

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK  
Ordinary Time Week 10

SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood  
Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

### Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied  
them with honey from the rock.

### Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have  
Left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we  
pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your  
Body and Blood that we may always experience  
in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

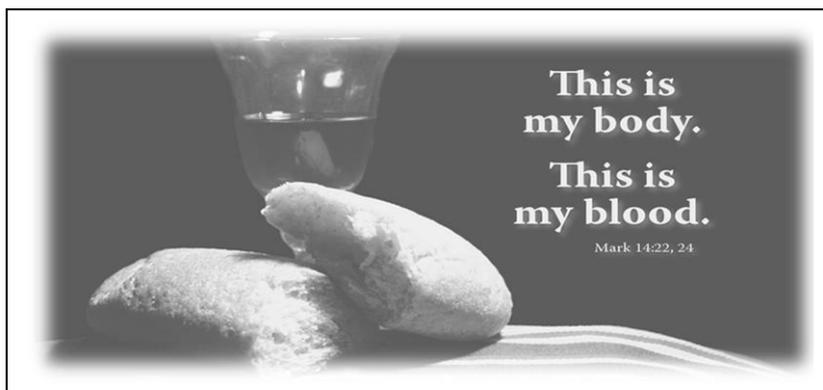
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 24:3-8

**Psalm** The cup of salvation I will  
raise; I will call on the Lord's  
name.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Hebrews 9:11-15

**Gospel Verse** I am the living bread which  
has come down from heaven,  
says the Lord. Anyone who  
eats this bread will live  
forever.

**Gospel** Mark 14:12-16. 22-26



## A NEW COVENANT

### Canon Tom Gunning

At the consecration in the Mass the priest says "...this is the chalice of the new and eternal Covenant". We hear that word "covenant" five times in our readings this week-end. In the first reading from Exodus we hear of the Book of the Covenant and of the Sinai Covenant sealed with the blood of bullocks. In the second reading from Hebrews we hear of Jesus' blood of the new covenant. In our Gospel from St Mark Jesus speaks of his own blood as the blood of the covenant. He was foretelling his death on the cross. For St Mark the Last Supper coincides with the feast of the Passover. So not only are we to think of Jesus' death as the point at which a new community is founded but also it's a sacrifice whereby Jesus becomes the Paschal Lamb whose blood saved the people of Israel from slavery. Jesus is the new Paschal Lamb who frees us from the slavery of sin and death.

The Passover Meal became the Eucharistic Meal, our Mass. Every time we celebrate Mass we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is God's greatest gift to us. Every time we celebrate Mass we are reminded of how Jesus gave his life for us and how he continues to give himself to us in Holy Communion.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Pauline Duffy and Tony Denny who are both in hospital.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the wellbeing of John Rigby, Allison Erdos and Kate McCormick.

### **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.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** - Will be celebrated this weekend. There will be recommissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion during the weekend Masses.

**9TH JUNE - ST. EPHREM** - c.306-73. Ephrem, called the 'Harp of the Holy Spirit', is the great classic Doctor of the Syrian Church. As deacon and monk at Edessa, he vigorously combated the heresies of his time. There he wrote works and hymns that were later incorporated into the Liturgy and translated in various languages. In 370 he visited St. Basil whose brother, St. Gregory of Nyassa, wrote in his praise. In 372 he organised charity to victims of famine and died soon afterwards in his cave.

**9TH JUNE - ST. COLUMBA** - Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, about 521 and died at Iona in 597. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow and possibly Kells. In 565 he left Ireland, with twelve companions, for the island of Iona off South West Scotland, given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada. From Iona he converted much of Western Scotland, his followers taking the Gospel to northern England. Writing a century after his death, Adomnan (then abbot of Iona) paints a picture of Columba as tall, of powerful build with impressive presence; skilled as a scholar, poet, scribe, spiritual guide and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause; able, ardent and sometimes harsh, he mellowed with age.

**11TH JUNE - ST. BARNABAS** - A Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, Barnabas (meaning 'son of consolation') was an early christian disciple but not one of the Twelve. He introduced Paul to the other apostles; together Paul and Barnabas were sent to Antioch and undertook the first missionary journey, which began in Cyprus. At the Council of Jerusalem, Barnabas supported the Gentile Christians. Later Barnabas and Paul quarrelled and separated; Barnabas returned to Cyprus and evangelised it. Pauls' references to him possibly indicate a wider apostolate. However, legend claims he died a martyr at Salamis in AD61.

