

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 11

SUNDAY 13th June 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my saviour!

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you
mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the
help of your grace, that in following your
commands we may please you by our resolve
and our deeds.

1st Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm It is good to give you thanks,
O Lord.

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Verse The seed is the word of God,
Christ the Sower; whoever
finds the seed will remain for
ever.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16. 22-26



Parables of the Kingdom

Canon Tom Gunning

We all know the parable of the Sower. Much of the seed gets wasted, eaten by birds, choked by weeds etc. In the two parables which follow in St Mark's Gospel there is a more positive and successful outcome for the seed. The growing seed is productive with very little input from the farmer. The tiny mustard seed shows enormous growth which allows the birds of the air to shelter in its branches. Through these parables Jesus is reassuring the people that the Kingdom will come. It is God's work. Also the Kingdom is for all, Gentiles as well as Jews.

We are like the first disciples who could see little progress among the people after Jesus' teaching. They were disheartened at the lack of success. Jesus reassures them and us that the Kingdom has come in him and there will be success. We have to show patience and plant the seed of his teaching. He does the rest.

What growth has there been in the Church in our country in the last few years? Very little, we might say. The parables today teach us not to be disheartened. The Kingdom is a greater than the Church. We should be praying for openness to God's will among all people. We should be more visible as followers of Jesus. We should be growing in our faith and reaching out to others.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Albert Doherty who is 10 years old and poorly.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Elizabeth and Amar Dias and Jose 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.

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.

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. **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.

OLOL - Thank you so much for all the young people's efforts during May with reading, singing, drawing posters and bookmarks. Thank you for helping sell your bookmarks and the Marigolds from the church garden, to raise money for India's Covid-19 appeal.

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 Closing date for applications: Sunday 27th June 2021.

CAFOD - Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE - On Wednesday 23rd June, the Vigil of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148>

RIGHT TO LIFE - Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion. Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

SESSIONS - The Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding awareness sessions to volunteers on the following dates and times. The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams therefore, if you would like to attend, please contact Beci Monks on rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com Beci will send you a link to the training a little nearer the time. **Thursday 15th July 2021 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm Saturday 25th September 9.30am – 11.00am**

CARE FOR BIODIVERSITY - Our Holy Father, Pope Francis says that Biodiversity is of key importance for future food and medicines and that more plants and animals which are part of God's Creation are becoming lost forever for reasons related to human activity. Our children in Weston have drawn a variety of animals they would like to see protected. Apparently one Great Whale, in its lifetime spent in the Oceanic food chains and then afterwards lying at the bottom of the ocean, is a Carbon store equivalent to 40,000 trees! Closer to home, the leaves, nectar and pollen of Native wildflowers adapted to local climate and conditions can serve as food, shelter and breeding grounds for a variety of insects, which in turn are food for birds, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals, our local food chain. Wildlife corridors can link habitats to encourage this Biodiversity and these can be provided by public spaces like grass verges and even small patches in gardens. Helpful insects like ladybirds and lacewings reduce the need for pesticides and pollinators are needed for much of our food crops, fruits, vegetables and nuts. Bees have been in a 52% decline since 1980, according to a British Survey, due to habitat loss, climate change and pesticides. But there is hope as Pope Francis highlighted the fact that everything and everyone is interconnected and urges us to adopt eco-friendly lifestyles.

FOODBANK - Barbara is still collecting money to buy the items urgently needed for the foodbank. This is an ongoing project which will continue although sometimes there isn't space in the bulletin to mention it. Thank you for your generous contributions.

CLIFTON DIOCESE LGBT+ MINISTRY - The monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends will be held at St. Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church on Sunday the 20th June at 3pm. To livestream please follow the link on the parish website: <https://tolentino.org.uk>.

CLIFTON DIOCESE - JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Formation and Evangelisation Officer.

Are you passionate about your faith and have a desire to share it with others?

- Would you like to support our parishes in their mission to be communities of evangelisation and mission?
- Do you have an interest in developing resources and working with a variety of different groups to deliver effective and dynamic sacramental preparation alongside accompanying parishes in their outreach to those seeking faith or simply curious? The successful applicant will need to be committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, be able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach.

Caritas and Environmental Officer

- Are you passionate about our planet and how we care for it?
- Do you care about the poor and the vulnerable in our local communities?
- Would you like to be able to develop coordinated plans for action, working with parishes and schools in a Catholic setting?

With two key aspects to this role, the successful applicant will need to have the confidence to ensure that both the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth are fully integrated into the life of our parishes and schools.

For further information/informal discussion about the roles please contact Sarah Adams, the Director of Adult Education & Evangelisation on 0117 902 5595.

The job description, personal specification and application form are available from www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/

Closing date for receipt of applications: 25 June 2021.

'TINK' AND 'BELL' - 'Tink' and 'Bell' are two chihuahua's in need of a loving and caring home together. Unfortunately their owners have had to move into a flat and are unable to take their 'babies' with them. They are 7 years old and sleep a lot! If you feel you can give them a loving and caring home and would like some companionship, please let Tracey know at the parish office.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass Henry and Iris Collyer R.I.P	6.00pm CC Mass Donor's Intention
	11.00am CC Mass People of the Parish	
MONDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am CC Mass Peter Briffitt R.I.P	
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am OLOL Mass Canon William O'Callaghan R.I.P	
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Richard of Chichester</i>	10.00am CC Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm OLOL Mass Wellbeing of Susana Cole	8.45am CC Mother's Prayers on Zoom
		9.30am St. J's Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am CC Mass Joan McKendry R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Romauld, Abbot</i>	12.00 noon OLOL Mass Joyce Deakin 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>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass Joyce Wood R.I.P	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass In Thanksgiving of Trish and Steve Roberts and Family	3.00pm CC Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am CC Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm CC Mass Matthew Martin 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.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life organisations in promoting life from conception until natural death.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 30th May 2021
 CC - £298.46 – OLOL £243.50