

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY **22nd November** 2020

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things, in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

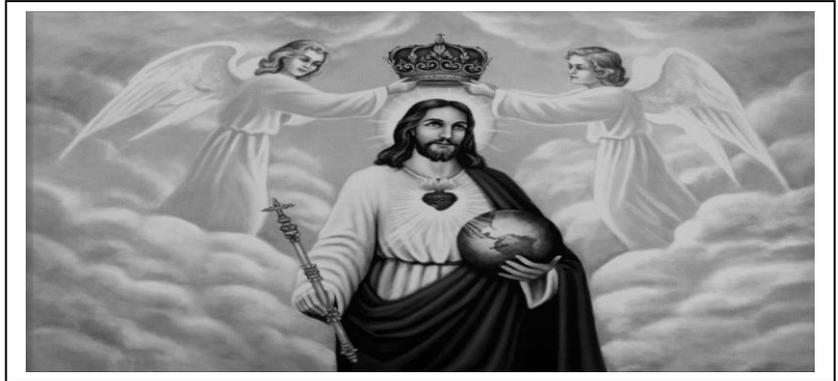
1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

Psalm The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Gospel Verse Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46



How much did you love?

Canon Tom Gunning

There is a story about when we approach the gates of heaven. St Peter will not ask us to list our sins. Instead he will ask us "How much did you love others in your life?" Jesus is showing us in today's Gospel that at the Last Judgement we will be judged by how we responded to others who were in need. The astonishing thing is that if we have helped to feed the hungry, we have helped to feed Jesus. Our Lord and Saviour has fully identified himself with the poor and outcast and oppressed. He is indeed Emmanuel, God with us. To neglect to fulfil the corporal works of mercy is to neglect to do God's will.

There is a similarity between this passage and Jesus's words of farewell in St John's Gospel (Jn 13:33-17:26). The common theme is love. We have the two commandments: Love God and Love your Neighbour. Jesus says in St Matthew's Gospel that the second commandment is similar to the first. We love God by loving our neighbour. We learn this week-end that the way of mercy and love is the way to the fullness of the Kingdom. Our love has to be active, lived out in how we help others.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Keith McLeod, husband of Jenny McLeod who died on the 28th October. Also for Carlos Encontrao who died on the 12th November. Carlos was the father of Vera Bishop who used to work at Corpus Christi school. 'May they see the Light of Heaven. Amen' Please also pray for Ann Mackay who is poorly and for anyone else in our parishes who needs our prayers.

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

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 CHRIST THE KING: In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French, Catholic community follows the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable and the villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. When a young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches: **"I'm not sure what the theme of my homily, today, should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord's transformation? No, not really, no I don't want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here's what I think. We can't go round measuring our goodness by what we don't do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist and who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create and who we include."** Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.

MASS AT CC: There will be no Mass at CC on Monday 23rd November but the church will be open for private prayer from 10.30am until 12.30pm. The Requiem Mass for Marie Furlong will be at 1.30pm at OLOL

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE - The Parish Finance Committee have a vacancy for a new Health and Safety Representative. Please contact Canon Tom. The Parish thanks Alan Malone for all his work in this role.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - Are currently promoting a **Stand up and Smile Campaign** to protect babies with cleft-lip and club foot. Please include intentions with the following prayer: **"In accordance with what our Lord told us, may we take on the responsibility of serving the voiceless in our society - especially those imprisoned, the homeless, the widowed, the sick and the unborn. We pray for the Lord to fill our hearts with a passion for justice, knowing it is truly Him we are serving in our efforts. Lord hear us"**

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 Trace. 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**.

RED MISSIO BOX AT OLOL: As we are nearing the end of the year, could all who have a red Missio box return them for emptying? Please call Eileen Nickels on 01934 514099 and she would be happy to come and collect it from you and, of course, following the COVID-19 restrictions.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Due to the COVID-19 regulations you will need to pre-book for Mass at Christmas this year. Please note only book one Mass per person/family. Booking procedures to follow.

ONLINE CHRISTMAS MARKET HOSTED BY

RELIGIOUS SISTERS: The joyous Christmas season is approaching! The season that is filled with love, family and, most importantly, God. As you may be aware, Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) are unable to participate in annual Christmas markets in our region due to travel restrictions. Nevertheless they have found a great way to spread the Christmas joy, love and deeds of mercy. They are launching the very first Online Christmas Market this year, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer. Please, click here to participate:

<https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>
Through purchasing beautiful Christmas gifts each one of us will be able to serve the poor, sick, homeless and lonely people. Because every item purchased at the Online Market is a donation towards one of the Convent's ministries. The Online Christmas Market of St. Elisabeth Convent offers a range of unique handmade items that will make memorable Christmas gifts, including: traditional hand painted Christmas ornaments, wooden toys and souvenirs, Santa Claus and Father Frost figures, handcrafted Christmas tree baubles, Nativity scenes and sets, Christmas themed ceramics and glass products, Orthodox Nativity icons, Russian matryoshka dolls and much more. The Sisters send their prayers and blessings from Minsk.

