

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 1

SUNDAY 10th January 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan, and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit may also be well pleasing to you.

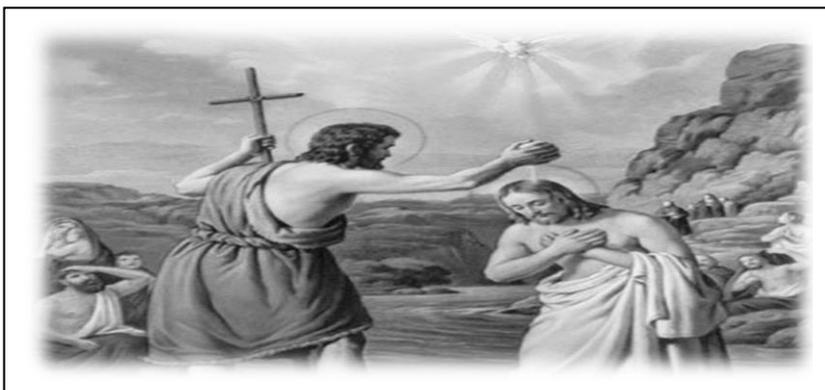
1st Reading Isaiah 5: 1-11

Psalm With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

2nd Reading John 1 5: 1-9

Gospel Verse John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel Mark 1: 7-11



The Baptism of the Lord

Canon Tom Gunning

Father Silvano Fausti, the late Jesuit Scripture Scholar, wrote that the scene of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan describes the mystery of the Incarnation. In taking on our humanity Jesus associates himself with sinners. He had no need of baptism. He had nothing to repent of and yet he goes through with his baptism to show his sympathy for us who are sinners. Fr Silvano states that Jesus immerses himself in our humanity. This is symbolised by his immersion in the waters of the Jordan.

John the Baptist tells us why Jesus has come. It was so that he might baptise us with the Holy Spirit or immerse us in God's life. We see in Mark's Gospel the naming of Jesus as the Son of God at his baptism. This naming had already occurred in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke before Jesus was born. Here also at his baptism Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit. This is referred to by St Peter in Cornelius' house in The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:38). Jesus is seen to be anointed for his earthly mission.

Today we mark the end of the Christmas season. We jump 30 years from Jesus' birth to the beginning of his preaching about the Kingdom and in a way we learn about his task to take away our sins. His baptism is a symbol of dying. He dies for us to set us free.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Michael Feeley and Rochelle Frankcom (Diane Dorrington's grand-daughter) Also for Geoff, Liwliwa and Amy Bell who are suffering with COVID-19. Please keep them all and anybody else who is sick in your prayers.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the Intentions of Wincanton Carmelite Community,

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.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER: 'Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see your wonders and live forever to praise Your Glorious name'.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2021 - The appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has been postponed until later on in the year.

ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX - 12TH JANUARY

Born in 1110, Aelred entered the recently founded Abbey of Rievaulx in 1134 after spending time in the service of King David where he rose to be Master of the Royal Household. Delicate in health, he followed the austere regime and became so highly thought of that he was chosen as envoy to Rome. In 1143 he became abbot of Revesby and four years later, abbot of Rievaulx. Vocations increased to 150 monks and 500 lay brothers, the largest abbey in England. Aelred showed sensitivity and gentle holiness, with a strong emphasis on charity and spiritual friendship. He later suffered agony from a kidney stone and the last ten years of his life were marked by illness. He died in 1167. Aelred is remembered for his energy and gentleness; his writings and sermons demonstrated his deep love of the Scriptures and of Christ.

ST. HILARY - 13TH JANUARY

Hilary was born at Poitiers c.315 of wealthy pagan parents. He became an orator, married and had a daughter. In 350 he became a Christian through a long process of study. This led him to the convictions that man is in the world for the practice of the moral virtues which must be rewarded hereafter; that there is only one God, the eternal and creative first cause, and that the Word of God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ is likewise eternal and of one substance with the Father. In c.353 he was chosen as bishop. He was the outspoken champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

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 post Xmas 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.

THANKS to all who clean benches/pews after each Mass. You are helping to keep our churches open by complying with Covid regulations for public acts of worship.

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

RECEPTION OF PAUL MAPSON - Paul's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Tuesday the 12th January. Please note this is for family only due to COVID restrictions.

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.

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.uk

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**.

NEXT WEEKEND - The 17th January is Peace Sunday so there will be a special collection for Pax Christi.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

Christmas Collection for CC- £1029.90 and OLOL £1002.34.

20th December CC - 297.10 and OLOL £139.10.
27th December CC - 261.31 and OLOL £399.52

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Sid Howard R.I.P	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar and Elizabeth Dias R.I.P	6pm	CC	Mass Donor's Intentions
	11.00am	CC	Mass Bob and Wynn Channing R.I.P			
MONDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Aelred of Rivaulx</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Kathleen Lenehan and Harry Doyle R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	1.00pm	CC	Mass Funeral for Paul Mapson R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Kathleen Kessick R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Michael and Mary Ann Kelly R.I.P	6.30pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Anne Matthews and Linda Phillips 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 in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Jean, Alec and Alex Ballantyne R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Mike, Barbara and Finbar Griffin R.I.P	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	CC	Mass Deceased Parishioners

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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