

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Christmas Week 2

SUNDAY 3rd January 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powered Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12

Psalm The word was made flesh and lived among us.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18

Gospel Verse Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

Gospel John 1:1-18



JESUS THE WORD

Canon Tom Gunning

We listen to the Prologue of John's Gospel today to help us reflect on the Incarnation. We get a greater sense of Jesus' divinity as he is described as the Word who is God. We hear of the moment that Jesus takes on our humanity in the declaration: "The Word was made flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14). We hear of John the Baptist as a witness to speak for the light. Jesus is the true light. He has come to make the Father known.

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke we have the Infancy Narratives-the accounts of the birth and early years of Jesus. These have been described as "Gospels in miniature" because they contain many of the subsequent themes. The Prologue in John's Gospel could also be described in this way. We hear how Jesus will be rejected: "He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11). Jesus, the Incarnate Word is "the true light" (Jn 1:9). Later in Chapter 8 Jesus says "I am the light of the world" (Jn 8:12). In Matthew and Luke we have human genealogies for Jesus. In John we have a divine genealogy: "In the beginning was the Word..." (Jn 1:1).

Today we re-affirm that Jesus is the revelation of God. He is truly human and truly divine and "from his fullness we have, all of us, received-yes, grace in return for grace" (Jn 1:16).



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR all parishioners, family and friends who are sick in our community,

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the wellbeing of Lynda Foster.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

EPIPHANY - Is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on the 6th January: Our Lady of Lourdes at 9.30am and Corpus Christi at 7pm.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deceased Members of the Minahan Family R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Keith Macleod R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass William and Olive Moffatt R.I.P
MONDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Maureen Baines R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Ralph and Margaret Silvester-Carr R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass People of the Parish	10.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	10.00am	CC	Mass Prayer for All Souls (Judith Slattery)	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	7.00pm	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
THURSDAY <i>Thursday after Epiphany- Memorial of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Canon Timothy Barry R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	11.00am	CC	Mass Mrs Breege McNicholas (ints)	9.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Pat Sidoli R.I.P (1 st death Anniversary)	9.30am	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)
				10.00am	St. J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Sid Howard R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar and Elizabeth Dias R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intentions
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			

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.