

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 28

SUNDAY 10th October 2021

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

1st Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

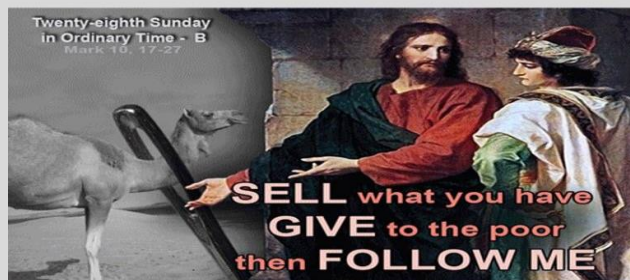
Psalm Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Verse How happy the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

What must I do to inherit eternal life?



Money, an obstacle to eternal life

Canon Tom Gunning

We hear about a “man of great wealth” in our Gospel passage today. He’s someone who has kept the Ten Commandments since his youth and yet he knows that this is not enough. He asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. His question is flawed. No-one can inherit eternal life. It is a gift from God. Jesus sees he is a good man and loves him. He tells him there is something missing from his life. Wealth is his obstacle to the Kingdom or to eternal life. He loves his wealth more than Jesus who is offering him treasure in heaven. He is unable to sell everything and give his money to the poor.

Are there obstacles to our following of Jesus? We cannot be the slave of two masters. We have to choose between God and Money.

Money in itself is not evil. As we hear in the First Letter to Timothy, it is the love of money which is the root of all evils (1Tim 6:10).

In his book “The Song of the Bird” Fr Anthony De Mello tells this story: “In the nineteenth century a tourist from the States visited the famous Polish rabbi Hafez Hayyim. He was astonished to see that the rabbi’s home was only a simple room filled with books. The only furniture was a table and a bench. “Rabbi where is your furniture?” asked the tourist. “Where’s yours?” replied Hafez. “Mine? But I’m only a visitor here.” “So am I,” said the rabbi. “



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - John Northover who died recently . *'May he see the light of heaven. Amen'*

REQUIEM MASS - Aidan Reynolds Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 12th October at 12 noon at OLOL. Aidan's body will be received into the church on Monday 11th Oct at 4.00pm. Tom Manning's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 15th October at 12:30pm at Corpus Christi.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Amar and Elizabeth Dias and Jose Thomas 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 2022 - Firstly a big congratulations to all the candidates who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May their relationship with Jesus grow stronger as they continue their journey with Him. Now onto **2022**. Application forms for enrolment will be available from the Parish website, Presbytery and School from Monday 11th October. It is hoped that we can now, after two years of COVID, get the programme back on track for Mass to be celebrated around the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please continue to access websites and Parish newsletters for updates.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - Many thanks to everyone who donated last week to stand alongside those poor communities particularly threatened by Climate Change. If you forgot, it is never too late. There are envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online via the CAFOD website. Please remember to pray for all those affected and for those (like CAFOD) trying to help them.

BIBLE STUDY AT OLOL - There will be a Bible Study on Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm in the parish room. All are welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 AT OLOL - Our 9 candidates will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 31st October at the 9.15am Mass. Let us continue to pray for all the children of our parishes receiving their First Holy Communion this month.

OLOL PARISH - Would like to thank everybody who took part in the Climate Sunday Mass last Sunday, either by decorating the church, attending the Mass, wearing green on the day or making climate pledges. The young people showed their enthusiasm for Caring for Our Common Home through their readings, singing and pledges for Climate. Our Family Fast Day savings donated to CAFOD will help the most vulnerable and the guardians of the forests etc. We can continue to support the Climate Crisis by using the CAFOD prayer card and pledging actions highlighted on the notice boards or CAFOD website. If anyone is interested in forming a GREEN GROUP, please give your name to the stewards in the first instance. In our parishes we have already pledged to save 3.5 tonnes of carbon over the coming year.

