

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Advent Week 1

SUNDAY 29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

1st Reading Isaiah 63: 16-17. 64:1.3-8

Psalm God of hosts bring us back;
let your face shine on us and
we shall be saved.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Verse Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy and give us your
saving help.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37



BE GOOD PORTERS

Canon Tom Gunning

Before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council the Ministry of Porter was a minor Order on the path to the Priesthood. It's possible that the spirituality behind this came from today's Gospel passage. The doorkeeper or porter in the parable is told to stay awake. The house in the parable could be interpreted as the physical church building or it could just be a way of describing our lives. Jesus is knocking at the door of our lives. We need to stay awake doing the tasks he has given us and be ready to let him into our lives.

The parable also teaches us about the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. Those alive when he comes must be ready to meet him. However, we should all live in the expectation that he is constantly returning to us in many ways. We meet him in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, in our Gathering as the Church, in the ordained priest who acts in the person of Christ in the Mass and in many other ways.

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus's birth, we his followers are like those servants in the parable. We have each been given a task. Through prayer and reflection, we seek to find out what our task is as we open ourselves to God's will. With Isaiah we pray: "Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down".



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of John Ashman who passed away last week. 'May he see the Light of Heaven. Amen' Please also pray for Paul Mapson who is seriously ill in hospital and Michael Feeley who will be having an operation on the 11th December.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Alison McEntee.

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 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) - 2020

has been like no other year that we can probably remember or imagine. When we started Advent in December 2019, we had absolutely no idea that the new liturgical year would play out as it has done. We could not have anticipated or expected the experience we have had and currently still have. Government recommendations during the pandemic to 'Stay alert' find echoes in our Gospel today. 'Stay awake, be on your guard' is how Mark puts it. But this is not about watching out for the dangers of a virus. Rather we are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, not just at Christmas, but at any time. This second coming of Christ and the final judgement is what we need to hold in mind throughout our Christian lives. As a faithful community, we are waiting in hopeful anticipation for Christ to come once more. It is not a passive waiting but is mindful and open to the reality that Christ comes to us in the poor, in the exiled, in the refugee and asylum seeker, in the homeless and the most vulnerable in our society. As we enter the season of a new liturgical year, let's pray for the strength to be hopeful and joyful in the weeks and months ahead.

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.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASSES - Following on from the government's advice, we are able to resume the Celebration of public Masses on Wednesday the 2nd December.

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.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: Worried about doing all your shopping with the shops closed, or how you get gifts to people you won't be able to see? Look at the CAFOD World Gifts in their on-line shop. They have a fascinating range with prices from £5. You can choose to have a card depicting your gift delivered to you or whoever you wish, or if you prefer, you can print it at home so you can add any personal touch you wish. You can also opt to have it emailed directly to the recipient so it is perfect for those last minute oversights. Show those you care about you are thinking of them and benefit a worthy cause too!

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: *"As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord Hear us"*

MASS AT OLOL: There will be no Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday the 3rd December. The Requiem Mass for John Ashman will be at 2pm at OLOL.

FOODBANK OLOL - Thank you to the parishioners from all parishes who have donated so far - £205 has been raised. This will be spent on extra goodies for Christmas but also to help boost the food bank stocks in general. We have lists of what is required and the demand is greater than ever. Barbara and Penny will be making the Christmas delivery in the middle of December so if anyone else would like to contribute financially, please feel free to do so. Thank you for your generosity so far.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - The 3rd December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. There is a virtual moment of prayer and celebration between 6:15 and 7pm on You Tube. Register by Nov 30th at shorturl.at/lrFU1 or email pastoraledisabili@chiesacattolica.it The theme is "The prophecy of fraternity". There will be a special video or text from Pope Francis.

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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 3.30PM SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020 - As we are sadly unable to meet and sing together for our traditional carol service this year, we are planning a Carol Service over the internet using Zoom. This will use the same Zoom link as for our Corpus Christi Masses, and can also be accessed by using a standard landline or mobile phone. Our Carol Service will be aimed towards children and families, although everyone is very welcome. I am hoping that some children and parents might like to read some short sections into the camera, and I also need volunteers to sing a carol (the traditional ones we all know!) for everyone to sing along with at home. If you would like to be involved, please contact Julie Ottley asap, via the parish office wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com

I would like as many children as possible to draw or paint a picture of a part of the Nativity Story to share at the Carol Service. If you can scan or take a photo of your picture and send it to wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com, that would be brilliant!

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE OCTAVE.

You will need to book a seat at the Mass of your choice this Christmas. There will be an extra Vigil Mass but that may not be enough to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. So the Bishops of England and Wales have suggested that the other Octave Masses i.e. Dec 26th until Jan 1st be considered additional Masses to celebrate Christmas liturgically. So please select only one of the following Christmas Masses and phone or email Corpus Christi or Our Lady of Lourdes. The week-end Masses for 26th/27th Dec are the Solemnity of The Holy Family and are likely to be busy so please also book a place at one of these Masses:

CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS MASSES - Thurs 24th 4pm, 6pm, 10:30pm - Fri 25th 11am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS MASSES: Thurs 24th 5:30pm, 8:30pm - Fri 25th 9.30am

OTHER OCTAVE MASSES: Sat 26th 12 noon (**Our Lady of Lourdes**), 6pm (**Corpus Christi**). Sun 27th 9:15am (**OLOL**), 11am(**CC**), 6pm (**CC**)

Mon 28th 9:30am (**CC**). Tues 29th 9:30am (**OLOL**). Wed 30th 10am(**CC**). Thurs 31st Dec 7pm (**OLOL**) Fri 1st Jan 11am (**CC**)

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>First Sunday of Advent (Year B)</i>	9.30 am		Mass on Zoom Canon Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Anniversary)	1pm - 4pm	St. J's	Private Prayer
MONDAY <i>Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle</i>	9.30am		Mass on Zoom People of the Parish	10.30am - 12.30pm	CC	Private Prayer
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Alexander Briant, Martyr</i>	9.30am		Mass on Zoom Rita Smith R.I.P	9.30am - 11.30am	OLOL	Private Prayer
WEDNESDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass John Kilby R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest #</i>	2.00pm	OLOL	Funeral Mass John Ashman R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	7.30pm	OLOL	No Mass			
FRIDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Osmund, Bishop</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Bob Alford R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Una Gunning R.I.P	9.30am	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)
				10.00am	St. J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	(Sat) 6.00pm	CC	Mass John Ashman R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Colette Filler R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS

Canon Tom is always happy to hear confessions on request or by appointment but regular slots in the week are:

Saturday 12.30pm OLOL and 5pm CC.

Sunday 5.40pm CC

Thursday 7.30pm OLOL

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.

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

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3:30 pm Sunday 13th December 2020

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Prior to the Carol Service, we would like everyone to make a Christingle, which they will light as part of the Service. Alternatively, have a simple candle available. The candle can be real or battery-operated or use a birthday cake candle. Instructions for making a Christingle are as follows:

How to make a Christingle

You'll need an orange, a candle, some tin foil, red ribbon, cocktail sticks, dried fruit or sweets, and a pair of scissors.

Then you just do this:

- Fasten a red ribbon around the orange
 - Cut a small cross into the top of the orange and place a square of tin foil over it (to catch the candle wax as it drops)
 - Place the candle on top of the foil and push it firmly into the orange
 - Load a mixture of dried fruit or sweets on to the cocktail sticks, ensuring the points are covered
 - Insert the sticks around the base of the candle
- don't keep for very long.
- Store upright in a cool place – and don't make them too far in advance, as they

