

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK  
Ordinary Time Week 21

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

**Psalm** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel Verse** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

**Gospel** John 6:60-69



### ***"Who shall we go to?"***

God's dream is that mankind will come to know him. That is why God became man in Jesus and entered into human history. Therefore, the only true thing that counts in the life of any human being is this encounter with Jesus. We understand the importance of having a goal, stable security and something that genuinely keeps us rooted in our lives. We all desire to plant our feet on solid foundations, yet often the reality of daily life is that we find ourselves standing on quicksand, the promises of the world. By truthfully observing ourselves and what happens around us, we often concretely experience that the things of the world cannot fill the heart of man.

Saint Augustine said, "Lord, my heart is restless until it rests in you". However, the belief of the meaning "rest in you" must be understood properly. Especially today, with all the stress and the many difficulties of daily life, there is a temptation to escape from reality, to create an abstract spiritual world that is unreal and illusory and to encounter a god that we have created, a god who gives what we want and leaves us in peace to do what we want. Instead, the Incarnation tells us that we cannot create our own god. Rather, it is he who comes to reveal himself to us, to make himself known to us and who comes to meet us.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Daniel Ayers who died recently. *"May he 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 wellbeing of Adora Baluyot.

### **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.

**27TH AUGUST - SAINT MONICA** - Monica (332-87) was born in North Africa and married to Patricius, a pagan of violent temper. Her husband was baptised but died the following year. She had four children including Saint Augustine, who he treated with extreme patience until his conversion many years later.

**28TH AUGUST - SAINT AUGUSTINE** - Augustine (354-430), was brought up a Christian, although not baptised, but he virtually renounced his Christian faith and lived for 15 years with a mistress by whom he had a son. Augustine moved to Rome to teach rhetoric and then to Milan and met St. Ambrose who baptised him in 386. Returning to Africa, he was ordained in 391 and four years later became coadjutor-bishop of Hippo.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLOL** - We are looking for new volunteers of teams (leaders and helpers) for September. If you were on the rota before lockdown, please let the parish office know. If you wish to help, you can contact Marie on 07984453299 or email her [marie\\_inganni@hotmail.com](mailto:marie_inganni@hotmail.com).

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Sept is planned. Further details will be available nearer the time.

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK** - *"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for both the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"*

**CHURCH CLEANERS AT CC** - Thank you to the ladies who cleaned the church last Saturday morning. However, as per the Bishop's of England and Wales Guidance for COVID-19, the church pews still need to be cleaned after each Mass. Please could we ask for more volunteers to spare 5 minutes to help clean the pews especially after the weekday Masses. Thank you.

**LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 2021 AND PRAYER REQUESTS** - Our virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes starts from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, when there will be daily Mass live streamed from around the Catholic Association on the diocesan website [cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com), along with other events such as daily night prayers including our own Fr Michael Thomas on Wednesday evening.

On Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> August, please join Bishop Declan at 9:30 am when he will be celebrating Mass from the Cathedral, this Mass will also be livestreamed on the diocesan website.

We shall also be joining the Lourdes Chaplains in the Grotto, as they pray the Rosary in English on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 2.00 pm. There will be a special candle lit for the Clifton Diocese and the pilgrims at this time. If anyone would like their intentions to be prayed for during this Rosary, please send your petitions and I will pass them to the Grotto for inclusion on the altar. Please send any prayer requests to [paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com)

For full details, schedule and a welcome message from Fr. Nick King SJ please go to [www.cliftondiocese.com/lourdes-2021/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/lourdes-2021/)

## **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.

**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.

**INTRODUCING VOCALISE-LITE!** - Vocalise-Lite is a ladies' daytime community choir with no auditions, no experience necessary, and no pressure! It will start up on Thursday 9th September 2021. Ideal if you love singing, but not keen on being out after dark, if you have caring responsibilities or work in the evenings. The timing, 1.15pm to 2.45pm, allows you to be out in time to collect children from school. There will be a chance to make friends and socialise over a cuppa before singing a variety of songs. Run by Ann Clewlow, the leader of [Vocalise](#), this is a lighter version that gives you the option to perform if you want to, but you can opt out. There's no pressure to memorise anything. Just come along for some fun singing sessions with your new friends. The venue is Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 28 Baytree Road, Weston super Mare, BS22 8HQ. It's a lovely light and airy hall, with it's own car park. The first session is FREE. After that it's £6 a week, including refreshments, payable weekly for the rest of your first month, then £21 by monthly standing order on 1st of the month, or cash at the first meeting of the month. You are guaranteed 42 sessions a year. You can ask Ann about Vocalise-Lite by email – [ann.clewlow@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.clewlow@btinternet.com), or phone 014934 627709. Register for your FREE taster session using this form:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1gH7Hh8tfyimK5iTnCNd..../edit> I look forward to welcoming you to Vocalise-Lite. Bring your friends and be part of the beginning of something great!

## **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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)) so that personal invitations can be sent to them.

**SOPHIE TRAPP** - Pauline Trapp's daughter Sophie will be getting married on Saturday 28th August.

## **CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies**

**across the world** - CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

## **SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES DEPARTMENT**

**ADMINISTRATOR** - Term Time - 25 hours per week - The Schools & Colleges Department are recruiting for a vacancy to join the team as the Department Administrator. Based in Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol, the role supports the department with various administrative activities and hours of work are 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday. The successful applicant will need to have office administration experience and be well organised. For the job description, personal specification and application form please visit: [www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/). Closing Date is midday on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

# 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		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b> CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Halina Bazydlo R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>		
	<b>9.15am</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> In thanksgiving and for the Welfare of Prakash Chakkalakal and Family	<b>6.00pm</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention		
	<b>11.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish				
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>	<b>9.30am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Tracey Nelson's Intentions				
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	<b>9.30am</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Harry and Ellen Benney R.I.P				
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Saint Louis and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Gary Gesmundo (very ill)				
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, (Dominic Barber) Priest</i>	<b>7.00pm</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Wellbeing of Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk				
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Saint Monica</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Milagros Gesmundo R.I.P				
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Saint Augustine, Bishop</i>	<b>12.00noon</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> John Quinn R.I.P				
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b> CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Joan Brannigan R.I.P	<b>9.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>		
	<b>9.15am</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Paquito and Jose Ato R.I.P	<b>6.00pm</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish		
	<b>11.00am</b> CC	<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**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

CC £264.43 – OLOL £210.49

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

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