

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
32nd week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 8th November 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

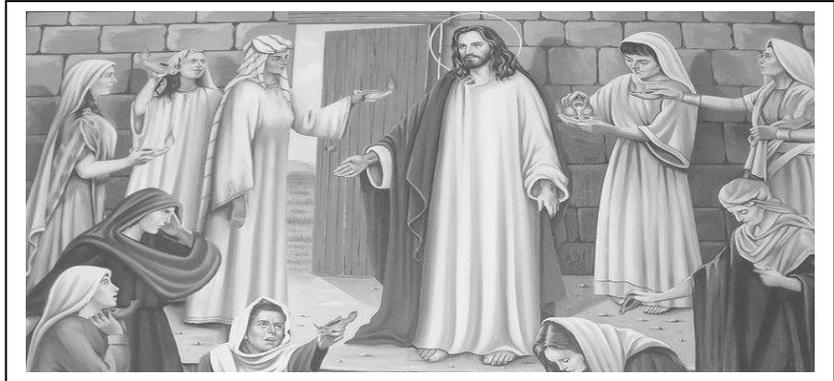
1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Verse Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know
the hour when the Son of
Man is coming.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13



Be Prepared

Canon Tom Gunning

This Sunday we have another parable: The 10 bridesmaids, 5 wise and 5 foolish. As with most of Jesus' parables it is not immediately clear what Jesus is teaching us. Is he just saying: "Plan ahead"? Or is there some deeper meaning? We need to understand what "light" signifies in many of Jesus' parables and other teachings. Having enough oil to keep your lamp alight means doing good works. In the Sermon on the Mount we hear Jesus tell us that we are the light of the world. We must let our light shine in front of others "so that seeing your good works they may give the praise to your Father in heaven" (Mt 5:16).

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year (on 28th November) we think about the end of our lives. Will we be ready to meet the Bridegroom, that is Jesus, when he comes again at the end of time? Will we be admitted to the Messianic Banquet? We must begin to prepare now by good works and a life of love for others.

The last day of Ordinary Time has a special significance for us this year. It's the 20th anniversary of the death of Fr Martin Fitzpatrick who was parish priest at Corpus Christi from 1993 until 1999. May he rejoice forever in the glory of God's Kingdom. Amen.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Michael Feeley, David Pluck, Alison McEntee and Sister Pauline who is very poorly. Please keep them and anybody else who is sick in your thoughts and prayers. Please also pray for Marie Furlong who has recently passed away. 'May she see the Light of Heaven. Amen.'

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Emma Sagun R.I.P.

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 - 'Stay Awake'

– for those who suffer from any form of sleeping disorder these words are cold comfort. Being awake all night or indeed the fear of not being able to sleep can torment and cause great anxiety. Of course, Jesus is not expecting us to literally refrain from sleeping. What he is referring to is the lack of alertness we can have to what might be happening around us, the way we drift from one thing to another, and worse, the way we can drift into negative behaviour, or simply into apathy and disregard for the things that matter. It is easy to drift. It can happen almost unconsciously, without us being aware of what is happening. This is what happens to people who find themselves addicted to drink, drugs, gambling – one day the one or two pints of beer that they had enjoyed to relax become several pints, followed by several whiskies and before they know it the evening drink has extended into a thirst which can only be satiated by one first thing in the morning. Life becomes a painful escape from reality and truth. Jesus does not want this for us. Instead he wants us to live life to the full, to experience everything in all its glory for we never know when the opportunity to do so will come to an end. When it does, we will want to be fully conscious that we have lived our lives in readiness for meeting God.

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.

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: *"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities. Lord hear us."*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY:

CORPUS CHRISTI:

10.30 am - 12.30 pm - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

9.30am - 11.30am - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

PARISH OFFICE: Following recent government guidelines, all of the parish offices will be closed from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December. The parish administrators will be working from home and can be contacted via the parish email. Please refrain from ringing the parish office unless you need to speak to Canon Tom specifically.

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.

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**.

URGENT ZOOM READERS REQUIRED: If you are willing to read for any of the Zoom Masses during this next lockdown period would you please let your Parish Administrator know, or contact Tracey, Parish Administrator at Corpus Christi. Please state when you could be available and give your permission for your email address to be handed over to Jean Davies for the period of these Masses. Or contact Jean directly. If you didn't do it for the last lockdown we will explain to you what is involved.

CELEBRATE BRISTOL: “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 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>

FOODBANK - OLOL PARISH

If anyone has a few pennies (or pounds!) to spare, please put them in an envelope marked "foodbank" and put it through the Presbytery door. Barbara Smith and Penny Devereux will then buy food and take it to the food bank. The need this year will be greater than ever.

During the first lockdown, Penny took a minimum of 150 kgs of food to the bank and last week Barbara and Penny (plus a financial contribution from a parishioner) took 53 kgs which included 50 Advent calendars for the children. But we need your help please. Thank you.

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.

MARY'S MEALS - From today up until the 31st January 2021, public donations made to the **Double The Love** appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million. You can donate at: marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you.

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>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30 am	Mass on Zoom People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Terry McGinley R.I.P	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Leo the Great</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Fr. Michael O'Sullivan R.I.P	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Josaphat</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Annie Thomas R.I.P	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
FRIDAY	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Marnette Morse and parents R.I.P	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom Stefan and Maureen Biernat 50 th Wedding Anniversary	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
NEXT SUNDAY <i>33rd Week in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Mass on Zoom People of the Parish			

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 25th OCTOBER

CC - £606.25

OLOL - £271.26

CHURCH CLOSURES

Following the governments recent announcement regarding lockdown regulations, all churches will be closed for public Mass From Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December.

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