

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 26

SUNDAY 26th September 2021
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasurers of heaven.

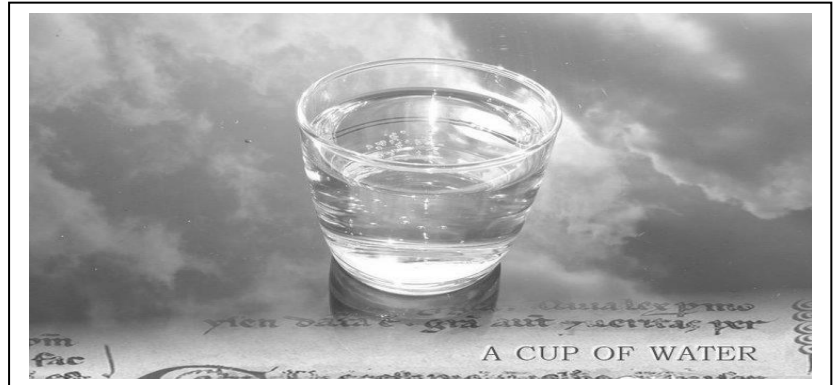
1st Reading Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

2nd Reading St James 5:1-6

Gospel Verse Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



WE BELONG TO CHRIST

Canon Tom Gunning

We only find the title “Christ” used without the article “the” in this weekend’s passage from St Mark’s Gospel and in the Letters of St Paul: “If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ...” (Mk 9:41). Two weeks ago we heard the passage where St Peter says to Jesus: “You are the Christ”(Mk 8:29). So what’s different here? It seems that Jesus is moving the disciples on to a time when they will be known as “Christians” or followers of Christ. In particular some scholars suggest Jesus is speaking about Missionaries who follow the advice of Jesus who asks them not to carry a purse or other provisions. These people will rely on the kindness of strangers. Whoever helps them in any way will be rewarded.

In what way do we belong to Christ? We could answer this in a number of ways. We were bought back or redeemed by Jesus through his death and resurrection. We share in his life through Baptism when we received the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit can work through people who are not Christians. We should not think that God is specifically Catholic and is not present in other Christian churches or even in other faiths. That doesn’t mean we accept these other faiths as containing the true revelation of God. However, certain aspects of these faiths may contain God’s wisdom and guidance for all people. Whoever invokes the name of Jesus is for us.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Mary Taylor and Canon Des Millett from St. Mary's, Chippenham who died recently . *'May they see the light of heaven. Amen'*

REQUIEM MASS - For Aidan Reynolds will be on Tuesday 12th October at 12noon at OLOL.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Louis C. Thompson 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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? If so please talk to Canon Tom

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - Following the easing of COVID restrictions, and the impact that has on our church, it has been decided that there will be one First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday October 9th at 11.00am. Numbers in the church will still be restricted to 140 so there will be 1 pew per family allocated.

OLOL DINNER – To celebrate the Feast of Rosary on Thursday 7th October, our normal Mass at 7pm on that day will be moved to 5pm. Followed by a Dinner at Brent House Carvery. The cost will be £20.00 per person, which includes the Carvery and Desserts. Drinks are not included but can be ordered and paid for on the night. Dinner has been booked for 6:15pm. No transport provided; you need to make your own way and please bring your face masks. Kindly place your payment in an envelope marked with your name and hand it to Maricris or Sisi no later than 5th October. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING AT OLOL AND CC - During lockdown, Merlinda has been cleaning the church. As the hall reopens, we are looking for volunteers to help clean the church. If you were on the rota previously and you would like to carry on, please let Tracey, Maricris or Canon Tom know.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL - Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, you can donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis at cafod.org.uk/climate. Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our brothers and sisters in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies. Please put your offering in one of the envelopes attached to this week's newsletter or available at the back of church. Don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid slip if you pay tax.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - On Tuesday 28th September, the Vigil of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER -

The Catholic Parishes of St Francis, Nailsea and St Joseph's Portishead are currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to develop the ministry to children, young people and families in our parishes. This is an exciting role working with our two parishes and their primary schools to create opportunities for children and young people to engage in the mission and life of the Church. For the job description and application form please visit: www.josephfrancis.org/joinourteam Closing date for applications: Sunday 31st October 2021

FAITH IN ACTION OLOL - The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady. In view of this, there will be a rota for reciting the Rosary for the whole month. The rota is now complete. However, there can be more than one person saying the Rosary each day during this period. Should you wish to be part of this, please contact Barbara Smith on ritaernie3@gmail.com for the Intentions. The Rosary can be recited anywhere, at any time, but must be said before 12 midnight.

