heard through the Church which has received the Holy Spirit and continues to sing the praises of our God of love.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Danielle Ryan who died on Holy Saturday in Innisfree Nursing Home. '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 Mervyn Reginald Ind R.I.P and for the intentions of Maggie's families and friends.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Divine Mercy Sunday - From the diary of a young Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska concerning revelations that she received about God's mercy, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition; that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. However, in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest sinners. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II at the canonisation of Sr. Faustina on the 30th April 2000.

RIGHT TO LIFE - ***"As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy we remember the words of St Faustina: "that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to [God's] holy will, which is love and mercy itself". We pray these words especially for all women considering abortion, that the love, hope and mercy of Christ would be with them in their difficulty, and that they would find care and support in their family and friends so that they can keep their unborn child. Lord hear us"***

CC PARISH OFFICE - Will be closed from 12.15pm Friday the 9th April and will reopen at 9.15am on Tuesday the 20th April.

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 21st 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.

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 16th April.

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.

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.

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) 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

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 20th 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-exploringquestions-around-dementia-tickets-147405946153>

CAFOD Thanks: Thanks to all our generous parishioners for their response to the Lent Fast Day and for the money they saved in the CAFOD money boxes. Thanks to all who sponsored Katy and Mike in their "Walk for Water". Especially thanks of course to Mike and Katy for their splendid example. Please keep CAFOD and all those in need in your prayers.

FUNERALS AT CC and OLOL - The funeral Mass for Peter Briffitt will be on Tuesday the 20th April at 12.30pm at Corpus Christi followed by a burial at 2pm. Peter's body will be received into the church on Monday the 19th April at 4.30pm. Under current restrictions, only 30 people can attend.

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.

CLERGY - Thanks - Canon Tom and the clergy thank parishioners for their Easter offerings and gifts.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Walter Brennan R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P (1 st Death Anniversary)	6.00pm	CC	Mass Peter Briffitt R.I.P
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	11.00am	CC	Mass John Kilby R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Victor Silvester Carr R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Martin I, Pope</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Larry Gerlach R.I.P (Birthday)	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	4.30pm	CC	Reception of Marjorie Thomson's body into church			
THURSDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.30am	CC	Requiem Mass Marjorie Thomson R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Chrislyn Tessa Tom (new born baby)			
FRIDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	11.00am	OLOL	Requiem Mass Michael MacMahon R.I.P			
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Mary Bokacz R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition
				10.00am	St. J's	Liturgy of the Word followed by H Holy Communion (except the 1st Saturday of the Month when there will be a Mass)
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm	CC	Vigil Mass Peggy Willcox R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Sean and Maud O'Reilly 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

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 28th March 2021

CC - £460.00 OLOL £197.05