

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
31st week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 1st November 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Entrance Antiphon

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

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

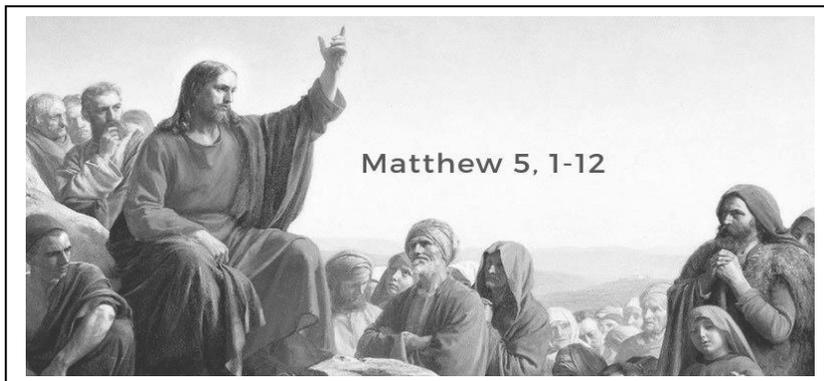
1st Reading Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

Psalm Such are the men who seek
your face, O Lord.

2nd Reading St. John 3:1-3

Gospel Verse Come to me, all you who
labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest, says
the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12



Matthew 5, 1-12

We Are All Called To Be Saints

Canon Tom Gunning

Today we celebrate the lives of all canonized Saints and unknown Saints. We are giving thanks for those who have followed Jesus along his way to the truth and the life of heaven. They encourage us and invite us to follow JESUS. They seem to say to us "it is possible" and they demonstrate the values of the Kingdom.

There is much emphasis in the Beatitudes on justice. We see in the recently canonized St. Oscar Romero a martyr for justice. St. Oscar was Archbishop of San Salvador and spoke up for the many poor people of his country who were being repressed by government forces. He called on soldiers not to kill their fellow citizens and was assassinated.

To achieve holiness we are asked to be open to God's gifts, to be gentle and forgiving to others. We are asked to mourn for those who have died and mourn also for the sins of violence that occur in our world. We are to love one another and work for peace.

We have all met holy people. The ones I think of seemed to project a sense of peace and calm in their presence. They were doing God's will in their lives. This involved for some putting up with an illness or disability. However, they seemed to be happy and content in the love of God for them. May we be holy, saints in our communities leading the lives we are called to live by God.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR David Pluck, Alison McEntee, Carmel Thomas and Sister Pauline who is very poorly. Please keep them and anybody else who is sick in your thoughts and prayers.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well being of Erin.

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 - Feast of All Saints. Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a feast that brings into focus all those who led good and often holy lives but are not officially recognised by the Church as being 'Saints'. The Church introduced this feast in order to recognise the early Christian martyrs, many of whom were never known by name but who lived faithful Christian lives and who died for their faith. We may not have known anyone who has died for their faith but most of us have met people who have devoted their life to living the values of the Gospel. They are the people who strive to live generously and compassionately. These people are not heroic in the normal sense of the word, but their lives often are heroic. They are the people who are ready to go the extra mile for others and then slip away unnoticed. When we think of holiness what do we imagine? Perhaps one definition of holiness is the capacity to live without hankering after the past or imagining the future but being able to focus on the present moment. Such people are attentive to what is going on around them and in doing so can respond to whatever is asked of them. During the pandemic we have seen many such people, heroically giving endlessly to meet the needs of others. These are the blessed people. Today's Gospel invites each one of us live humble, peaceful, and wholesome (holy) lives with Christ at the heart of all our actions and words.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AT OLOL - Will be held on Saturday 28th November at 3:00PM. This will be a special Mass for those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. More details to follow.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): At present we are not meeting as a group and may not be able to meet 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.

CAFOD Thanks: Thanks to everyone for their donations either in the envelopes or on line. So far we have managed to raise £1666.76. If you forgot, it is never too late. Please put your donation in an envelope (there are plenty at the back of the church) and leave it with the parish collection, However much or little you may have given please remember to pray for all those worldwide who are suffering hunger or have no clean water or lack basic health provision, and organisations like CAFOD who are trying to help them. Thank you for your generosity.

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**.

NOTICE FOR OLOL PARISHIONERS: who kindly donate to the parish by monthly standing order. The way in which Standing Order donations are made to the parish needs to change because of the introduction of a new computer system being used by the Diocese to make Gift Aid claims. The new system requires that donations are paid directly into the Parish bank account rather than via a diocesan bank account. The Diocese will shortly be writing to all current Standing Order Donors asking them to complete a new Standing Order (or, if preferred, a Direct Debit) made payable directly to the parish and to cancel their existing Standing Orders paid to the Diocese. This change will benefit the parish as they will receive your donation directly each month without this processing delay. Your donation is extremely valuable to your parish and the Diocese, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

“Are you in need of spiritual renewal and inspiration during these challenging times? If so, then please join us at the Bristol online Celebrate back to basics sessions which are running fortnightly through October and November – leading us perfectly into Advent. There is no pressure to attend all of the sessions – just join when you can.

