

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 19

SUNDAY 8th August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

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 John 6:41-51



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Jesus has come down from Heaven

Canon Tom Gunning

The Jews who listened to Jesus were not able to accept him as one who had come down from heaven. They could only see Jesus as the son of Joseph. Jesus is the prophet who is not accepted in his own country. He is the revelation of God and he is the one who gives himself to us in the Eucharist. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we receive the promise of eternal life. Jesus gives himself as food for our journey through life and we are reminded of Elijah who was given bread and water to help him walk to Mount Horeb.

Many people in our society do not believe that Jesus is the bread of life. They have not been drawn to Jesus by the Father or they have not been open to God in their lives. We believe in Jesus as the Son of God. We read his words in the Gospels and we acknowledge that they are words of life. We note the hostility to Jesus that existed during his earthly ministry. Some would say that there is a similar hostility to Christianity in our society today.

Today's Gospel calls us to profess that Jesus is the Son of God and that we receive him in our Eucharist. He is the Bread of Life. Let us deepen our faith. This is the faith in Jesus as the Bread of life that led so many to be martyred in our country at the time of the Reformation.

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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - For Sally Hall who died on Tuesday morning and Derek Payne who died on Wednesday evening .Please pray for Sally and Derek and their families. *'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 the recovery of Johnny Acosta following his recent operation.

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING AT CC - Volunteers are required to come along to Corpus Christi at 10am on Saturday 14th August for an hour to help clean the church. Thank you.

9TH AUGUST - FEAST OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE - Edith Stein was born of Jewish parents in 1891 and, following her conversion to Catholicism, she entered the Discalced Carmelites in 1933. Sister Teresa Benedicta was arrested by the Nazi regime in 1942, along with all Catholics of Jewish extraction and transported by cattle train to the death camp of Auschwitz. She died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz within a few days of her arrival.

PARISH OFFICE AT CC - Will be closed until the 17th August but Tracey will still be contactable via email on the parish email:
wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com

10TH AUGUST - ST. LAWRENCE - Lawrence was prominent in almsgiving and was one of the seven deacons at Rome during the pontificate of Sixtus II (257-8). He suffered martyrdom in 258 under Valerian. In Rome five ancient basilicas are dedicated to him, including the one built over his tomb.

11TH AUGUST - ST CLARE - 1194-1253. Founder of the Poor Clares, she was born in Assisi. Aged 18 she was so moved by the preaching of St Francis that she joined him, renouncing all her possessions and took the habit of a nun. Clare never left her convent and was distinguished as one of the great medieval contemplatives, devoted to her community, practicing Francis' ideals including his love of nature.

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.

POLISH MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S - Fr. Wieslaw will be in Poland from Sunday 8th August until the 1st September so there will be no weekday Masses. Fr. Martin will cover the Sunday Masses.

CANON TOM - Will be on holiday from Monday the 16th August until Tuesday the 31st August.

ORDINARIATE MASS - The Ordinariate will be resuming their monthly Masses at St Joseph's on the second Sunday of the month from this Sunday, followed by a social in the hall and ending with Benediction about 4.00pm.

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>

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

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@cliftondiocese.com so that personal invitations can be sent to them.

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

BIBLE STUDY AT OLOL - There will be a Bible Study on Tuesday 10th August at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes parish room. All are welcome.

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.

DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST
The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust seeks to appoint a Chief Financial Officer (Interim) for a one-year fixed term contract. They will need experience of working within a new Executive Leadership Team to oversee the setup of all business operations. This will include establishing the Trust's financial management and internal control frameworks and ensuring they are robust and compliant with the Academy Trust Handbook and funding agreements, and building a sound footing for future growth. This will be a highly influential position as the successful candidate will be accountable to the Chief Executive Officer and report to the Board of Directors and its Trust Finance, Audit and Resources Committee as the Trust's principal financial adviser. The post-holder will contribute to the strategic planning processes and be responsible for working collaboratively with key stakeholders and delivery partners to help set up and open the multi-academy trust (MAT) on 1 March 2022. This appointment process is supported by Clifton Diocese and Emery Support Services. If you are interested in applying for the position of CFO Interim and would like to have an informal conversation before completing an application, please contact either Claire Emery, external project manager via: claire@emerysupportservices.co.uk or Colleen Collett, Director of Schools and Colleges (Clifton Diocese) via colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com CVs are not accepted. To apply, all applicants are asked to use the following weblink to download the CES Model Application Form – Support Staff: Model Application Forms (catholiceducation.org.uk) Please fully complete the application and write a covering letter outlining 1) your motivation for applying for this role, 2) how you will use your skills and experience to set up the MAT on the target opening date and 3) how you meet the essential requirements detailed in the person specification (see P3 onwards). Please submit both documents by the closing date/time stated above to: colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.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>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	CC	Mass Joyce Wood R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Bill Swan R.I.P	12.00noon	St. J's	Ordinarie Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls
MONDAY <i>Feast of Saint Teresa, Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Richard and Lily Khoo R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass John and Jean Roche R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P			
THURSDAY <i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Elizabeth and Amar Dias and Jose Thomas R.I.P			
FRIDAY <i>Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Bob Clarke R.I.P			
SATURDAY <i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Vincent Travers R.I.P			
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6.00pm (Sat)	CC	Mass Fr. Anthony Saffa-Keila's Health	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Bishop Mervyn Alexander R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Bishop Mervyn Alexander 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 - 25th July 2021

CC £210.44 - OLOL £237.40