OLOL - COVID-19 - Going forward the stewards will not be taking down names and contact details for track and trace. Instead, there will be a QR code on the pews for scanning. Please kindly follow the government's guidelines, should you need to do a COVID-19 test and isolate. If you have any concerns, please speak to the welcomers or Canon Tom. Also, the title stewards will be replaced with welcomers. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH'S LIVE STREAMING - St. Joseph's Sunday Masses at 6.00pm can now be viewed on YouTube via the link on the parish website at Watch Online (stjosephswsm.org.uk)

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.

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!

PRISONER'S SUNDAY - Today marks Prisoner's Sunday and is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: **'I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.'** Pact's work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action. You can donate at parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *'Today we celebrate World Mental Health Day. We pray especially for all mothers experiencing difficulties in their pregnancies, whose mental health has, as a result, been negatively impacted. We pray that, as a society, we would do all we can to support mothers through these circumstances and keep the health and wellbeing of both mother and child at the centre of our communities. Lord hear us'*

RIGHT TO LIFE UK URGENT APPEAL - The abortion lobby has already been successful at using the Coronavirus crisis to temporarily introduce home 'DIY' abortions. The policy has not only accompanied a large increase in the number of lives ended by abortion but has also been linked to a number of serious incidents where women's lives have been put at risk while performing their abortion at home. Our opposition is now eager to see more widespread changes to legislation enacted and we are currently facing major threats on both abortion and assisted suicide issues. Fighting both the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies over this period has already made a huge dent in Right to Life UK's limited resources. We are, therefore, appealing to you to please give as generously as you can to ensure we can defeat the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies in these upcoming battles. Every donation, no matter how small, will go towards saving the lives of the unborn and many others. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/give for more information and to donate now.

CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY - Bishop Declan is inviting us all as the community of Clifton Diocese to join him in celebrating God's creation on Saturday 23rd October 11am at Clifton Cathedral. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences, share in the challenge to do something about Climate Change, and bring families and friends—all are welcome!

ROAD CLOSURES - Please note that there will be road closures on Sunday 17th October due to the Weston Half Marathon.

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 | | |
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| SUNDAY <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 6.00pmSat CC 9.15am OLOL 11.00am CC | Vigil Mass Jose Laguna Ubeda R.I.P Mass Amar & Elizabeth Dias & Jose Thomas R.I.P Mass People of the Parish | 9.00am CC 12.00noon St. J's 6.00pm St. J's | Mass in Polish Ordinarate Mass Mass Holy Souls | | |
| MONDAY <i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> | 9.30am CC | Mass Candace Clare Alcaldes (ints) | 2.00pm CC | Friendship Club in Parish Hall | | |
| TUESDAY <i>Saint Wilfrid, Bishop</i> | 12.00noon OLOL | Requiem Mass Aidan Reynolds R.I.P | 7.00pm OLOL | Bible Study | | |
| WEDNESDAY <i>Saint Edward the Confessor</i> | 10.00am CC | Mass Stephen and Frances Wareing (ints) | 10.30am CC 7.00pm St. J's | Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group Mass in Polish | | |
| THURSDAY <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr</i> | 7.00pm OLOL | Mass Mrs Gabriella Patricia Igoe R.I.P | 10.00am St. J's | Mass in Polish | | |
| FRIDAY <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin</i> | 12.30pm CC | Requiem Mass Tom Manning R.I.P | 7.00pm St. J's | Mass in Polish | | |
| SATURDAY <i>Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches</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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 6.00pm Sat CC 9.15am OLOL 11.00am CC | Vigil Mass Naomi & Jim Vowles R.I.P Mass Aidan Reynolds R.I.P Mass People of the Parish | 9.00am CC 3.00pm CC 6.00pm CC | Mass in Polish Syro-Malabar Mass 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 26th September 2021

CC £280.60 – Home Missions £100.00
OLOL £212.83 – Home Missions £43.65

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

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