Here is an outline of the sessions which will run from 7:30pm to 8:30pm:

Monday 2nd November: Unity - The Importance of Unity for the Kingdom

Monday 16th November: Formation - The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship

Monday 30th November: Mission - Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission - Register [now at: https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020](https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020)

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND - ANNUAL APPEAL

The annual appeal, in support of the Priests' Retirement Fund, will take place during this weekend. During their years of service to parish congregations, many priests did not have the opportunity to prepare adequately for retirement. The support received for this appeal each year is a great reassurance to them that they are not forgotten. There are currently twenty retired priests in receipt of financial support, which includes funding for retirement properties, retirement grants and care home fees, amounting to over £250,000 per annum. Your support for this important collection is much appreciated by our retired priests, who continue to give great help in many parishes by offering services as supply priests.

REMINDER ON COVID-19 REGULATIONS -

Following on from the Government guidelines and the Bishop's Conference, please could you make sure that you are wearing your Face Mask properly i.e. **it must cover your mouth and your nose**. Also anybody who is reading on the Sanctuary must wear gloves. Please could we also remind you to vacate the church promptly after each Mass to enable the cleaning to be done and the church to be closed swiftly. It would also be appreciated if parishioners could arrive 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Thank You.

BAPTISMS AT CC - Maya Faith Walker-Varma will be baptised during the 6pm Mass this Sunday and Patrick Joseph O'Connor will be baptised during the 6 pm Mass on Sunday the 8th November.

DIVINE MERCY AT OLOL – If you would like to light a candle for your special intentions (1week), please ring Maricris - 07577773452 to book an available date. The candles cost £5.00 - you can either hand your payment to Canon Tom or through the Parish's account. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE SESSIONS:

Following last week's announcement at the parents meeting and during Mass last Sunday, I can confirm that there will be a practise session in the Church, on Friday 6th November for those making their FHC on 7th November, and Friday 13th November for those making their FHC on 14th November. Both practices will be at 5.30pm. During these practices there will be an opportunity for children to make their First Confessions. If these times and dates are not convenient, parents can take the children to any regular Confessions as detailed in the newsletter or Parish website. Arrangements can also be made with Canon Tom for a mutually suitable time and date or First Confessions can be deferred until Lent as advised by the Diocese.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - Are currently promoting a **Stand up and Smile Campaign** to protect babies with cleft-lip and club foot. Please include their intentions with the following prayer: *“As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us”*

GIFT AID ENVELOPE AT OLOL – The new envelope for YEAR 2021 is ready for collection this weekend. Due to Co-vid restrictions, kindly collect it from Sisi or the steward after Mass. For those who are unable to come to church, please ring Maricris on 07577773452 and we can post it to your address.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS Due to COVID-19 please could you refrain from putting any used postage stamps in the box in the church porch.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Is next Sunday the 8th November.

CHURCH CLEANING - There will be no church cleaning on Saturday the 7th November due to the First Holy Communion Mass. The next date will be Saturday the 5th December.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

LOLO – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Marguerite Duverger R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	LOLO	Mass Amar Dias R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass Milagros and Hospicio Gesmondo and Amado Alcalde R.I.P	6pm	CC	Mass William and Olive Moffatt R.I.P
MONDAY <i>Holy Souls Day</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
TUESDAY <i>St. Martin de Porres and St Winifride</i>	9.30am	LOLO	Mass Family and Friends of Pat Williams			
WEDNESDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass Ann (ill)	6.30pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY	7.30pm	LOLO	Mass Tony and Margaret Morris R.I.P	9.30am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass Monica Pritchett and Nuns and Staff Holy Cross Convent	6.30pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>St. Willibrord and Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12noon	LOLO	Mass Margaret Tripp R.I.P	9.30am 10.00am	St J's St J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of each month when there will be a Mass)
NEXT SUNDAY <i>32nd Week in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Fr. Kelly and Fr. Queally R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	LOLO	Mass Canon Anthony Cotter R.I.P	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 OLOLO, and **5pm** CC. **Sunday 5.40pm** CC
Thursday 7.30pm OLOLO

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 the Priests Retirement Fund.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – 18th OCTOBER

CC - £428.50 **World Mission** - £322.11
LOLO - £230.84 **World Mission** - £163.81