

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 18

SUNDAY 1st August 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

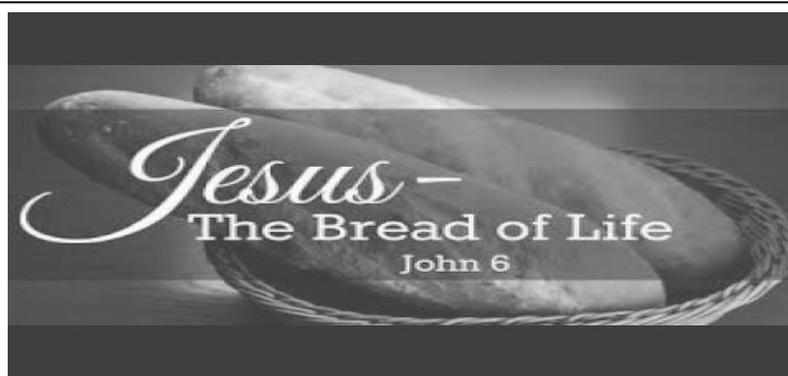
1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4.12-15

Psalm The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:17.20-24

Gospel Verse Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel John 6:24-35



Bread from Heaven

Canon Tom Gunning

This weekend we begin a long midrash or homily which is based on John 6:31 "He gave them bread from heaven to eat". These words quoted by the people are an amalgam of Exodus 16:4, Nehemiah 9:15 and Psalm 78:24 and Psalm 105:40. What we have in our Gospel passage today is Jesus' reply focusing on "He gave" and the first part of "bread". Jesus points out that it wasn't Moses who gave the people of Israel bread in the desert but God the Father. They cannot work for this kind of food because it is a gift. The only work they can do is to be open to the gift. That means they must believe in him, the one the Father has sent.

We who follow Christ Jesus acknowledge that the true bread is his Word and his person. Jesus is the Bread of Life who satisfies our hunger and thirst. May we always place him first in our lives. May we feed on his word and be nourished spiritually on his Body and Blood, Corpus Christi.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Patricia Boswell and Joshua Papineau. The sick of our parish and our loved ones elsewhere as well as anyone else who is unwell. Please also pray for those who care for them.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the People of our Parishes.

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.

4TH AUGUST - SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST - 1786-1859. Born near Lyons, the son of a farmer, he had little schooling and therefore found his priestly studies difficult. Said to be the most devout if also the most unlearned of the students, in 1817 he became parish priest of Ars-en-Dombe, a remote and unimportant village where he spent the rest of his life, living mainly on potatoes. He excelled at preaching and counselling and preached every day at 11am, sometimes spending sixteen hours a day hearing confessions. He is patron of all the priests of the world.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH - Are you interested to know about the Catholic Faith? Do you want to become a Catholic? Do you know anyone who would like to know how to become a Catholic? If so, our Journey in Faith sessions or RCIA might be just the thing. During these sessions we explore different aspects of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We listen to God's word in Scripture and we pray together. For more information please contact Canon Tom or our Parish Administrator. Contact information can be found at the bottom of this Newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - Following the easing of COVID restrictions, and the impact that has on our church, it has been decided that there will be one First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday October 9th at 11.00am. Numbers in the church will still be restricted to 140 so there will be 1 pew per family allocated. A meeting for parents in the church on Monday 20th Sept is planned. Further details will be available nearer the time.

THE DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of 6 Catholic Primary Schools in Somerset and North Somerset is looking to recruit more Directors to join its newly formed Trust Board. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of one of the first Multi Academy Trusts within Clifton Diocese. If you have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and wish to support and sustain Catholic education, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board of this new Multi Academy Trust. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the children in our schools. Please see the Director Recruitment Pack <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Director-Recruitment-Pack.pdf> for further details and how to apply. Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Tuesday 31 August.

FAMILY PRAYER RESOURCES FOR SUMMER - CAFOD

will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

PARISH OFFICE AT CC - Will be closed from the 3rd August until the 12th August.

ADULT EDUCATION - On Saturday 25 September we are looking to draw together catechists from around our diocese, as well as those involved in parish formation and evangelisation, as a way of offering an opportunity for conversation and formation, focusing on family catechesis. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will help us to reflect on the role of parents in catechesis and give catechists the confidence to enable them to be the first teachers of their children's faith. The day will take place at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge, and will start at 11am and finish around 4pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, we ask catechists to bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day so please ask your parishioners to register early. They can register through this email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE - 2ND OCTOBER -
Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 October (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2021 or those who will marry this year. If there are any marriages in our parish this year or any couple celebrating significant anniversaries i.e. 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th anniversaries during 2021. The names of these couples – engaged and anniversaries – need to be sent to this email:

(adult.education@clifftondiocese.com) so that personal invitations can be sent to them.

