

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK

Ordinary Time Week 25

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear  
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your  
sacred Law upon love of you and of our  
neighbour, grant that, by keeping your  
precepts we may merit to attain eternal life.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Wisdom 2:12.17-20

**Psalm** The Lord upholds my life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** St James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel Verse** Through the Good News  
God called us to share the  
glory of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

**Gospel** Mark 9:30-37



## GREATNESS IS FOUND IN SERVICE

### Canon Tom Gunning

We have a crisis in the Care system in our country. Part of the problem is that care workers are paid very little. Does that mean that they are not valued? Certainly, the tasks they perform are not judged as being worthy of a decent wage. Why is that? I think this has something to do with the notion that the person being served is superior to the person doing the serving. Being a servant is not prized in our society. Instead, society's focus is on those we consider powerful, the greatest as opposed to the weakest.

Jesus has turned all these opinions upside-down in our Gospel today. He teaches the Twelve that greatness is found in service. We meet Jesus in our neighbour or more exactly we serve him in our neighbour.

At the time of Jesus' earthly ministry children were considered to be the least important people in society. Biblical scholars say there is a sociological reason for this. Child mortality meant that only one in four children survived to adulthood in First Century Palestine. So, Jesus chose a child, who was considered to be the least important member of society, to say that anyone who welcomed or received the least important person actually welcomed or received him. The poor, the lowly are important. If we serve them, we are doing an important job. We and our society need to learn this.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Tom Manning who died last week and Aidan Reynolds who died this week. Please keep Tom and family and Aidan, Kath and family in your thoughts and prayers. *'May they see the light of heaven. Amen'*

**REQUIEM MASS** - For Aidan Reynolds will be on Tuesday 12th October at 12noon at OLOL.

**FUNERAL SERVICE** - Len Dean's (Kitty Roberts brother) funeral service will be on Friday 24th September at 1.30pm followed by a Cremation Service at 2.30pm.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Harold and John Day 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.

**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 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 is on Monday 20th September at 6.30pm in the church.

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK** - *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Marie Cadogan and Danny Jacobs who are getting married at St. Joseph's on Saturday 25th September.

**SUNDAY MASS 6PM** - The 6pm Sunday Mass will be at St. Joseph's again from 3rd October.

**CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH** - To honour St Joseph in the year of St Joseph, you are invited to consecrate yourself to him. Full details are available in an information sheet to be distributed after the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday.

### **MESSAGE FROM STEVE AND FRANCES**

**WAREING AT CC** - "We are so grateful for all your kind wishes with Mass and many prayers. Also for the messages, cards and flowers. Through the love of our whole family, prayer groups, parishioners and friends, we had a truly wonderful day. We are hoping to renew our vows on Sunday 10th October. Thank you from the deepest part of our hearts and souls. You are all true followers of Jesus Our Lord and Saviour Amen"

**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.

**MISSIO** - Please would all Corpus Christi Missio Red Box 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'.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLOL** - Thank you to all who responded and volunteered to help out with the children's liturgy, starting last week. We would like to encourage parents to bring their children to the parish room every Sunday during Mass.

**OLOL CHOIR** - The choir will resume singing this Sunday. They will sing the Mass and the congregation is free to join in with masks on.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING AT OLOL AND CC** - During lockdown, Merlinda has been cleaning the church. As the hall reopens, we are looking for volunteers to help clean the church. If you were on the rota previously and you would like to carry on, please let Tracey, Maricris or Canon Tom know.

**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.

**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 FAMILY FAST DAY - CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL** - Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, you can donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis at [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate). Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our brothers and sisters in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at [cafod.org.uk/emergencies](http://cafod.org.uk/emergencies).

**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.

**MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASS CC** - We are hearing from many of you that you are missing singing at our Sunday Mass. Fiona has kindly agreed to play for us on the first Sunday of each month and it was great to hear you singing at the start of September. Sadly, we do not have accompaniment for the remaining Sundays of the month. For those who did not see the notice some weeks ago the members of our Music Group have decided to step aside. In Chris and Julia's case after some 40+ years of involvement. We are truly indebted to them all and all who, down through the years, made our music ministry so vibrant and attractive. **We are now eagerly looking for someone to play for us.** Do you know any instrumentalist who would be prepared to have a go – pianist, organist, guitarist, etc, etc. Please speak to Canon Tom if you think you could help.

**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](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07710094976 for more information – he would love to hear from you!

**CLIFTON DIOCESE DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGES ADMINISTRATOR** - Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruit a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30- 2-30 Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies> or on the main diocesan website. The extended Closing Date is Tuesday, 28th September at 12 noon.

**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.

**SCHOOL MASS AT CC** - There will be an extra Mass on Thursday 23rd September at 10am in Corpus Christi for the school. Parishioners may attend.

# 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pmSat</b> CC <b>9.15am</b> OLOL <b>11.00am</b> CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Ann Beavis R.I.P <b>Mass</b> Maureen Lowe R.I.P <b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.00am</b> CC <b>3.00pm</b> CC <b>6.00pm</b> CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b> <b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention		
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<b>9.30am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Marion and Duncan Kehoe R.I.P	<b>2.00pm</b> CC	<b>Friendship Club in Parish Hall</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	<b>9.30am</b> OLOL	<b>Mass</b> John Barton R.I.P				
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Peter Worrell (Ints)	<b>6.30pm</b> St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC <b>7.00pm</b> OLOL	<b>School Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> Rosemary Chitemerere R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b> St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>10.00am</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Dorothy Fedou R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b> St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>12.00noon</b> OLOL <b>1.30pm</b> CC	<b>Mass</b> Arthur and Rita Warner R.I.P <b>Funeral Service</b> Len Dean R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b> St. J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except the first Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)		
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>6.00pm Sat</b> CC <b>9.15am</b> OLOL <b>11.00am</b> CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Peter Willcox R.I.P <b>Mass</b> Marion Lawrence R.I.P <b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.00am</b> CC <b>3.00pm</b> CC <b>6.00pm</b> CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b> <b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> Deceased members of the Perrin Family		

## 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

CC £539.31 – OLOL £205.51

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

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