

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 24

SUNDAY 12th September 2021
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your
people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all
things, and, that we may feel the working of your
mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our
heart.

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 5-9

Psalm I will walk in the presence of
the Lord, in the land of the
living.

2nd Reading St James 2:14-18

Gospel Verse The only thing I can boast
about is the cross of our Lord,
through whom the world is
crucified to me, and I to the
world.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35



UNDERSTANDING MESSIAH AS SUFFERING SERVANT

Canon Tom Gunning

We give St Peter full marks for identifying Jesus as the Messiah in today's Gospel passage. However, we have to "mark him down" for his misunderstanding of what kind of Messiah (or Christ) Jesus is. Peter is rebuked for suggesting that the Son of Man should not suffer, be rejected, be put to death and rise again. Jesus teaches Peter and us that the Messiah is the Son of Man who must suffer and die. The passion of Jesus is not a quirk of fate. It was meant to happen.

Biblical scholars have called today's passage the "hinge" of St Mark's Gospel. Up to this point people have been wondering who Jesus is, even though he has worked nineteen miracles. The question of his identity is answered in these verses: Jesus is the Messiah or the Christ. Now we learn what kind of Messiah he is.

How can we share in the sufferings of Christ? We're told to take up our cross and follow Jesus. The Jesuit Fr Edward J. Mally suggests that Jesus is referring to a Jewish practice of anointing or marking a person with a cross as a sign of repentance and of "branding" one as God's possession. Fr Mally paraphrases Jesus' words as: "Whoever does not put on her/his + (i.e. does not repent and dedicate herself/himself wholly to God) cannot be my disciple."



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Dorothy Fedou and Eddie Gloyne (Pierrette Burke's brother) who died recently. *'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 Elizabeth and Amar Dias and Jose Thomas R.I.P

BOB ALFORD'S MEMORIAL MASS - There will be a Memorial Mass for Bob Alford on Friday 17th September 12:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? If so please talk to Canon Tom

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities. Lord hear us".*

OLOL - TIME TO GET TOGETHER - Weather permitting, there will be a picnic from 12.30 pm in the Church Garden this Sunday 12th Sept. If the weather is not as expected, then we will hold it in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own food, drinks, comfortable chairs, and anything to help you to relax and enjoy the occasion. We will not sell any items on that day as intended, but instead we may have a bazaar sometime in November.

BIG GREEN WEEK - During our Season of Creation, we thank God for his gifts and pray that we may be good caretakers of our Common Home. Big Green Week runs from 18th-26th September commencing with World Clean Up events. Maybe we could join in a local beach clean-up or similar event or even just pick up some litter in our own street; it's a great conversation starter. (Remember to use a litter picker or glove and wash hands thoroughly). Stay safe.

SAVE THE DATE - OLOL DINNER - Will be on Thursday 7th October to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Our normal Mass at 7pm, on that day, will be moved to 5pm. Followed by a Dinner at Brent House Carvery. The cost will be £20.00 per person, which includes the Carvery and Desserts. Drinks are not included but can be ordered and paid for on the night. Dinner has been booked for 6.15pm. Kindly place your payment in an envelope marked with your name and hand it to Maricris, or Sisi, no later than 5th October. Thank you.

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. Anyone who is interested can register through this email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

MISSIO - Please would all Corpus Christi Missio Red Box holders collect their copy of the Missio autumn magazine from the Church porch. Please would you also empty your red box into an envelope or bag and hand it in to the presbytery, so we can forward it on to the Missionaries. Please remember to put your name on it and label it 'Missio'.

BIBLE STUDY AT OLOL - There will be a Bible Study on Tuesday 13th September at 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes parish room. All are welcome.

RED MISSIO BOX AT OLOL - if you have a **RED MISSIO BOX**, please return them for emptying. You can leave them in the Sacristy or with the Stewards. Thank you.

DARE TO DREAM - A new Autumn series of 'Dare to Dream' has begun. Please take a look at www.cliftondiocese.com.

RENEW, REFRESH, RE-ENGAGE: REBUILDING OUR PARISHES AFTER LOCKDOWN - This is a new world we are moving into, full of uncertainties. We don't know what resources we will have, who will come back to church, or how things will unfold over the next year. It's looking as if a return to church will be a trickle-back rather than a flood, and we need to make the most of opportunities along the way. We have two different needs facing us: **to re-establish our existing communities and ministry groups; – to reach out to those who have not yet returned and to new people.** We are joining with Northampton Diocese to offer webinars to support these resources through September: **20th September** Jo Boyce will inspire us to refresh our music ministry with lots of new ideas to help us get going again. **27th September:** Avril Baigent and Sarah Adams reflect on the practical steps to help rebuild our communities. To book, go to https://refresh_renew.eventbrite.co.uk

CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY - 11am SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER, CLIFTON CATHEDRAL - You are invited to join Bishop Declan to celebrate the glory of God's creation and to bring us all together in supporting and encouraging each other in the campaign to save our earth, Come to the liturgy and meet Clifton charities involved in mobilising towards COP26 and the ongoing campaign to save Our Common Home. There are helpful resources at [Home Interest - Season of Creation](#).

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - Is focusing on the poorest communities most affected by the climate crisis. Please stand alongside them and help communities who are protecting Our Common Home. You are invited to join in CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October and to give online, or to the collection at Masses on 2/3 October. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

LGBT+ MASS - SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 3.00PM - Is a monthly Celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends. This will take place at St. Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church, Lawford's Gate, Easton, Bristol, BS5 0RE. <http://www.tolentino.org.uk>. All are welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP CLUB - At long last our club will be open again on Monday 20th September - From 2pm but please come early so that we can get our registration completed. New members are welcome to come along 10 mins earlier. Our age range is from YOUNG FIFTIES to smart CENTENARIANS.

NEW BISHOP'S VIDEO FOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS - There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations, and so has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop and current governors and Headteachers, talk about the importance and value of school governors. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover some of what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and so would like to apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call 07710094976 for more information – he would love to hear from you!

TIME TO START SCHOOL - If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? – Retrouvaille is a programme for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend' on ... **21stst – 24th October 2021.** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Hilary Derrick R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk	12.00noon	St. J's	Ordinarate Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	12.00noon	CC	Syro-Malabar Rosary and Mass
MONDAY <i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Doris Canning (Ints)	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls
TUESDAY <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass John Kenney R.I.P	7.00pm	OLOL	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Pam Nullmeyers R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Francis Davies R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Saint Edith of Wilton</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Anna Gumm (Ints)	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	12.30pm	OLOL	Memorial Mass Bob Alford R.I.P			
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass John Day 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Ann Beavis R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Maureen Lowe R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intention

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.

THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 22nd August 2021

CC £230.16 – OLOL £225.32

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