**PARISH OFFICE AT CC** - Will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday 8th/9th June.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)** - Please continue to keep Nathan, our Candidate for Reception into the Church in your prayers. We were unable to celebrate his Reception at Pentecost as hoped as he has to support his parents through a health crisis. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith please contact Canon Tom or Jean Davies.

**YOUNG PEOPLE FUNDRAISING** - Our young boys and girls at OLOL are participating in reading and singing during Mass, as well as other activities as appropriate during the month of May. For Laudato Si week all our young people have been invited to draw a poster for display and make a bookmark with the theme **WE CARE FOR OUR PLANET**. Please hand these into the stewards, we are really looking forward to learning about our young people's ideas. The bookmarks, along with Marigold seedlings and Garden pots will be used to help raise funds for India and their alarming Covid-19 situation. 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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT OLOL** - "Will recommence on Tuesday the 8th June. Sessions are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Room at Our Lady of Lourdes, commencing at 7.00 pm and lasting one to one and a half hours. All are welcome. If you have any questions, Peter Hardy is the man and his contact details can be obtained from the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office."

**ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS IN THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM** - A large altarpiece of 8 ft high by 6 ft wide called *Adoration of the Shepherds in the Stable at Bethlehem* used to hang in St Joseph's for many years. We would like to know more about it. Who put it there and when. We think it was moved to the Presbytery at Corpus Christi about 1963/4, after Vatican II. It was eventually moved to the choir loft at CC, (when and for how long?) and then hidden behind the organ in CC at some unknown date. It was eventually moved out of Weston about 1989/90 when the Parish Priest was Fr John O'Connor, who retired in 1992. If anyone knows more than this, please contact Tony Collyer on 412769.

**RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES** - The Covid 19 pandemic has been 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 marriage ....and 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 **1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443, Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME** - On this Feast of Corpus Christi we are reminded that Jesus gave his body in the form of bread to the Apostles. He "shared" this most precious gift. The forerunner to this was the Feeding of the 5000, where bread and fish were "shared", all the leftovers were collected, nothing was wasted. This week how can we "share" food more fairly and make sure we don't waste this precious resource of our world? For ideas search Cafod and/or No Time to Waste at <https://wickedleeks.riverford.co.uk>

**CORPUS CHRISTI MISSIO BOXES - 1)** In 2020, Corpus Christi Parish raised £845.77 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). **2)** Please would all Red Box holders pick up their latest Mission magazine from the church porch. **3)** Please would Red Box holders empty their boxes and put the money in a bag or envelope, label it Missio & put your name on it and hand it at the Presbytery by the end of June – so we can get your donations to where they are so needed. **4)** If you would like to support the Missionaries in their valuable work by having a Red Box in your home, just call Bill McEntee on 626271.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER -** The Catholic Parishes of St Francis, Nailsea and St Joseph's Portishead are currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to develop the ministry to children, young people and families in our parishes. This is an exciting role working with our two parishes and their primary schools to create opportunities for children and young people to engage in the mission and life of the Church. For the job description and application form please visit: [www.josephfrancis.org/joinourteam](http://www.josephfrancis.org/joinourteam) Closing date for applications: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**BANNERS AT OLOL** - A Big Thank You to all those who have kindly donated towards the purchase of the banners for Advent, Lent, Easter, St. Joseph and Our Lady. These will be retained by Our Lady of Lourdes church, and used annually. Thank you all again for your generosity.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b> CC <b>Vigil Mass</b> Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b> CC <b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b> OLOL <b>Mass</b> Private Intentions of Magbanua Family	<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> Holy Souls
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am</b> CC <b>Mass</b> Ann Kenney R.I.P	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am</b> OLOL <b>Mass</b> Doris and Patrick Dolan R.I.P	<b>7.00pm</b> OLOL <b>Bible Study (Parish Room)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Columba, Abbot and Ephrem, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC <b>Mass</b> Fr. Kevin Alban R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b> St. J's <b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>7.00pm</b> OLOL <b>Mass</b> Elizabeth and Amar Dias and Jose Thomas R.I.P	<b>8.45am</b> CC <b>Mother's Prayers on Zoom</b>
		<b>9.30am</b> St. J's <b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC <b>Mass</b> Dermot Healy R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b> St. J's <b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>12.00 noon</b> OLOL <b>Mass</b> Eileen Davies 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b> CC <b>Vigil Mass</b> Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b> CC <b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b> OLOL <b>Mass</b> Henry and Iris Collyer R.I.P	<b>6.00pm</b> CC <b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	<b>11.00am</b> OLOL <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.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**  
 CC - £298.51 – OLOL £214.59