

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Easter Week 6

SUNDAY 9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold in what we do.

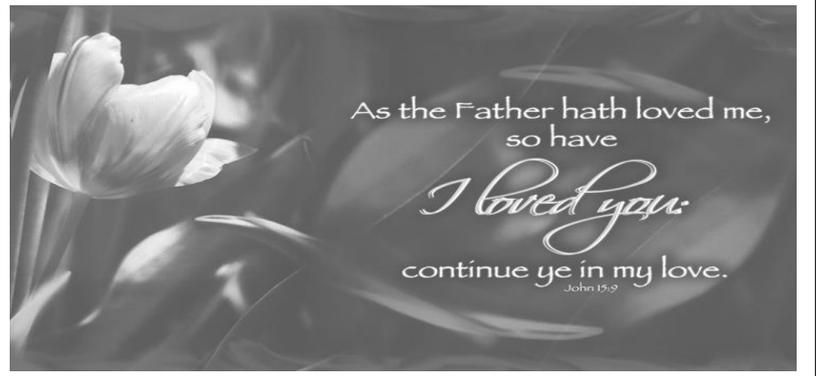
1st Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48.

Psalm The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Verse Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him'

Gospel John 15:9-17



God is Love

Canon Tom Gunning

After describing himself as the Vine in last week's Gospel Jesus gives us an explanation of what he means by "bearing fruit".

It's all about keeping his commandments, namely to love one another. If we do this we remain in Jesus' love just as Jesus has remained in the Father's love. We hear about the totality of Jesus' love in that he is willing to lay down his life for us, his friends or his chosen ones.

Jesus wants us to be joyful in our love for one another. True joy comes from being loved and loving. We are loved by God and we need to communicate that love to others. We are friends of Jesus if we love one another. We remain in his love by loving others. That sounds simple enough. Why is it so difficult to love others? Perhaps it's because this asks so much of us. Or is it that love is something God-like? We hear in our second reading that God is love (1 Jn: 4-8). We are being asked or commanded to be like God who loves us all and wants us to love all people.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Oscar Rewse who is poorly. He is the great-grandson of Brett Rewse and is only 3 days old. Also for Joyce Wood and Fr. Kevin Alban who have died. Joyce was a well-known parishioner at CC and Fr. Kevin was the Provincial of the Carmelites in this country. He had been on the staff of the Beda College Seminary in Rome. '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 Amar and Elizabeth Dias and Josh Thomas 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.

12TH MAY - SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS

Martyred around 304, they were soldiers used to executing through fear, the orders of a cruel tyrant. They were converted to Christianity and threw away their arms. Over the cemetery of Domitilla in Rome, a church was built in the 4th century in which their now empty tomb was discovered by archaeologists in 1874. Their legendary Acts made these martyrs eunuchs of Flavia Domitilla. During Trajan's reign, Nereus and Achilles were beheaded and Domitilla burnt to death for refusing to sacrifice to idols.

12TH MAY - SAINT PANCRAS - Pancras died early in the 4th century. Little is known of his life. The legendary Acts make him a Phrygian orphan brought by his uncle to Rome, where both were converted and Pancras suffered martyrdom at the age of fourteen for refusing to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods.

14TH MAY - ST MATTHIAS - After Christ's Ascension Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place of Judas Iscariot among the Apostles. Tradition associates Matthias with spreading the gospel in Cappadocia and provinces bordering the Caspian Sea, also Ethiopia where, according to tradition, he was martyred.

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 - Thanks to your generosity, we have now collected over £2,000. At the moment we do a big delivery once a month but, during the Summer holidays as the need will be even greater, we will be making weekly deliveries so please do continue with financial help if you are able. You may still put food in the boxes provided at both Churches if you prefer this. Thank you.

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.

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

LGBT+ MASS - The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends will take place on Sunday the 16th May at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Lawford's Gate, Easton, Bristol BS5 0RE. For livestream follow the link on the parish website: <https://tolentino.org.uk>

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 'We were overwhelmed by the reception we were given by the parishioners of Corpus Christi Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph's on the weekend of Sat 24th and Sun 25th April. The amount raised to date is £1,520 with Gift Aid and we will let you know of any extra money that comes in. We are also grateful for the interest shown in child sponsorship. The money will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real difference to the education and lives of the children. Be assured of the children's prayers. Please visit our website on www.evcuganda.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for latest updates on our work. God bless'.
Rebecca on behalf of EVC Uganda.

HELLO FROM JOSEPH MEIGH - 'Very happy Easter to all in Weston! Despite still being in lockdown at the Seminary, we were so blessed to have been able to celebrate all the Paschal liturgies fully, with music and singing—and I couldn't help remembering last year's Triduum, with just Canon Tom and I, before we'd even got Zoom working in the church! Just before Easter, Bishop Declan accepted my application for the Diaconate, so please keep me and my classmates in your prayers as we prepare for ordination on the 3rd of July, the last of the 130 years' worth of ordinations to take place at St John's Seminary. Please also remember Deacon Stephen Corrigan who will be ordained priest in our Cathedral on the 10th of July. May the joy of the risen Christ be planted deeply in all our hearts, even amid the suffering which still continues. Pax!

