

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK

27th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 3rd October 2021

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will, for you have made all things, the heaven, and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

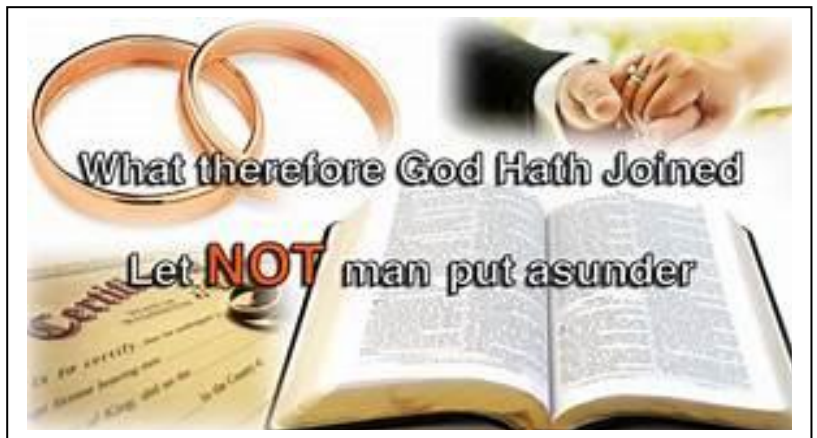
1st Reading Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

2nd Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Verse As long as we love one another God will live in us, and this love will be complete in us

Gospel Mark 10:2-16



MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Canon Tom Gunning

Statistics tell us that one in three marriages in England and Wales ends in divorce. At the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, the number of divorces was thought to be much higher than modern day figures. Only the man could divorce his wife in Jewish law. St Mark was writing his Gospel in Rome where a woman could divorce her husband under Roman law, so he adds verse 12 to Jesus' words. Under the Jewish system the woman had very little security in marriage. It wasn't an irrevocable covenantal agreement for life as it is described in The Code of Canon Law (Canon 1057).

In quoting the Book of Genesis Jesus returns us to God's original plan for marriage. Jesus then adds "What God has united; man must not divide" (Mk 10:9). By implication God wants people to make life-long commitments to one another because marriage is a sacred state of life. In First Century Palestine, Jesus was speaking up for women who were being treated unfairly.

Catholics are not exempt from marriage failures. Where there is violence, infidelity, and a general lack of respect for the obligations of marriage then the Church would call such unions "putative marriages". That's where the couple thought they were getting married but there was something missing from the start. Sadly, children suffer when marriages break down. It's no coincidence that the following verses are about children. They should always be protected, loved, and cared for within marriage wherever possible.

Today we pray for all married couples that they may be signs of God's presence in our world. They will do this by their love for one another.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Ray Board who died Monday night. *'May he see the light of heaven. Amen'*

REQUIEM MASS -

Aidan Reynolds will be on Tuesday 12th October at 12noon at OLOL. Aidan's body will be received in 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 EK-G's good health and happiness.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS & REHEARSALS Following the easing of COVID restrictions, and the impact that has on our church, it has been decided that one of the First Holy Communion Mass will be 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. **Reminder to all candidates parents and guardians that there will be a rehearsal in the Church at 5.15pm on Friday 8th October.**

FEAST OF ROSARY AT OLOL - 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.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - Thank you to everyone who remembered to eat a little less on Friday to stand alongside those poor communities particularly threatened by Climate Change. Please put your offering in the Climate Crisis Appeal envelopes (don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid slip) If you have forgotten your envelope, there are spares at the back of the church porch or you can donate online via the CAFOD website.

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.

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. Please speak to Canon Tom if you think you could help.

THANK YOU - As St Joseph's parishioners prepare to move back to our church on Sunday we would like to express our gratitude to Canon Tom and all of the Corpus Christi parishioners for your kindness in allowing us to celebrate our Sunday Mass in your church over the past eighteen months. May God bless you for your kindness towards us. Deacon Tom

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.

First Holy Communion preparation classes for 2022: We have started to receive enquiries about the 2022 programme regarding dates. After 2 disjointed years it is hoped to revert to Communion Masses in June 2022 around the Feast of Corpus Christi as we used to. Once a timetable has been established that enables this to happen, an announcement on dates will be issued. In the meantime it is hoped to release application forms soon after October 9th when this year's candidates have made their Communion.

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.

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.

LOVE CHRISTMAS WEBINAR - 6TH OCTOBER - 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. 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>

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!

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, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website \(cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis\)](https://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](https://cafod.org.uk/petition) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

CAFOD Climate Crisis Appeal: If you missed the Appeal it is worth watching this video <https://vimeo.com/605561018> If you already donated, thank you.

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!

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

LOLO – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Veronica Long RIP (nee Duffin) Anniversary	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	LOLO	Mass Climate Sunday			
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
	6pm	St J's	Mass Donor's Intention			
MONDAY <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Len Dean RIP	2:00pm	CC	Friendship Group
TUESDAY <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	9.30am	LOLO	Mass John Lough RIP			
WEDNESDAY <i>St. Bruno, Priest</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Nuala Pluck RIP	6:30pm	St J's CC	Mass in Polish Coffee Morning after 10:00am Mass
THURSDAY <i>Our Lady of Rosary</i>	5:00pm	LOLO	Mass People of the Parish	9:30am	St J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY	10:00am	CC	Mass Maria, Tom, Zack & Joey's Intentions	6:30pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Feast of St John Henry Newman</i>	11:00am	CC	First Holy Communion Children	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)
	12noon	LOLO	Mass Annamma Abraham RIP			
NEXT SUNDAY <i>10th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Jose Laguna Ubeda RIP	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	LOLO	Mass Amar & Elizabeth Dias & Jose Thomas RIP			
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
	6pm	St J's	Mass Holy Souls			

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 SJ
 Thursday 7.30pm OLOL**

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

This weekend

There will be a second collection for
 CAFOD CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL

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