

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 20

SUNDAY 15th August 2021

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

1st Reading Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6.10

Psalm On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel Verse Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Gospel Luke 1:39-56



THE ASSUMPTION SEEN AS OUR HOPE

Canon Tom Gunning

There is a story of a priest who went into a parish school to ask the children to tell him about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One child put up a hand and said: "One day the disciples went to look for Mary. When they couldn't find her, they assumed she'd gone to Heaven." The doctrine of Our Lady's Assumption is a difficult one to understand as it's out of the ordinary. The Church only defined it officially in 1950. In the document "Munificentissimus Deus" St John Damascene is quoted as writing that it was fitting that Mary "should keep her body incorrupt even after death".

Jesus is risen from the dead with his human nature. Mary is the perfect representative of redemption and what we say of her is also our hope. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. Our second reading throws light on the position of Mary as the first among the saints: "...all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first fruits and then after, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him" (1 Cor15:23).

Mary, the Mother of Christ, the Mother of God belongs to Christ. She gave birth to Jesus at the Incarnation. Now she has been taken up into heaven to share in his glory.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Pauline Roberts who is in Dewdown House for respite care after being in hospital. She would appreciate visitors who will have to do a rapid flow test on entry.

FUNERAL SERVICE - Sally Hall's Funeral will be at OLOL on Friday 3rd September at 11.30am followed by a cremation at Ebdon Road.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. On this feast of the Assumption, we ask for his intercession, along with Our Lady's, as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us."*

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES - Unfortunately, we are unable to travel to Lourdes once again this year, but we shall all be at the Sanctuary spiritually. During the week from 20th August to 27th August we shall be joined together virtually on our website with various events.

The Grotto of the apparitions is the heart of the Sanctuary and is a place of prayer, hope, peace, respect, unity and silence. The spring and the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes within it are the centre of prayer for all pilgrims.

Prayer Petitions

Amongst other events, we shall be joining the Lourdes Chaplains in the Grotto, as they pray the Rosary in English on Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 3:00 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 .

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S - Please note that there will be no Saturday morning services for the next two weeks, 14th and 21st August.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PROJECT - Thank you to everyone who contributed to our retiring collection for the Parish of Christ The King in Bulawayo which came to £241.

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.

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.

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

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 web link 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>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6.00pm Sat CC	Vigil Mass Fr. Anthony Saffa-Keila's Intentions	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		
MONDAY <i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i>	9.30am CC	Mass Fr. Peter Craddy's 80 th Birthday Intentions				
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am OLOL	Mass Sally Hall R.I.P				
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am CC	Mass Deacon Jack Brannigan's Intentions				
THURSDAY <i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>	7.00pm OLOL	Mass Private Intentions of Premy and Jaedan				
FRIDAY <i>Saints Bernard Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am CC	Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P				
SATURDAY <i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i>	12.00noon OLOL	Mass Winifred (Pat) Charlton R.I.P				
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC	Vigil Mass Halina Bazydlo R.I.P	9.00am CC	Mass in Polish		
	9.15am OLOL	Mass In thanksgiving and for the Welfare of Prakash Chakkalakal and Family	6.00pm CC	Mass Donor's Intention		
	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**

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 1st August 2021

CC £340.00 – OLOL £179.28

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