

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 23

SUNDAY 5th September 2021

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

1st Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading St James 2:1-5

Gospel Verse Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37



JESUS IS THE MESSIAH-THE CHRIST

Canon Tom Gunning

We have to look upon our First Reading from Isaiah as a prophesy of what would happen when the Messiah, the Christ came. Then we can see in our Gospel passage the fulfilment of this prophesy. Jesus makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. He reveals that he is the Messiah in this miracle which we only find in St Mark's Gospel.

There is another meaning to our Gospel. This miracle is performed in a pagan or Gentile territory. St Mark mentions a number of pagan places: Tyre, Sidon and the Decapolis, the place of the Ten Cities on the far side of the Jordan. Some biblical scholars suggest that St Mark is teaching us that the pagans are no longer deaf to God. In addition, these pagans proclaim what Jesus has done. The word used in our translation is "publish" but the word St Mark uses is the same one used of the early Church proclaiming the Good News.

What does this Gospel say to us today? It suggests that we need to proclaim all that the Lord has done for us. Jesus has opened our ears to hear his Word. The Good News has been handed down to us and we should proclaim it in our lives. The Messiah has come. He has saved us. We in our turn are called to open the ears of others to hear Jesus' words of life.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Len Dean (Kitty Roberts brother) and Brian Zeal (Bret Rewse' brother-in-law) 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 Chris and Pearl Taylor on their Wedding Anniversary and Family Thanksgiving.

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.

9TH SEPTEMBER - ST PETER CLAVER - 1580-1650. Peter was a Jesuit missionary of the 16th century who ministered to African slaves as they arrived in the South American seaport of Cartagena. Enduring the derision of the slave traders, he fed the hungry, cared for the sick and dying, preached the Gospel and baptised over 300,000 converts in forty years. Though his first concern was the salvation of the slaves, he realised that their bodily misery needed attention first. he said, 'We must speak to them with our hands, before we can speak to them with our lips'. He died of the plague.

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.

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 - *"Today we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us".*

CONGRATULATIONS - To Catherina Rinaldi and Ben Andrews and also Katy Denny and Connor Andrew who got married at Corpus Christi Church on the 4th September. We wish them all the best for the future.

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.

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 on the 12th September at OLOL. 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.

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. As you know he sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2021 or those who will marry during this year. May I ask you to publicise the Mass at the Cathedral in your newsletter. As you know if there are marriages in your parish this coming year, it would be good to plant that date into the engaged couples' minds. You might also begin to find out those who are celebrating 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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION - continues celebrating God's gift. **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.

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.

WELCOME - To Deacon Joseph Meigh who will be with us for some of the weekend Masses. He will be resuming his formation for the priesthood in the next few weeks.

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.

FR. MICHAEL - Will be on retreat from Monday 6th September until Friday 10th September at St. Beuno's in North Wales. He will then be on holiday for two weeks.

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. year. 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>

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.

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'.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Amado Alcalde R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Eric Judd R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass Frances and Steve Wareing (50 th Wedding Anniversary)	6.00pm	CC	Mass Deceased members of the Forrester Family
MONDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Sally Hall R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass John Kilby R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Pat Igoe R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Norman Phillips R.I.P (Anniv)	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Elizabeth and Amar Dias and Jose 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 Hilary Derrick R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Fr. Louis Beasley Suffolk	6.00pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls
	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.

NEXT WEEKEND

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 22nd August 2021
CC £279.10 – OLOL £225.32

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