

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 3

SUNDAY 24th January 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord,
all the earth. In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions
according to your good pleasure, that in the
name of your beloved Son we may abound in
good works.

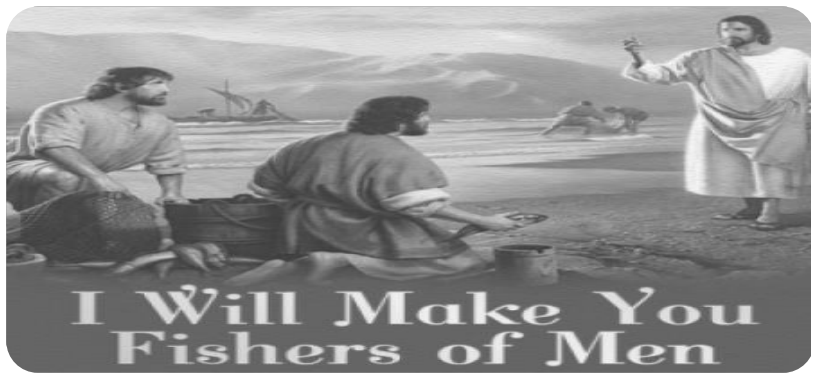
1st Reading Jonah 3:1-5.10

Psalm Lord, make me know your
ways.

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Verse The kingdom of God is close
at hand; believe the Good
News.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20



Change Direction

Canon Tom Gunning

Jesus comes into our lives daily and asks us to change direction. In today's Gospel we see Jesus beginning his ministry in Galilee. He asks us to repent or to turn and change our way of thinking. We are to believe in his Good News. For Simon, Andrew, James and John this meant leaving their jobs and their families and following Jesus. What does Jesus' call mean for us? We're not expected to leave our livelihoods and our families but we are called to leave certain things behind us and follow Jesus in our lives. We are all called to be Disciples or "learners". We are all called to be missionaries. We reach out to others. We leave behind an earthly perspective and take on Jesus' vision of the Kingdom where all respond to God's will. We accept every word that comes from God in the Scriptures as our guide. John Shea, the American Bible scholar suggests that repentance means re-establishing our priorities. He interprets Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom as a divine invitation to build a better world.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Lynda Foster (Penny Devereux's mother) who passed away last Thursday in Birmingham. Also for Noreen Ward who passed away on Thursday in Weston General Hospital 'May they see the Light of Heaven. Amen' Please also pray for Allan Paver and Ann Lewis.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well-being of Ralph Devereux.

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 Tracey. We will then see how best to go through the programme with you.

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.

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 new COVID restrictions are announced.

FOODBANK CC AND OLOL - If anyone would like to contribute any food items to the Foodbank, there is a box in the Narthex in both churches. If you prefer to give financial help, Barbara is still accepting envelopes and will then purchase the items needed and take them to the Foodbank. Thank you.

PROPERTY REQUIRED - Four bedroom property required by a local family to rent. Please contact Canon Tom.

MORE CLEANERS AND STEWARDS NEEDED - To clean benches after each Mass and to make sure parishioners are wearing masks and sanitising their hands on entry and exit from the church. Please see Canon Tom or contact the Parish Office to give your name and state which Mass you attend.

VACANCY FOR TWO SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES - Safeguarding is a very important issue in the Catholic Church and therefore each parish have safeguarding representatives whose roles are to act as a liaison between the parish and the safeguarding office in Alexander House. The local representatives are responsible for the D.B.S applications for volunteers who are applying to work alongside children and vulnerable adults. The representatives are also there to support any individual who is making a complaint of abuse, assaults or similar. The representatives take the initial steps and then the safeguarding office are involved and deal with the matter. Please contact Canon Tom.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR - Clifton Diocese are seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/could-you-be-a-school-governor/> for more information and to complete an online nomination form or contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 - he would be delighted to hear from you. Your support for our schools would be much appreciated.

A PRAYER FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"*

TRACK AND TRACE - If anybody tests positive for Coronavirus within 48 hours of attending Mass, please could you contact Canon Tom who can then tell people at the Mass you attended to self-isolate. If you have a persistent cough and a high temperature, please do not come to church. Thank you.

DISTURBANCE IN CHURCH - If anybody was affected by the disturbance just before the 11am Mass last Sunday the 17th, please contact the police on 101 or the online reporting system.

RETRouvaille - Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: retrouvailleinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.u

THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT invites you to “Global Healing.” - In 2015, Pope Francis published his groundbreaking letter on the environment Laudato Si'. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource “Global Healing”. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. The series is six Thursday evenings from **18 February – 25 March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm** To register please email: jane@catholicclimatemovement.global. It is hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - For the past 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment programs all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is scheduled on 30 & 31 January 2021 and there are many other dates over the year – you can find out more and book your place at www.wwme.org.uk or contact us on 0845 260 2016.

SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF LIVE-STREAMED FROM ST NICK'S CHURCH - Because of the Covid restrictions it is not possible for the Deaf Community to come to St Nick's for their normal monthly Signed Mass - so we are live-streaming our parish's 10am Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every First Sunday of the Month (live-streamed from parish website: www.tolentino.org then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page). Many of our Catholic deaf sisters and brothers feel very isolated at the best of times and these are not the best of times! Most are not aware of the Catholic Deaf Association or the monthly Signed Mass. If you can, please either email Fr Richard McKay (email: richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com) with their contact details or ask them to do so. We want to make this Diocesan Ministry among the Deaf community as available as possible - please help us to do so. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OLOL - For those who are unable to come to church and need an application form, please email the parish office - wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com. The form is also available to collect from the steward after Mass.

AMAZON SMILE - It seems that nearly everyone shops at Amazon. If that includes you, just register with Amazon Smile - www.smile.amazon.co.uk - and use that to continue your Amazon shop as normal. This generates a donation from Amazon to Life every time you shop if you select us (Life 2009) as your chosen charity.

NOVENA - If you wish to pray for 9 days of Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes from 2nd February to the 11th February, in preparation for our Patronal Feast Day, please take the prayer booklet from the Narthex.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - 10th January 2021
CC - £116.46. OLOL - £126.46

CLERGY

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Vincent Nash R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Brian Barraclough R.I.P	6pm	CC	Mass Stuart and Lin Stanyard 40 th Wedding Anniversary
	11.00am	CC	Mass Annie Howard R.I.P			
MONDAY <i>Feast of the conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Zenaida Armamento R.I.P First Death Anniversary			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Angela Merici</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Paddy Mulholland R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Lynda Foster R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Holy Souls	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Tony Spencer 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 the month when there will be a Mass
				10.00am	St. J's	
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Valerie Picken (Birthday)	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Kathleen Armitage R.I.P	6.00pm	CC	Mass Marek Madej R.I.P
	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.

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