

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
27th week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2020
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

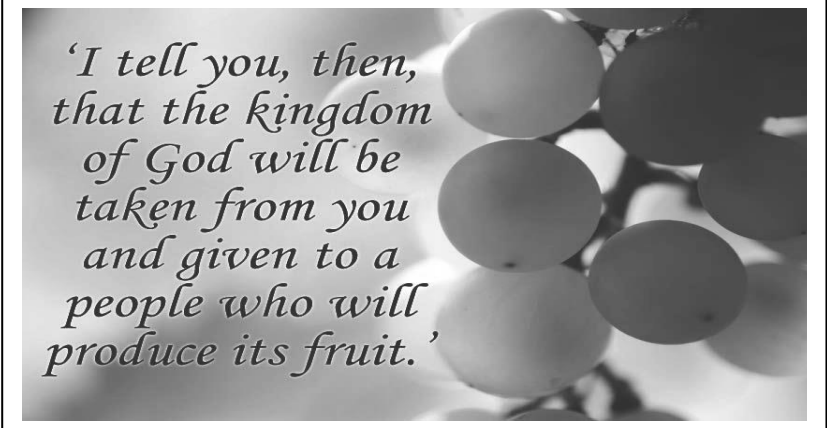
1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms The vineyard of the Lord is
the House of Israel

2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Verse I chose you from the world to
go out and bear fruit, fruit that
will last, says the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43



*'I tell you, then,
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken from you
and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.'*

Accept the Messengers of God

Canon Tom Gunning

There's not much confusion about the meaning of today's parable. It has allegorical details. The landowner represents God the Father. The tenants are the political and religious leaders of the people of Israel. The servants are the prophets. The last messenger, the son, is Jesus. Those who heard the parable would pick up the reference to Isaiah's song of the vineyard which is our first reading. So the vineyard is Israel and the fruit represents good works, the doing of God's will and justice, mercy and forgiveness. Salvation consists in accepting Jesus, the Son of God. The vineyard changes its meaning at the end of the parable and becomes the Kingdom. The leaders of Israel have rejected God's messengers. So now the kingdom has been given to others, to us the pagans, the Gentiles. The baton has been passed to us. We are asked to produce the fruit of good works, justice, mercy and forgiveness.

Still today God's messengers are being rejected. St Oscar Romero was one. We need to identify these servants of God and work with them to bring the message of justice to our world today.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maria Anastasio who is currently recovering from COVID-19 in hospital and Tom McNicholas who is in the BRI after a heart attack.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well-being of Ron Weston and Family.

MASS ON ZOOM - The Zoom meeting ID has been changed to **922 2054 7539** and the passcode is **123**. We apologise for the technical difficulties that have arisen in the past few days.

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.

REFLECTION FROM CLIFTON DIOCESE

Over the past few weeks, we have heard a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls us to work for His Kingdom and rewards us beyond what any of us deserves, or can imagine. Today, we hear about the vineyard that has been given to each of us. God excludes no one. Work, families, our community, the environment are all elements of our vineyard. Our job is to look after our vineyard and in doing so to produce good fruits. In this 'Season of Creation' we have been reminded of the need for us to care for our world, our immediate environment, our brothers and sisters. We are also in the middle of a pandemic – how well are we using our gifts to do this? In the parable we are God's tenants. God gives us total freedom to run the vineyard as we wish but we should never forget that it is God's vineyard. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?

9TH OCTOBER - MEMORIAL OF ST. DENIS AND HIS COMPANIONS, ST JOHN LEONARDI, AND ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

St Denis is one of the patron saints of France. According to Gregory of Tours, writing in the 6th century, Denis was one of seven bishops sent to convert Gaul and after becoming Bishop of Paris, suffered martyrdom along with his companions in c.251.

St John Leonardi was born in Tuscany in 1541 and became a pharmacist. As a priest he founded a community to teach the young and to instruct adults against the Protestant Reformers. In Rome he worked with St Philip Neri for some time. In his work of preparing priests for mission work he laid the foundations of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. He died in 1609.

St John Henry Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop, and was canonised by Pope Francis on the 13th October 2019. Newman's conversion to the Catholic faith was very controversial in England and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again. His brother is buried in Milton Road Cemetery in Weston-super-Mare. He died at the Oratory in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: If your child is on the 2020 programme and still waiting to make their First Holy Communion, there will be no need for them to apply for the 2021 programme. All 2020 candidates will complete their preparation and make their Communion before the 2021 programme can start. Update of 2021 programme will be available as soon as dates to finalise 2020 are available.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): At present we are not meeting as a group and may not be able to reform for the foreseeable future. However if you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith please contact Canon Tom or our parish Administrator Tracey. We will then see how best to go through the programme with you.

