

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY 31ST October 2021
ALL SAINTS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints. at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

1st Reading Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

2nd Reading St. John 3:1-3

Gospel Verse Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12



Canon Tom Gunning

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE SAINTS

In the 1974 translation of the Roman Missal we used to hear Saints described as those "who have done your will throughout the ages" (Eucharistic Prayer 2). The present 2011 translation "those who have pleased you" doesn't quite express the conscious submission to God's will which is what being holy demands. We get a list of requirements for holiness in our Gospel today. Does a saint possess all these attributes? Should a saint be poor in spirit, gentle, in mourning, hungry and thirsting for what is right, merciful, pure in heart, a peacemaker and being persecuted in the cause of right? That seems a tall order. However, all these attitudes are concerned about the needs of others. If my goal in life is about making myself rich for example then I'm thinking only about myself. A saint is a selfless person who doesn't get caught up in acquiring things that may impede her/his path to God

The Beatitudes have been described as the Magna Carta of the Kingdom. They are the values of Jesus which are countercultural. They amount to a moral revolution. They challenge us to consider what we value in life. Do we work for justice, the cause of right?

Are we peacemakers who try to reconcile others?

Being poor in spirit is the first beatitude. It means that we rely on God and not on possessions to give us security. This is a difficult task, but it is possible for us all. We are all called to be holy. Today we celebrate those who have led holy lives trying to do God's will.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery.

FUNERAL MASSES:

JOHN NORTHOVER's Funeral service will be on Wednesday 3rd November 12:30pm at CC

ANNA TRIPP's Funeral service will be on Friday 5th November 3:00pm at OLOL

KEITH JENKINS' Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 10th November 11:30am at OLOL. Keith Jenkins' body will be brought into the church at 4:30pm on Tues 9th November.

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

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.

ALL SOUL'S DAY- Please note that there will be 2 Masses on Tuesday 3rd Nov (All Soul's Day) OLOL will be at 9:30am and 10am at CC.

CAFOD CONTACT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI - Chris Davies thanks all parishioners of all three parishes for their support over the several years 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.

COFFEE MORNING AT OLOL - we are looking for more volunteers to help with the coffee morning after Sunday Mass. Please speak to Maricris or Trish Roberts if you are happy to help.

ST JOSEPHS' PPC - There will be a PPC meeting on Friday 12th November at 7.00pm in the hall.

FOODBANK APPEAL - Advent and Christmas are approaching! We would like to buy Advent Calendars and selection Boxes for the children and gift sets for the adults. At the same time, we will be buying normal groceries and Christmas Fayre. Please could your generous financial contributions continue. Thank you, Barbara.

THANK YOU - thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contribution will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.or.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours)

SYNOD PREPARATION DAY - There will be a day of formation and guidance for all delegates on Saturday 20th November at St. Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, Bristol. This day will be led by Fr. Jan Nowotnik who is the New National Ecumenical Officer and Secretary for Evangelisation and Discipleship. Bishop Declan is keen that every parish and religious community be involved in the synodal process on synodality to which Pope Francis is calling us. Please can we, gently, encourage parishes to identify people who will represent your community and work with you to provide the best possible experience for your people. The synodal process in Clifton is very much a part of how we move forward as a diocese. Please speak to Canon Tom if you are interested in being one of the delegates in our parish. All the details are on the 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 day Novena has been prepared by Caritas Social Action Network and can be found on our parishes notice board..

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@cliftondioce.se.com or telephone 07538 325056. Thank you

GREEN TEAM in the parishes. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 7th November after 9.15 am Mass in the Parish Room at OLOL. We will be focussing on where we are now in terms of our Parish CO2 footprint and how we can help keep global warming to 1.5°C. Individuals who want to calculate their own global footprint can do so online at Footprint.wwf.org.uk

It was pleasing to see a good representation from the Weston Churches at the Diocesan Climate Liturgy last Saturday and afterwards to share ideas at stalls manned by Cafod, Green Christian, Laudato Si Movement and more.

It isn't too late to sign the 2 petitions for COP 26 which commences on October 31st.

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

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

OLOL - the office will be closed for 2 weeks, However, it will be available by email or you can contact Canon Tom.

PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND - Next weekend there will be a second collection for our Priest's retirement. This fund offers grants each year to the priests who have served our Diocese faithfully during their years of active priestly ministry. This money supports them in their retirement and offers them security in their retirement years. Our gifts to them through this fund shows them something of gratitude and our support.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT OLOL- will be held on Saturday 27th November. Please mark this date in your diary, or calendar. If you wish to run a stall on that day, please speak to Sisi Baker. We are planning the Bazaar to be at 11am, this would mean that the Mass scheduled at 12 noon will be moved back to 10am, for that day only. However, if this causes any inconvenience please speak to the welcomers. The proceeds will be split between the chosen charities and OLOL. To start the ball rolling, Penny will be selling Homemade Christmas cards this Sunday in the Parish Hall. Donations for Sunday coffee/tea morning will also be given to charities. The names of the chosen charities will be published in due course. Thank you in anticipation.

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.

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP & DEMENTIA- there will be a webinar which will take place via zoom on Tuesday 16th November from 10.30am to 12.00pm. For those who wish to attend, it is just a case of clicking on the link below to register your attendance.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-church-meaningful-worship-and-dementia-tickets-1700243664>

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>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Norman Willcox RIP	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Anna Tripp RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Deceased members of the Shellard family
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY	9.30am	CC	Mass Khoo Family RIP	2.00pm	CC	Friendship Club in Parish Hall
TUESDAY <i>ALL SOUL'S DAY</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass HOLY SOULS			
	10:00am	CC	Mass HOLY SOULS			
WEDNESDAY <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Ken and Bridie Ashman RIP	10.30am	CC	Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group
	12:30pm	CC	Funeral Service John Northover	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Erin Ganzon's Intention	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass Mary and Anthony Khoo RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	3:00pm	OLOL	Funeral Service Anna Tripp			
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Peter Erdos RIP	9.30am	St.'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>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Louise Dean's Intention	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Keith McLeod RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Robert Gray RIP
	11.00am	CC	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**

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

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for Priest Retirement Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 17th October 2021

CC - £375.31

OLOL - £322.13

St. J's - £133.00

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