

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
28th week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us always determined to carry out good works.

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

2nd Reading Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

Gospel Verse May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14



If the cap fits

Canon Tom Gunning

In the parables of the Royal Marriage Feast and the Wedding Garment we move on from a review of the History of Salvation in a Jewish context to a review of God's invitation to all people, Jews and Gentiles. The important words are: "everything is ready" (Mt 22:4). This means that the last days are here. Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, has come and has lived among us. He died for us and is risen. The second group of servants sent out by the king in the parable/allegory are the Apostles and early missionaries such as St Paul. Like the prophets before them their message was rejected.

Are we like those invited guests in the parable? Are we too busy with material things or other preoccupations? Have we understood that God is calling us to the Messianic Banquet, to eternal life?

The second small parable is much more complex. Entry into the Wedding Hall could be interpreted as receiving Baptism. We may not have remembered that when we were baptized we were clothed in a white garment. The wedding garment in the parable is a symbol of moral responsibility. We are asked to lead good and holy lives. If we do not we may be thrown out of the Kingdom of Heaven. Not to put on the wedding garment means we have not repented for our sins. If we do not "put on Christ" it means we have not been converted. So in reading this parable we are looking into the mirror of our lives and if the cap fits we need to do something about it.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Adrian Hicks, Mike Ward 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 Sparks and Rigby Families.

MASS ON ZOOM - The Zoom meeting ID has been changed to **922 2054 7539** and the passcode is **123**. We apologise for the recent technical difficulties.

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

In his first exhortation, 'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis reminds us of the key message which lies at the heart of Christianity: "Jesus Christ loves you, he gave his life for you, and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." This is the first proclamation, the Kerygma which we as Christians are called to proclaim. It is the Good News, the really good news of an invitation to a banquet – not just any banquet but the great banquet of the Lord. Everyone is invited but either through a lack of awareness or complete indifference not everyone accepts the invitation. There are also those who will ridicule or attack us when we try to offer the invitation. We cannot give up – we are sent to the four corners of the earth, to anyone who will listen so that all can hear and respond, as they choose. It is not just about saying yes to the invitation, it is about saying yes in all its fullness to following Jesus, whatever the cost.

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

BAPTISM AT CC - Claudia Salisbury will be baptised during the 6pm Mass next Sunday the 18th October.

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**.

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.

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 or on the Altar must wear gloves.

MORNING SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S - Please note that there will not be any Morning Services at St. Joseph's this Saturday the 10th and the following Saturday the 17th October.

“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 19th October: Family - How can we receive the kingdom of God more like a child?

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.

RETRouvaille A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES - Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced and want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some couples have been married for many years, whilst others have only been married a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on the 12th-15th November 2020. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - This Sunday we mark Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. This Prisoner's Sunday, like so many other things this year, comes at a time of immense challenge for our church, our nation and our world. It's a day on which we are called, very particularly, to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners's Sunday provides an important opportunity to reflect on the ways we can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) it's staff and beneficiaries will be grateful for any support you may be able to offer. Do contact their friendly team on 020 3031 6867 or email parish.action@prisonadvie.org.uk for more information.

CLIFTON DIOCESE AND DOWNSIDE ABBEY - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 28th July to 6th August 2021 - Father Colin Mason, who is the Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese, will be one of the Spiritual Directors on next year's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is the third such trip which has been designed specifically for young UK Catholic adults in the age range 18 to 35ish. In addition to celebrating Mass at some of the Holiest places on Earth, exploring places mentioned in the Bible and other historic sites, we also have a lot of fun! Imagine swimming in the Dead Sea, rafting down the Jordan River, and camping out in the Judean Desert! To get a better idea of what it will be like, please check out **YouCAN** instagram handle [youngcatholicadultnetworkuk](https://www.instagram.com/youngcatholicadultnetworkuk). You can also see pics of last year's trip at <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk/>. In our present situation we are just asking for a £150 reservation fee to gauge interest, returnable should we decide, for whatever reason, not to go. About a third of the places have already been booked. Contact the organiser rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk for itinerary, pricing and booking form. Hope you can make it!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 27th September

CC - £355.89

LOL - £387.90

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>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	LOLO	Mass Well-being of Michael Spencer	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased Parishioners
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Saint Wilfrid</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Mrs Jean Willder (ill)			
TUESDAY <i>Saint Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am	LOLO	Mass Patrick Dempsey R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Saint Callistus I</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Jane and Vanda R.I.P	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)</i>	7pm	LOLO	Mass Tom and Freda Mahon R.I.P	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Nuala Pluck R.I.P			
SATURDAY <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</i>	12noon	LOLO	Mass Mike French R.I.P (First Anniversary Death)	9.30am	St J's	No Morning Prayer
				10.00am	St J's	No Liturgy of the Word
NEXT SUNDAY <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Matthew Arthurton (ill)	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	LOLO	Mass Marjorie Keeshan R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass

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 CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday

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

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