STARTING SCHOOL? - If you have a child born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the schools admission team of **North Somerset Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic School, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of the **15th January 2021**.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: The 9th October is Harvest Fast Day. We are asked to eat a little less and donate what we save to enable CAFOD to give aid to those less fortunate. Covid is placing great stress on poor health services in underdeveloped countries and of course has impacted CAFOD's fund raising efforts at home. The following links give examples of the work CAFOD is doing to combat Covid19:

<https://youtu.be/2Mx7VAz5CRg>
<https://youtu.be/5GagOhIBb8Y>
<https://youtu.be/GrwQRiRH178>

Envelopes will be attached to your newsletter this weekend (don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid slip). There are numerous other ways you can give. On-line via the CAFOD website, for those with a smartphone the QR code on the poster in the porch takes you straight to it. We also hope to have contactless devices outside the church which will allow you to give an amount of your choosing (this will not be gift-aided). You can also donate a fixed sum of £10 by texting CAFOD to 70085 (this also cannot be gift aided).

THE CAFOD **FAST DAY** poster in the porch carries a QR code that takes you direct to CAFOD's direct giving page

OTHER CAFOD ITEMS: This Harvest, CAFOD has something for everyone. Join us with your school, parish, friends and family for online events

8 Oct – [Primary and Secondary Schools' Assembly](#)

9 Oct – 11am [Live online talk](#) about the latest on our coronavirus response.

6pm: Harvest Family Fast Day live streamed Mass.

10 Oct - 12pm Join our [Global Family Food event](#) from your own kitchen.

7pm: Family Fast Day [online quiz!](#)

11 Oct - [Children's Liturgy Live - Harvest Special.](#)

VOLUNTEERS AT OLOL: Thank you to all who came forward to offer help with the work for the church and a thank you to Martina Garfield who arranged the flowers for the funeral of Hilary Derrick

OLOL BAPTISM - Robert Vincent Doherty will be baptised during the 12.00 noon Mass at OLOL on Saturday the 10th October 2020. The Mass will end around 12.40pm. Therefore confessions will be slightly delayed.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY is on Wednesday 7th October. However, we will be celebrating this, at OLOL, on Tuesday 6th October. We will recite the Rosary at 9.00am, before the Mass. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time. The intentions for our Rosary will be for World Peace, the effects of Covid-19 and our personal Intentions

MARY'S MEALS - WORLD PORRIDGE DAY: World Porridge day takes place on Saturday the 10th October. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the difference that porridge makes to the lives of many of the children that they feed. Please keep an eye on their website for news about their plans or email: info@marysmeals.org to find out more.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS: There is no change to the attending of Mass or for periods of private prayer in churches. However, the wearing of a face mask properly is mandatory for those who attend Mass or church for private prayer, unless they have an exemption from this.

WEDDING SERVICES: A maximum of 15 people will be able to attend the service and reception.

FUNERAL SERVICES: Up to a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral service but the 'Rule of Six' will apply to wakes and receptions afterwards.

BAPTISMS: If a baptism takes place in a Mass which is part of the normal pattern of parish Masses, the number of people attending will be limited to the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building. (46 for OLOL and 74 for CC) People attending must remain within their groups of six and observe strict social distancing between each separate group. If a baptism takes place outside of this normal pattern of worship, the numbers attending this celebration is limited to 6. However, this does not include the minister but does include the candidate.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 20th September

CC - £426.45

OLOL - £462.98

ST J's - £31.60

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>27th Sunday of Ordinary time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Carpenter Family R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intention
MONDAY	9.30am	CC	Mass Marie McLoughlin Intention			
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Bruno</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Colette Filler Intention			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Bob Alford R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	7pm	OLOL	Mass Vic Bokacz R.I.P	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Saint Denis, Saint John Leonard, Saint John Henry Newman</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund			
	3.00 pm	OLOL	Memorial Mass for Rosemary Chitemerere R.I.P			
SATURDAY <i>Saint Paulinus of York</i>	12noon	OLOL	Mass Joseph Sinnapan R.I.P (30 th Death Anniversary)	9.30am	St J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except for the 1 st Saturday of each month when there will be a Mass
				10.00am	St J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Louis C. Thompson (Anniv) R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Well-being of Michael Spencer	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased Parishioners
	11am	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

The glass door in the Confessional that separates Canon Tom from the penitent will remain in place as a means to stop infection transmission. After Confession, please cleanse with household detergent the kneeler, seat and anything you may have touched.

THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

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