CANON TOM - Would like to thank parishioners for their cards and gifts for him to celebrate his birthday.

MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASS CC - We are hearing from many of you that you are missing singing at our Sunday Mass. Fiona has kindly agreed to play for us on the first Sunday of each month and it was great to hear you singing at the start of September. Sadly, we do not have accompaniment for the remaining Sundays of the month. **We are now eagerly looking for someone to play for us.** Do you know any instrumentalist who would be prepared to have a go – pianist, organist, guitarist, etc, etc. Please speak to Canon Tom if you think you could help.

NEW BISHOP'S VIDEO FOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

- There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations, and so has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop and current governors and Headteachers, talk about the importance and value of school governors. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover some of what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and so would like to apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call 07710094976 for more information – he would love to hear from you!

TIME TO START SCHOOL - If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

CAFOD DONATION - CAFOD would like to say a big thank you to Canon Tom and our three parishes for our donation of £1716.35 for COVID-19 India Appeal. Thank you to all our youngsters for their contribution and thank you to everyone who donated and supported the fundraising in different ways.

CLIMATE CELEBRATION AT OLOL - CLIMATE SUNDAY is to be held on Sunday 3rd October. At OLOL our young people will lead us in prayer and reflection during the Mass, please wear something GREEN to mark the celebration. Afterwards we are all invited for refreshments in the hall. We will be celebrating God's Gift of Creation and taking time to reflect on how we care for our Common Home, before COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference being hosted in Glasgow in November. Pope Francis advises us to Listen to the Cries of the Poor and the Earth and to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance before we Act. The Season of Creation runs until October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi who has been adopted as Patron Saint of the Environment. We are invited to participate in a Novena, commencing on Saturday 25th September, prayers are available on the CAFOD website and in our churches.

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - An open evening will take place on Thursday 7th October for the parents of pupils eligible to transfer to St. Bede's Catholic College in September 2022 and 2023. The purpose of this evening is to offer an insight into the organisation of the college, its culture, ethos and curriculum. An opportunity is provided to look around the college and to talk with staff and pupils.

PRAYER GROUP AND COFFEE MORNING AT CC - The Wednesday coffee morning will resume on the 6th October after the 10am Mass. Afterwards, a small group of us are meeting in the Newman Room to reflect on the Gospel Reading of the day, to pray, to share, to support each other and to ask God's Blessings on our world today. Please join us, if you can. If you are unable, you are most welcome to write your Prayer requests in the book in the Narthex (church porch). Be assured of our prayers. Thank you.

LOVE CHRISTMAS WEBINAR - 6TH OCTOBER - Looking for a way for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and it is an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

SUNDAY MASS 6PM - The 6pm Sunday Mass will be at St. Joseph's again from 3rd October.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – CORPUS CHRISTI

OLOL – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ST. J'S – ST. JOSEPH'S

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC 9.15am OLOL 11.00am CC	Vigil Mass Private Intentions Mass Marion Lawrence R.I.P Mass People of the Parish	9.00am CC 6.00pm CC	Mass in Polish Mass Deceased members of the Perrin Family		
MONDAY <i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9.30am CC	Mass Paddy O'Brien (ill)	2.00pm CC	Friendship Group		
TUESDAY <i>Saints Wencelas and Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30am OLOL	Mass Reg and Gary Coombs R.I.P				
WEDNESDAY <i>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	10.00am CC	Mass Eddie Gloyne R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's	Mass in Polish		
THURSDAY <i>Saint Jerome, Priest</i>	7.00pm OLOL	Mass Dympna Slattery R.I.P	9.30am St. J's	Mass in Polish		
FRIDAY <i>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin</i>	10.00am CC	Mass John James Gunning (95 th Birthday)	6.30pm St. J's	Mass in Polish		
SATURDAY <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	12.00noon OLOL	Mass Robert Slipper R.I.P	9.30am St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the first Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)		
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat CC 9.15am OLOL 11.00am CC	Vigil Mass Veronica Long R.I.P (nee Duffin) Anniversary Mass Climate Sunday Mass People of the Parish	9.00am CC 3.00pm CC 6.00pm St. J's	Mass in Polish Syro-Malabar Mass Mass Donor's Intention		

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

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

THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Home Mission

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 12th September 2021

CC £578.05 – Catholic Education £239.20

OLOL £223.00 – Catholic Education £96.40

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