MASS OVER PHONE: If you do not have access to the internet you can also join the Mass by phone and then you can listen in as a telephone call:

Dial 0203 481 5240

Then when instructed by the voice over the phone enter the meeting number :

922 2054 7539 followed by the # key (found next to 0 button)

Then when they ask for your User ID just press the # key

Finally when asked enter the Passcode **123** followed by the # key

You will then automatically join the Mass when it starts

(Calls should be charged at the standard call rate - which could be included in you phone plan)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - I am sure that everyone is aware of the massive disruption COVID-19 has had on the First Holy Communion programme for 2020. Despite all the efforts of the Church and the Catechist team, we cannot seem to cross the line and complete the programme to enable the children to receive their First Holy Communion. This delay is having an obvious knock on effect for the enrolment and commencement of the 2021 programme, which cannot proceed until we have completed the 2020 programme. At this stage, and in the absence of any real knowledge as to where COVID-19 will take us, all we can do is issue the application forms for 2021, to enable us to gauge the level of interest, and numbers, so we can make informed decisions regarding the structure of the 2021 programme. We may, for instance, have to:

- Cap the number of candidates per Parish to adhere to social distancing rules.
- Based on numbers we may have to run multiple preparation sessions in tandem.
- Consider multiple Masses on the day(s)
- Consider a programme that could be directed to a percentage of home teaching.
- Consider community preparation programmes.

The current programme, God's Greatest Gift, is now obsolete and will not be available next year. The type of programme adopted in 2021 will be dependent on numbers and which of the above options are best suited. There will undoubtedly be a delay in the commencement of the 2021 programme but we would encourage an early return of the applications to the Presbytery/School to maximise planning and resource. There are no guarantees that, even with forward planning, there will be no disruption to any programme timetable we put into place. However, your cooperation in an early return of the applications will assist the Catechist team in selecting the best option to deliver as fluid a programme as COVID-19 will allow. With thanks and prayers. The Catechist Team.

URGENT: Volunteers needed to help with stewarding in the church for private prayer. If you could spare a couple of hours between 10.30am-12.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, whilst we are in lockdown, please let Tracey know on the parish office email: wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS		OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	9.30 am	Mass on Zoom People of the Parish	1pm - 4pm	ST. J's	Private Prayer
MONDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Clement I and Columban</i>	9.30am	No Mass	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
	1.30pm	Requiem Mass for at OLOL for Marie Furlong R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Charlie McDonagh R.I.P	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Vincent George R.I.P	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
THURSDAY	9.30am	Mass on Zoom All souls in Purgatory esp. the deceased members of the Foss Families.	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
FRIDAY	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Duncan and Marion Kehoe R.I.P	10.30am - 11.30pm	ST. J's	Private Prayer with Exposition
			10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
			12.00noon - 4.00pm	ST. J's	Private Prayer
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Hilary Derrick R.I.P	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
NEXT SUNDAY <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Canon Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P (Anniversary)	1.00pm - 4.00pm	ST. J's	Private Prayer

CONFESSIONS

Canon Tom is always happy to hear confessions. Please phone him to book a time. The RCIA room in the basement of the Presbytery allows social distancing between the penitent and the priest.

CHURCH CLOSURES

Following on from the government's recent announcement regarding lockdown regulations, all churches will be closed for public Mass from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December.

POLISH MASSES

Polish Masses will be live-streamed on YouTube at Parafia Taunton as follows: **Sundays** – 9am, 12.00noon and 4pm. **Monday** – 10am **Tuesday** – 7pm **Wednesday** – 7pm **Thursday** – 10am **Friday** – 7pm **Saturday** – 9am, 12noon, 4.30pm



Advent Wreath-making Zoom



Please join us at **10:30 am** on **Saturday 28th November** for an online social get-together when we can construct Advent Wreaths to use in our own homes during Advent.

Joining details as follows:

Topic: Advent Wreath-making Zoom

Time: Nov 28, 2020 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81748895017?pwd=OHhDZVlzSk05a1IRdTN2MUV5U1RjZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 4889 5017

Passcode: 278950

You may well have your own base for constructing a wreath, but if you'd like to follow along with me you will need the following:

2 wire coat hangers (dry-cleaning type) or some sturdy **wire**

Pliers (for bending the wire into shape)

Alternatively, you could use a foam or oasis wreath base, or weave one from willow or other flexible materials

4 candles - ideally 3 purple and one pink tall candles, but use whatever you have available. Electric tealights can be made into tall candles by sitting in the top of a coloured cardboard tube. You could even make paper candles and attach a yellow paper flame on the appropriate week.

4 containers to fit and hold your candles - for example: empty actimel bottles, mini glass jam jars or spice jars, large bottle caps, cardboard tubes (good if using electric tealights)

Sprigs of evergreen foliage to cover the wire frame - the more variety the better - fir, holly, laurel, ivy, etc, small cones

OR

Artificial greenery - green Garland to wrap around the frame, holly etc to add on top

Fixing materials - thin wire (garden wire), string, Sellotape, etc

Secateurs (for live greenery), scissors

Tin foil

If you don't have purple and pink candles, it would be useful to have some purple and pink paper or pens/paints and white paper or thin card.

I hope both families and individuals will join me to start off our Advent preparations. If you tune in to Corpus Christi Mass on Zoom at 9:30 on 29th November, the First Sunday of Advent, Father Tom will bless our Advent Wreaths and we can light the first candle.