MESSAGE FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK - Firstly, Right To Life UK is very pleased to announce that Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, has become a patron of our organisation. We are very grateful to His Eminence for his support of our work. Secondly, we would like to congratulate Lord Alton of Liverpool for being [this year's recipient](#) of The Westminster Award for Human Life, Human Rights, and Human Dignity. This award recognises extraordinary and notable work and achievements that safeguard the dignity and right to life of human beings. We are grateful for the many decades he has given to the protection of lives and for the inspiration he is to all those in politics and positions of influence. Lastly, we would like to thank you for all your prayers and support over the past few months. You will have likely heard of a [recent parliamentary win](#), wherein an attempt to hijack the UK Government's flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill with two extreme abortion proposals failed. This would not have been possible without the support of you and your congregations. By contacting your MPs and sharing your disapproval of these amendments, it was made clear to MPs that these amendments lacked the support of their constituents and so were prevented from becoming law, leading to the likely saving of many lives.

PRAYERS FROM 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”*

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS AT CC - The gardens which border Walliscote Road and Ellenborough Park South are in need of maintenance on a regular basis, to look appropriate around our church and to avoid the costs of hiring gardeners. We intend to create a rota of volunteers to keep up the gardening during the summer months. Would any parishioners who could spare some time please contact the Parish office on 01934 621929 or email: wsm.corpuschristi@clifftondiocese.com with your name and contact details. The organiser will then be in touch with you.

GARAGES FOR RENT AT CC - The Finance Committee of Corpus Christi has decided to make available for rent the garages which adjoin the main Corpus Christi car park in Walliscote Road. These will be advertised locally but the option is being first offered to parishioners and their friends and family. They are block built garages with up and over doors. They have good security and good turning access. They are available on annual or longer contracts. If anyone is interested in renting one of the garages, please contact the Parish Office on 01934 621929 or email: wsm.corpuschristi@clifftondiocese.com and leave your name and contact details. The organiser will then contact you and provide full details

MOTHERS PRAYERS ON ZOOM - Mothers Prayers will be taking a break for the summer holidays and will be back in September.

SPECIAL YOUNGSTER'S MASS AT OLOL - This Mass, which was intended for this Sunday, has been rescheduled for September as many families will be on holiday this time of year. This will include the presentation of the cheque to CAFOD Caritas for the money raised for India's Covid-19 Appeal. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLOL - Thank you to Barbara for all her hard work leading the Children's Liturgy for the past few years. Marie Berry will take over and is planning to resume our children's liturgy in September. If you were on the rota before lockdown, please let us know if you are happy to carry on. We are looking for new volunteers for teams (leaders and helpers). If you wish to help, please let the parish office know or you can contact Marie on 07984453299 or email her marie_inganni@hotmail.com

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – CORPUS CHRISTI

OLOL – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ST. J'S – ST. JOSEPH'S

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC	Vigil Mass Pat Wilson R.I.P		9.00am CC	Mass in Polish	
	9.15am OLOL	Mass William Coombes R.I.P		3.00pm CC	Syro-Malabar Mass	
	11.00am CC	Mass People of the Parish		6.00pm CC	Mass People of the Parish	
MONDAY <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop. Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.</i>	9.30am CC	Mass Lily and Richard Khoo R.I.P				
TUESDAY	9.30am OLOL	Mass Marie Gleeson R.I.P				
WEDNESDAY <i>Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	10.00am CC	Mass Maria Vivolo R.I.P		6.30pm St. J's	Mass in Polish	
THURSDAY <i>Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>	7.00pm OLOL	Mass Bill Lowe R.I.P		9.30am St. J's	Mass in Polish	
FRIDAY <i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i>	10.00am CC	Mass Holy Souls		6.30pm St. J's	Mass in Polish	
SATURDAY <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs. Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>	12.00noon OLOL	Mass Dennis Furlong R.I.P		9.30am St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)	
				10.00am St. J's		
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Eighteenth 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 Bill Swan R.I.P		6.00pm CC	Mass Holy Souls	
	11.00am CC	Mass 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 18th JULY 2021

CC £354.70 – Clergy Training Fund £318.80
OLOL £222.10 – Clergy Training fund £176.10

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

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