

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Advent Week 4

SUNDAY 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down the dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the
earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace
Into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation
of Christ your Son was made known by the
message of an Angel, may by his Passion and
Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Psalm I will sing for ever of your
love, O Lord.

2nd Reading Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Verse I am the handmade of the
Lord: let what you have said
be done to me.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38



Mary, Servant of the Lord

Canon Tom Gunning

Today we listen to the very familiar Gospel of the Annunciation. Some Bible scholars have re-named this passage from Luke's Gospel "The Prophecy of Jesus' Birth". We have Gabriel and Mary in dialogue and we do have prophecy. Mary is called to rejoice because she has been chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. No wonder she was bewildered wondering what Gabriel meant by calling her "highly favoured". She is betrothed to be married to Joseph but as yet she has not moved into Joseph's house, an action that would signify the completion of her marriage. So this is an obstacle to the fulfilment of the prophecy. However, Gabriel explains that Mary will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. Gabriel has linked Jesus to King David through Joseph who is of the House of David. The Carol "Hail to the Lord's anointed" calls Jesus "great David's greater Son". When Jesus is named by Joseph he is legally adopted by him. So Joseph is important in this account but Mary's consent is required for the prophecy to happen. Mary accepts God's plan and calls herself the "handmaid of the Lord". We are called also to be servants of the Lord as we open ourselves to receive Jesus into our lives this Christmas and every day of our lives.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR Paul Chislett who is currently in hospital with COVID-19.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week is for Prayers and Intentions for the Byrnes Family.

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.

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**.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

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 few spaces available.

CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH CAFOD: After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

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.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS AT OLOL - As we have a few Masses at Christmas, we are looking for a few cleaners to stay and help with cleaning after Mass. If you attend one of the Masses and are happy to help, please speak to Maricris or Sisi. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS AT CC: To enable the Christmas Masses to go ahead, we will need 2 stewards per Mass and cleaners for after every Mass. Please could you email or ring the parish office if you feel you can help.

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.

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

NUNS FROM BELARUS - Will visit our churches in Weston this weekend. They are from St Elizabeth Convent in Minsk. They will be selling Icons and other religious items made in the convent. By buying these goods you will be supporting their invaluable work with marginalized people in their country which is going through very difficult times at the moment.

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.

LIVE STREAMING AT OLOL - All Christmas Masses will be live-streamed. Please visit our channel by YouTube and search for 'Catholic Weston' – an opportunity for all to join and to feel the spirit of Christmas, in the comfort of your own homes.

PARISH OFFICE CC - The parish office will be closed from the 24th December up until the 5th January. Therefore, if anyone wants an item in the bulletin during that time, please could they email Tracey at the office before the 23rd December.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES -

Tuesday 22nd December 10.15am-10.45am at **OLOL**.

6pm-7pm at **CC**

Wednesday 23rd December 11am-12 noon at **CC**.

6pm-7pm at **OLOL**

Thursday 24th December 10am-11am at **CC**

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE CLERGY - As is customary the Collection at the Christmas Masses goes to the clergy of the parish.

A BIG THANK YOU - To Julie and Peter Ottley for arranging the Advent Carol Service on Zoom. It was a wonderful event and enjoyed by many. Thank you.

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.

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 weekend 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 10:30pm - Fri 25th 11am. **(The 4pm and 6pm Masses are now fully booked).**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS MASSES: Fri 25th 9.30am **(The 5.30pm and 8.30pm Masses on the 24th are now fully booked)**

POLISH MASSES AT CORPUS CHRISTI: Thurs 24th 8pm, Fri 25th 9am, Sat 26th 9am, Fri 1st Jan 9am.

SYRO-MALABAR MASSES - Thurs 24th 1pm and Sun 27th 3pm.

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)**

Corpus Christi 01934 621929 during office hours of 9am - 12 noon Tuesday - Friday.

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ALL CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS MASSES 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 6.

MIDNIGHT MASS - Will be on BBC1 from Clifton Cathedral.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Patricia (Pat) Gillespie R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Janet Simpson R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6pm	CC	Mass Peace among Africans
MONDAY <i>Commeration of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Paul Mapson R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Advent II (O Rex Gentium)</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Canon Anthony Cotter R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday of Advent (O Emmanuel)</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Jim Woods R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Weekday of Advent II</i>	4.00pm	CC	Christmas Mass John Young (ints)	9.30am	St. J's	Christmas Mass in Polish
	5.30pm	OLOL	Christmas Mass People of the Parish	1.00pm	CC	Christmas Syro-Malabar Mass
	6pm	CC	Christmas Mass John Wood R.I.P	8.00pm	CC	Christmas Mass in Polish
	8.30pm	OLOL	Christmas Mass Amar Dias R.I.P			
	10.30pm	CC	Christmas Mass Holy Souls, Family and Friends.			
FRIDAY <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Christmas Day Mass Kathleen Queenan R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Christmas Mass in Polish
	11.00am	CC	Christmas Day Mass Kelly Family			
SATURDAY <i>Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Kathleen, Constance and James Moroney R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
NEXT SUNDAY <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Charlie McDonagh R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Wellbeing of Lynda Foster	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Deceased members of the Peck Family

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.