

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

**THIS WEEK**  
30th week in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020**  
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

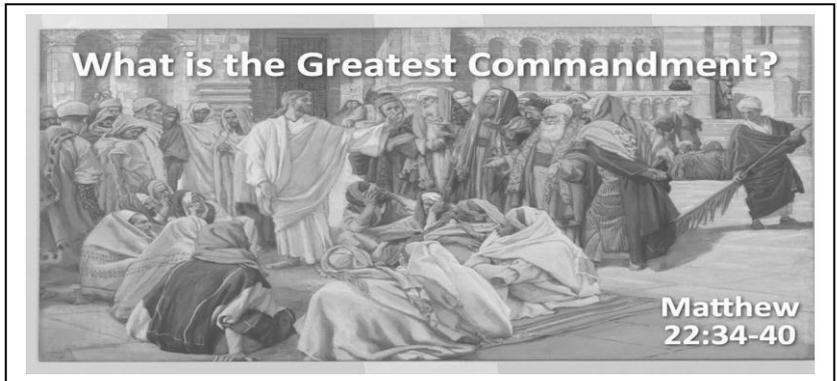
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 22:20-26

**Psalm** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Thessalonians 1:5-10

**Gospel Verse** Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son.

**Gospel** Matthew 22:15-21



## Love of God and Neighbour

### Canon Tom Gunning

Jewish law contains the two commandments mentioned in today's Gospel. However, there is no parallel in Jewish literature of the two commandments being arranged together so that they effectively become one. When Jesus says that the second commandment: Love your neighbour as yourself is similar to the first: You must love the Lord your God...he is saying that the second commandment is as important as the first. How do we love God? Jesus is giving us the answer today: we do this by loving our neighbour.

St John teaches us in his First Letter that God is love (1 Jn 4:8) and that as long as we love one another God will live in us. So let us learn how to love in imitation of Jesus who loved us so much that he died for us. The two commandments cannot be separated. We cannot love God if we hate our neighbour. We need to dispel all animosity from our hearts if we are to be truly Christian, true followers of Christ. Let us love God and our neighbour.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Alison McEntee and Carmel Thomas. 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 the Sparks Family.

### **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**

Today's Gospel centres around love, a potentially difficult concept because it is a word which is so overused. The love which Jesus is speaking of is what is known in Greek as agapeic love – that unconditional, self-giving love of the highest order; the kind of love which knows no boundaries. We hear how the Sadducees and Pharisees are trying to catch Jesus out. In their desire to score points they fail to see who is standing right in front of them. It would be easy for us to be critical of them. It might be better for us if we could look at them with some compassion and catch sight of the way we, too, might be with them, failing to love as we are called to love. The love which Jesus speaks of is all embracing. It is not the love between two people but the love we express to everyone we know and even those we don't, especially those who are in most need.

### **FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

The 28th October is the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude. Simon called either the Canaanite or the Zealot disappears from recorded history after Pentecost. One Eastern source gives Edessa as the place of his death. However, Western tradition says that he first preached in Egypt and then joined Jude. They went together to Persia, where they suffered martyrdom. Jude is usually identified as the author of the Epistle of Jude.

**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**.

**OLOL LIVE STREAMING:** After a few weeks of trial (signal) problems, we have now rectified this by putting a direct wi-fi into the church. Live Streaming at OLOL is now running smoothly. Please go to Catholic Weston on YouTube and also subscribe to be notified on your YouTube account. You can either view live or at a later time.

**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.

**BAPTISM AT CC** - Maya Faith Walker-Varma will be baptised during the 6pm Mass on Sunday the 1st November.

“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>

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOUP KITCHEN** - Due to COVID-19 all soup kitchens, including Corpus Christi are closed. Somewhere to go provides a daily hot meal for the homeless. In the evenings a trolley goes into the town centre with hot take-away meals and sandwiches. The council has provided accommodation (hotels, B&B's etc) for the homeless to keep them off the streets and safe and warm. Thank you all, who have helped and supported the soup kitchen.

#### **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND - ANNUAL APPEAL**

The annual appeal, in support of the Priest's Retirement Fund, will take place during the weekend of 31st October - 1st November 2020. 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.

**CHURCH CLEANERS AND STEWARDS:** We need additional cleaners and stewards to help out after every Mass. If you could help, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK** - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October is the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling go to : [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com).

Please invite your friends and Family to join us via this Facebook event : <https://www.facebook.com/events/2739924072936969>

#### **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. Thank You.

**OLOL** - We have recently sent a cheque to HCPT for £143.19. This was donated at Sunday Morning Coffee earlier this year, prior to the lockdown. They express their sincere thanks for our support at this difficult time.

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

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2020**

The children who had been preparing for their First Holy Communion before lockdown will now receive this Sacrament at 4 Masses on Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and 1pm in Corpus Christi church. The Catechists regret the short notice for this. In line with other parishes around the Diocese First Confessions have been deferred until next year. However, if parents want their child to make his/her First Confession before these re-arranged Masses this can be done by contacting Canon Tom or the Parish Office to book a time. Please pray for these children and their families.

**CLOCKS** - Please remember to change your clocks this weekend. They go back an hour, so an extra hour in bed!

# 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		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>30th Sunday of Ordinary time</i>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Marie Chesters R.I.P	<b>9am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Ellen Benney R.I.P	<b>6pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	<b>11am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Saints Chad and Cess, Bishops</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> William and Norah Feeley R.I.P			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Bob Alford R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	<b>6.30pm</b>	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Mathew Ulahannan R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b>	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Lenny Redman 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>12noon</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Joan Wilkins R.I.P	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	St J's St J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month when there will be a Mass)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	<b>6pm Sat</b>	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Marguerite Duverger R.I.P	<b>9am</b>	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	<b>9.15am</b>	LOLO	<b>Mass</b> Amar Dias R.I.P	<b>3pm</b>	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	<b>11am</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> Milagros and Hospicio Gesmondo and Amado Alcalde R.I.P	<b>6pm</b>	CC	<b>Mass</b> William and Olive Moffatt R.I.P

## 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.

## NEXT 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 – 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

CC - £471.32      Cafod - £1666.76

LOLO - £319.09      Cafod - £341.55

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