

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 22

SUNDAY 29th August 2021

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

Psalm The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading James 1:17-18.21-22.27

Gospel Verse By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

Mark 7:1-23
Washings



Hearts that cling to God

A person who has not fallen in love with the God who gives himself in the Church cannot understand the life of the Church. He therefore tends to judge it according to norms which disregard its inner life. And this is true not only of nonmembers but also of those members who are not tied to it by love but only for external reasons.

Hence we find that one outside the inner sanctum of love in the Church may proclaim: "Unless you can show me that Catholics are better morally than anyone else – contributing more to society – why should I consider the Church to be even Christian?" Such a critic is nonplussed to find that although the ardent Catholic cannot prove his moral superiority, yet he feels no desire to abandon the Church. For him, the Church is the place where he experiences God's self-giving love. This is like asking someone who has just fallen in love "What social utility does all this passionate joy have? Has it helped you to become a reformer of men?" Doubtless, the lover, as the Catholic, would hope that being in love would ultimately make him a better person, and he would realise that his questioner did not understand that the experience of love was something so great in itself that it did not need to be justified by anything else. Good should flow from all genuine love, but love in itself is the highest good. Just as the lover does not visit his beloved as an impetus to further good deeds, so neither does the Catholic go to Mass solely in order to do a better job of being good for the rest of the day. Yet it is true that the more deeply a person opens himself to love for its own sake, the more likely it will be that he will be happier and less egotistic and that ultimately he will be a vessel overflowing with love of neighbour.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk who is poorly at the moment and for Derek James (Bret James' brother) who died last week. *'May he see the light of heaven' Amen.*

FUNERAL MASS AT OLOL - Daniel Ayers' funeral will be on Wednesday 1st September at 2:00pm. Sally Hall's funeral will be on Friday 3rd September at 11:30am. Sally's body will be received in the church on Thursday at 4:00pm. Father Martin will be celebrating Sally Hall's funeral.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for C R's continued good health and happiness.

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.

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.

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Congratulations to Steve and Frances Wareing who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 4th September. Also to Joseph and Vicki Ivaldi-Sewell who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 7th September. Congratulations to both couples.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"We bring to mind the words from James in our second reading and his call to look after those in need. We pray that, as a church, we would improve how we look after those who are experiencing difficulty in their pregnancies and provide the care and support they need in welcoming their child to the world. Lord hear us"*

THE MARCH FOR LIFE - will take place on Saturday 4th September 2021. A number of indoor events for children, teens and adults will take place from 10am until 1pm in The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. The March to Parliament Square, will start outside The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm. There will be a number of Pro-Life speakers at Parliament Square, including Bishop John Keenan who will travel all the way from Scotland to attend this very important event. For more details see: www.MarchForLife.co.uk

CLIFTON DIOCESE - SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Part Time - 21 hours per week (Wednesday-Friday) - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team. The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Coordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Health, Probation or Policing, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Coordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. Closing date for receipt of applications: 17 September 2021

THURSDAY MASS AT OLOL - Please note that the Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 2nd September will be celebrated in the morning at 9:30am, instead of 7:00pm.

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, 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!

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/. Closing Date is midday on Friday, 10th September 2021.

OLOL - There will be a special Mass celebrated on Sunday, 12th Sept. Our young boys and girls will be participating in the readings and singing on that day. Your attendance and support are very much appreciated.

TIME TO GET TOGETHER - weather permitting, there will be a picnic from 12.30 pm in the Church Garden. Please bring your own food, drinks, comfortable chairs, and anything to help you relax and enjoy the occasion. If you wish, you can also sell items on that day. Perhaps, the money raised can be donated to CAFOD for their groundwork in Afghanistan at this time of turmoil and a highly complex situation.

CATECHISTS DAY - 25TH 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. They can register through this email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

LOV VERBUM DEI MINISTRY -

https://linktr.ee/lov_verbumdei is very excited to explore the Gospel of John and Matthew with a 4-Part Series on the Word of God starting on Tuesday 31st August. 1 episode will be released on their YouTube channel on Tuesdays and Fridays over two weeks for all of us to immerse in a unique way into particular passages of the gospel. Please use the below link to watch the episodes and to slowly and attentively sink into the Word of God that lies behind the 'words' of the Scriptures. You can also listen to each episode on the following audio platforms (Spotify, Anchor, Google Podcast-simply search for "LOV Verbum Dei" where you can access all their audio resources).

PARISH OFFICE AT CC - Will be closed from Tuesday 31st August and will reopen on Tuesday 7th September. Tracey will be still available on email at wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION - runs from September 1st to October 4th celebrating God's gift. **September 1st** the Season of Creation begins with the World Day of Prayer. **September 11th** Faith in Action Day, an online Day of talk and Prayer to learn more about Climate. For more details <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>. **September 12th** Special Mass at OLOL. **September 26th** Begin Novena to St Francis (available on Cafod website) **October 3rd** Climate Sunday, an opportunity for thanksgiving and discernment. **October 4th** Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, adopted as Patron Saint of the Environment.

World Day of Prayer - Care for Creation, September 1st. Each year since 2015, on this day, Pope Francis asks us to pray and to take time to reaffirm our vocation to be caring stewards for his Creation, his Gift to us. For useful online links- search World Day of Prayer, Care for Creation 2021.

CAFOD - FAITH IN ACTION DAY 2021 - Join us for an online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. The countdown is on. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss our Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11 September, 11am-4pm.

EVENT DETAILS - On this Faith in Action Day you will: Find out more about the UK government's vision for COP26. Connect with other Catholics in interactive sessions and find out how we can organise ourselves to build momentum for the climate talks in Glasgow this year. Hear from environmental defenders in the Amazon about their struggle to protect our common home. Explore Pope Francis's Synod on the Amazon and his call for justice. Get inspired by young Catholic campaigners and their fight for the climate crisis. Stand in solidarity and pray together for our brothers and sisters who are suffering the most as a result of the climate crisis.

SPEAKERS - Confirmed speakers include Camilla Born (Deputy Director of Strategy for COP26), Josianne Gauthier (CIDSE Secretary General), Claudelice Silva dos Santos (Amazon and human rights defender), young Catholic activists and many more. This event is part of the Great Big Green Week, a series of events happening in September to bring together communities across the country for climate and nature. Register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>. Agenda for the day can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/56814/779052/version/1/file/-CAFOD%20FIA%20agenda.pdf>

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>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Joan Brannigan R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish Mass People of the Parish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Paquito and Jose Ato R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Saint Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass May Kelly and Family Intentions			
TUESDAY <i>Saint Aidan, Bishop and Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Catholic Women's League			
WEDNESDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass Private Intentions			
THURSDAY	9.30am	OLOL	Mass John Barton R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Feast of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Louis C Thompson R.I.P Anniversary	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Saint Cuthbert, Bishop Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Kenneth Thomas R.I.P	9.30am	St.J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the first Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Amado Alcalde R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish Syro-Malabar Mass Mass Deceased members of the Forrester Family
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Eric Judd R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	

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 – 15th August 2021

CC £393.09 – OLOL £219.48

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

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