

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK  
Ordinary Time Week 30

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength, constantly seek his face.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Psalm** What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Hebrews 5:1-6

**Gospel Verse** Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he has proclaimed life through the Good news.

**Gospel** Mark 10: 46-52



'GO; YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.'

Canon Tom Gunning

Bartimaeus - model of faith

In First Century Palestine there was no Social Security. So if someone could not work to earn money to survive he or she had to beg. In sharp contrast to the rich man Bartimaeus had no possessions except his cloak which was spread out on the ground to receive coins as he begged at the roadside. So he appears to be the most disadvantaged of people- a blind beggar. However, he has the eyes of faith. He calls Jesus "Son of David". This was a Messianic title. So blind Bartimaeus recognises Jesus as the Messiah. He has faith that Jesus the Christ or Messiah can restore his sight. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the signs of the Messiah as one who could give sight to the blind as well as restoring hearing, speech and mobility. (Is 35:5-6)

What is more this person at the margins of society becomes a follower of Jesus. The rich man couldn't follow Jesus because he had too many possessions. Bartimaeus only has a cloak but he throws this off to follow Jesus.

Bartimaeus means "son of the unclean" in Hebrew. You couldn't think that parents would call their son that. It was a nickname that stuck. The Jews of Jesus' day would have looked upon Bartimaeus' blindness as a punishment from God for some sin of his parents. Jesus rejects this thinking as we see in St John's Gospel (Jn 9:3). He associates with the lowly, the sick, the marginalised. He has come to heal them. He has come to heal us and save us.



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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Tracey Nelson's recovery and for Keith Jenkins who died suddenly in his home on Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>). Keith was 80 and used to come to OLOL in his wheelchair. His widow is Christine and his only daughter is Karen.

*May Keith see the light of heaven.*

**Graham Field's** funeral will be on Thursday 28th Oct 3:30pm at Weston Crematorium.

**Keith Jenkins'** Requiem Mass will be on Wed 10th Nov 11:30am at OLOL.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for M L, who is seriously ill, to get better. We also pray for her husband and her children's good health, and not to be affected by their Mother's ill health.

### **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 2021 AT OLOL** - Our 8 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. There will be a gathering after Mass in the Parish Hall; coffee and tea will be served.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)** - The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works in England and Wales with the Mill Hill Missionary Society. In England & Wales funds for the Mission are collected through the famous Red Collection Boxes. These can be found in 200,000 homes and they have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church.

**CAFOD CONTACT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI** - Chris Davies thanks all parishioners of all three parishes for their support over several years while he has been performing this role and asks that you will now support John Kirkhope who is taking it on. Please continue to support CAFOD with your energies, donations and prayers..

**ALL SAINTS**- Next week-end we celebrate All Saints. When a major feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is transferred to the Sunday.

**OLOL - ENVELOPE GIVING** - We would like to thank all Parishioners for their generous offerings to the Church. Our current set of envelopes finish at the end of November. As only a few envelopes are used each week, and the cost involved, we will not be ordering new sets this year. We would ask Parishioners who use envelopes, both the White Gift Aid and the Blue non-Gift Aid, to consider switching to Bank Standing Order (sometimes referred to as direct debit). This is an effective way of giving and your offering comes straight to our Bank Account on a monthly (or even weekly) basis, and you do not have to remember to keep cash back. However, should you wish to continue using a weekly envelope this can be arranged, please let us know. Peter Mason will be in Church on Saturday and Sunday mornings over the next few weeks to discuss this with you, or alternatively contact him by [email-treasurer.wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:email-treasurer.wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com) or telephone 07538 325056. Thank you

**FORMAL CONSULTATION LETTER - CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY.** Please see the letter in our parishes notice board regarding the proposal to convert to academy status and join the Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust on the target opening date of 1 March 2022. The proposal outlined above is being considered by the governing body of six Catholic primary schools in the Dunstan Partnership based in Somerset and North Somerset. The Catholic schools are: St Gildas, SS Joseph and Teresa, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Joseph's Bridgwater and the two schools in The Holy Family Catholic Federation (**Corpus Christi, WSM** and St Joseph's Burnham). Please click the link below to complete a short online questionnaire by 3PM FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ASEq5tm1Tu>

**COFFEE MORNING AT OLOL**- After having a coffee morning after Mass for our Climate Sunday celebration, we received good feedback on how much everyone enjoyed it. However, before we resume, we are looking for more volunteers to help and be on the rota. Please speak to Trish Roberts if you would like to help - the more help the better!

**Note: There will be a coffee morning after Mass this Sunday**

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

[cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of the church; please take one and pray that the world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](https://cafod.org.uk/COP26). May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

**GREEN TEAM IN OUR PARISHES** -Thank you to those who participated in the first meeting on Sunday. We are starting to look at ways of helping our Parish reduce its carbon footprint. As a first step Members will be speaking to all the Parish Groups to explore where we are now and what changes we would like to make in order to keep global warming to below the 1.5°C target. We are all still learning as individuals and by sharing ideas, we can each make a difference. There are 2 petitions that we are invited to sign before COP 26. Cafod's Reclaim Our Common Home petition is addressed to the Prime Minister and is available as a postcard from the church or online at [Cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim). Laudato Si Movement's Healthy Planet, Healthy People petition is an open letter to world leaders attending COP26, urging them to help the people most vulnerable to climate change. This can be accessed online at [thecatholicpetition.org](https://thecatholicpetition.org)

***Clocks go back one hour next Saturday night (30<sup>th</sup> Oct).***

**FAREWELL FROM MARIBEL HAMILTON** - Dear fellow parishioners, It is with a degree of sadness that I will be saying farewell or 'hasta la vista' as I endeavour a new chapter in my life. After 47 and a half years in this country, 35 of them in Somerset and a fair few of these belonging to CC, my husband, David, and I are moving to Spain at the beginning of next month. I do take with me very fond and cherished memories of you all. I wish you happiness, peace and may God bless you all. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER is the 54<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT** being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](https://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com). Please invite your friends and family to join us via Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/215429513822252>

**CLIFTON DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022**-Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing)

The cost of the Pilgrimage is currently an estimate. It is possible that the cost of flights will rise and consequently increase the cost of the total package. As soon as we know the final price we will let you know. If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, then please contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). Or see the poster in our parishes notice board.

**THE FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** will be on Sunday 14 November 2021. Pope Francis, on the first World Day of the Poor in 2017, implored that our service to the poor, "...lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life." This call to engage the poor among us as our brothers and sisters, and not to treat them as abstract, transactional relationships, reminds us of the love that Christ demonstrates for us. A 9 days Novena has been prepared by Caritas Social Action Network and can be found in our parishes notice board.

# 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		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pmSat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Peter Wilcox R.I.P	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Sister Eileen OSU R.I.P	6.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Martin De Porres	2.00pm	CC	<b>Friendship Club in Parish Hall</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Simone Marolle R.I.P			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Mariquita Ruiza Alcalde's Int.	10.30am	CC	<b>Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group</b>
				7.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude, Apostles</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Ellen Benney R.I.P	10.00am	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Larry Gerlach R.I.P	7.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Aidan Reynolds R.I.P	9.30am	St.J's	<b>Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion</b> (except the first Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Norman Payne R.I.P	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Anna Tripp R.I.P	6.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass</b> Deceased members of the Shellard family
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> 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**

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

## SECOND COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION (MISSIO)

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

CC - £276.94

OLOL- £322.86

St. J's - £48.50

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