WEEKEND MASSES AT CC - Space at Mass is currently severely restricted. We now have a "full" Church for the Weekend Masses. To ensure you get a seat, can you please arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass. Once we have reached the current capacity, you can participate in the Mass from outside the Church, looking in through the main doors – Sound will be relayed via the PA system.
We also need to remember to wear face masks and sanitise hands.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - We have not ordered any Offertory Envelopes for 2021 / 21. We only have 7 Parishioners who were still using them and have 25 boxes left uncollected from last year. If you used offertory envelopes can I suggest that you consider using a Standing Order or Bank transfer as an alternative. A standing order form with Bank details and instructions are available from Russel Harvey or Peter Ottley after the Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses. Alternatively you can contact Tracey in the presbytery during office hours or email wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com. If you still want to use envelopes for Gift Aided Offertory Donations can you either use your old unused blue envelopes and change the date or a new set envelopes can be arranged for you – please contact Peter Ottley via the Parish Office. If your donations are not gift aided (you have orange envelopes) you can use a plain envelope instead.

GIFT AIDED OFFERTORY DONATIONS - If you have moved or you no longer pay income tax can you let the Parish Office know so that your Gift Aid mandate can be amended. Finally if you do not donate via the Gift aid scheme can you please consider doing so. We can claim 25p from the Government for every £1 you contribute.

YOUNG PEOPLE FUNDRAISING - Our young boys and girls at OLOL will be participating in reading and singing during Mass, as well as other activities as appropriate during the month of May. They would like to, with your help, raise some funds to help India with their alarming and dire Covid-19 situation. Their participation in the Church will commence this weekend. There will be collection buckets, if you wish to donate. The funds raised will be given to the chosen UK charity, via the Church. Please come and support them. Thank you in anticipation.

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND - Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

LAUDATO Si - In 2015, Pope Francis in his encyclical entitled *Laudato Si'* urged us to consider Our Common Home. He asked us to Listen to the Cries of the Poor and the Cries of the Earth. In Genesis we hear how God not only created all the living creatures and on the 6th day, God created us in his image to care for his creation and he gave us plants for food and medicines. Six years on we may reflect on what our Holy Father's message means for us today, how have we responded so far to this call to Listen and Act?. What might we want to change in our daily lives, our homes and our Parishes?.

GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT -

Laudato Si' Week 2021 is going to be incredible. Just imagine: the world's 1.3 billion Catholics coming together from six continents to *celebrate* the great progress we've made and *prepare for the future with hope*. From 16-24 May, Catholics will *connect* with each other and *feel inspired* about the steps we've taken on our ecological conversion journey. We'll learn from global visionaries and community leaders who are bringing *Laudato Si'* to life. At the same time, we'll recognize that much needs to be done, and we'll get started *right away* on the clear road map for the decade ahead. Join today to receive the official *Laudato Si'* Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news! The theme for the celebration is, "for we know things can change" (LS 13).

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global>

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL INCLUDING

INDIA - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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.**

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS AT OLOL - We are looking for more volunteers to help with arranging church flowers, once every 6 weeks. If you can help, please speak to Canon Tom or Maricris. We continue to thank everyone who has helped the church in different ways during this pandemic.

SILENT WITNESS - To commemorate 53 years of legalised abortion in the country, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding a roadside act of silent witness on Francis Fox Road (by the pelican crossing by Tesco car park) from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 29 May. This is a simple, but effective way, of supporting the pro-life cause and standing up for defenceless unborn children. Please go along and join in, even if just for a short while.

PRAYING A NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT -

Bishop Declan invites us all to participate in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Thursday 13 May (Feast of the Ascension). Each of the nine days will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/novena> We hope many people will join us in praying the Novena as we continue to 'Dare to Dream' and invite the Holy Spirit to bless our diocese as we move forward.

OLOL - Parishioners who support the Parish through Gift Aid are reminded that the personal tax allowance has increased to £12,570 for the year 2021-2022. If you no longer pay tax, or have changed address, please advise the Gift Aid Secretary, Cristina Liviero, through the Parish Office. We greatly value your contributions and ask any parishioner who pays tax on earnings, occupational pensions etc to consider using Gift Aid. This increases your offering by 25% at no additional cost to yourself. Whilst we are happy for envelopes to continue to be used perhaps Parishioners might consider giving your offering by Standing Order. If you would like further details please contact the Treasurer, or Gift Aid Secretary, through the Parish Office. Thank you. Our grateful thanks to the Parishioners who donated the cost of our new Noticeboard. This is on the grass area outside Church (in place of the old noticeboard).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass People of the Parish	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass Winifred and George Lavell R.I.P	6.00pm CC Mass People of the Parish
	11.00am CC Mass People of the Parish	
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am CC Mass Matthew Martin R.I.P (Anniversary)	
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.30am OLOL Mass Amar and Elizabeth Dias and Josh Thomas R.I.P	
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras</i>	10.00am CC Mass Peter Briffitt R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	9.00am OLOL Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary	9.30am St. J's Mass in Polish
	9.30am OLOL Mass People of the Parish	
	10.00am CC Mass Joyce Wood R.I.P	
	7.00pm CC Mass People of the Parish	
FRIDAY <i>Feast of Saint Matthias</i>	9.30am CC Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
	10.00am CC Mass Brennan Blake R.I.P (Birthday)	
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00 noon OLOL Mass Magnus Lynch R.I.P	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>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass Franco Freni R.I.P	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass Miguel Anghel Casas 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**

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 25th April 2021
CC - £89.37 OLOL £191.04