

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Christmas Week 1

SUNDAY 27th December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

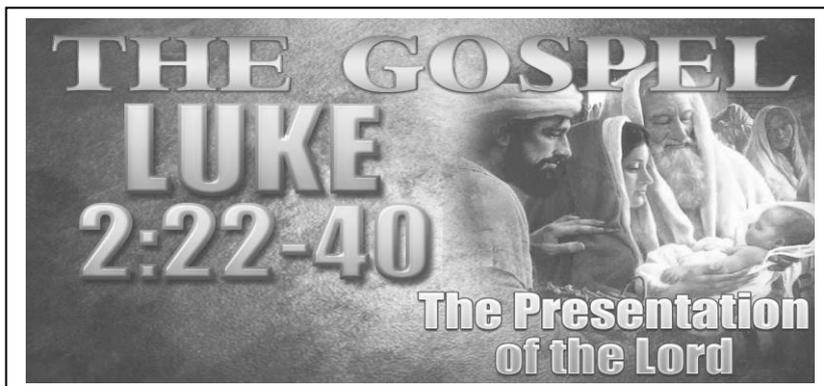
1st Reading Genesis 15:1-6.21:1-3

Psalm He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

2nd Reading Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19.

Gospel Verse At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40



HOLY FAMILY-SCHOOL OF THE GOSPEL

Canon Tom Gunning

In the Breviary, the Divine Office of prayers, we have part of a homily given by Pope St Paul VI for the Feast of the Holy Family. Pope St Paul's words were spoken in January 1964 but are timeless. He described family life as a communion of love and praised it for its role in social order. Pope Paul focused on the home in Nazareth as the place where Joseph the Carpenter worked and passed on his skills to Jesus. Pope Paul calls Jesus the pattern and example for all workers, their brother who is God. Jesus is the prophet of all workers' just causes, Christ our Lord.

In today's Gospel we see Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the Temple, doing all that was required in the Law of Moses. They do all they can for Jesus and are given a special welcome by Simeon and Anna. Jesus is called the light to enlighten the pagans. The Holy Family returns to Nazareth and there Jesus grows to maturity. This special family is our model for family life. We grow to maturity, are nurtured in our families and grow in love and concern for one another. May God bless all our families today and always as we follow the example of Jesus who shares our human nature with us.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Paul Chislett who is currently in hospital with COVID-19 and for Ron Weston. We also pray for Robert Scanlon who has died.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Spencer Prendergast 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 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

- As we come to the end of 2020, we know that it is a year that most of us will never forget. It has been a year like no other. Family life has been turned upside down in so many ways. For some families the time together has been a rich and rewarding experience. For others, especially those without outside space or space for working at home, it has been exceptionally challenging. For some families, it has meant not being able to see one another for weeks and months at a time. It has brought joys and sorrows for many, especially for those families where elderly relatives in care homes have been inaccessible or family members in hospital unable to have visitors. Whether it has been a positive or a painful experience for us, we are not alone. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experience similar trials in their family life. In their joy, the parents of Jesus as a baby, bring him to the Temple as the Law required. What they did not expect to hear was the painful prophecy of Simeon. In life there are always times of joy and sorrow. Trusting that the Lord is there, present within it all can challenge us but as we enter into 2021, let us take that trust and believe that whatever life may throw at us we are in the loving embrace of the Lord who will never abandon us.

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

1st JANUARY - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - St. Athanasius wrote 'This was no mere fiction, as some have thought. Far from it! Our Saviour really did become man and this brought about the salvation of the whole man. Our salvation is no illusion, nor is it salvation of the body only: the salvation of the whole man, body and soul, was really brought about in the Word Himself. What was born of Mary was by nature human, the Lord's body was a real one - real, because Mary was our sister, since we are all descended from Adam.' The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431, that Mary is 'Theotokos' - God-bearer - as her son Jesus is one person who is both God and man, human and divine.

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**.

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE OFFERING AT OLOL - If you would like to have a Divine Mercy Candle lit for the whole week for a special intention, please ring Maricris on 07577773452 or 01934 627137. There are a few spaces available.

LITURGICAL DIARIES AND DIRECTORIES - Are now available in the Presbytery. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase one.

RED MISSIO BOXES CORPUS CHRISTI - During this Covid19 situation, please would anyone with a red mission box, empty it and put the money in a bag or envelope and hand it in to Corpus Christi Presbytery. Please label it 'Red Box' and ensure you **put your name on it**. Please also collect your 2021 calendar and the latest Missio magazine from the Church porch.

PIGEON HOLES: Due to the COVID-19 rules and regulations we have had to temporarily remove the pigeon holes. This is to avoid any 'traffic jams;' and the risk of contamination. We also need you all to vacate the church immediately after every Mass.

PARISH OFFICE CC - The parish office closed on the 24th December and will reopen on the 5th January.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - Many Priests and Bishops, including Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth, Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia, Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon of Brentwood, Archbishop Emeritus of Leeds Arthur Roche, Bishop Charles Henderson RIP and Bishop John Hine both of Southwark, have joined pro-life vigils outside abortion centres. The Home Secretary, Priti Patel is thinking of banning Catholics from offering help to the Mums going into the abortion centres. To receive a template of a letter, with more details about why she should not ban these prayerful peaceful vigils, that you can send to The Home Secretary please email info@goodcounselnetwork.com or telephone 02077231740.

THANK YOU - Canon Tom thanks everyone who has sent him a card and given him a gift in the last few days. He and he deacons thank you for the Christmas collection.

SINGING AT MASS - During the Christmas period and the following weeks we will be playing some familiar tunes and hymns at Mass. As we are not allowed to have public singing at the moment we have to ask you to please not join in.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - A reminder that all applications forms for the 2021 programme have to be in by the end January. Only completed application forms will be accepted. Verbal requests for children's names to be added cannot be accepted. We hope to have a plan to complete the 2020 programme in the New Year when post Xmas COVID restrictions are announced.

A BIG THANK YOU - To all the parishioners who have helped with the stewarding and the cleaning after the Christmas Masses.

FOODBANK OLOL - We collected an amazing £765 from all our Weston Parishes and 178 kgs of food and goodies were purchased and taken to the foodbank. We still have money left over so another big delivery will be done in January when there is usually a shortage of supplies. In spite of unusual circumstances, including the above amount, a total of 662,85kgs of food was delivered from OLOL during 2020. Food can be placed in the box at OLOL or if you prefer, Barbara will still take donations and they buy the food. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this worthwhile project

FOODBANK CC - If anyone would like to contribute any food items to the Foodbank, there is a box in the church porch.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS TIMES - 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. Please see times below:

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)

Syro-Malabar Mass at Corpus Christi: Sun 27th 3pm and Sun 3rd Jan 3pm.

Polish Mass at Corpus Christi: Fri 1st Jan 9am.

ALL MASSES AT CORPUS CHRISTI WILL BE ON ZOOM. Also people must **NOT** attend Mass in groups of more than 6 nor with people from outside of their household or support bubble. Those attending Mass must **NOT** socialise/interact with people from outside of their household or support bubble while inside the church building. Those attending can only socialise/interact with people from within their household or support bubble while outside the church building in groups of six.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Charlie McDonagh R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Lynda Foster	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Deceased members of the Peck Family
MONDAY <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Colette Filer R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Gary Coombs R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Alba and Zina R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Seventh day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	11.00am	CC	Mass Cynthia Alcantara Barker R.I.P	9.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Ann Bicknell Morrison R.I.P	9.30am 10.00am	St. J's St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deceased Members of the Minahan Family R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Keith Macleod R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass 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 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 anything you may have touched.

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

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