

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32

SUNDAY 7th November 2021

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

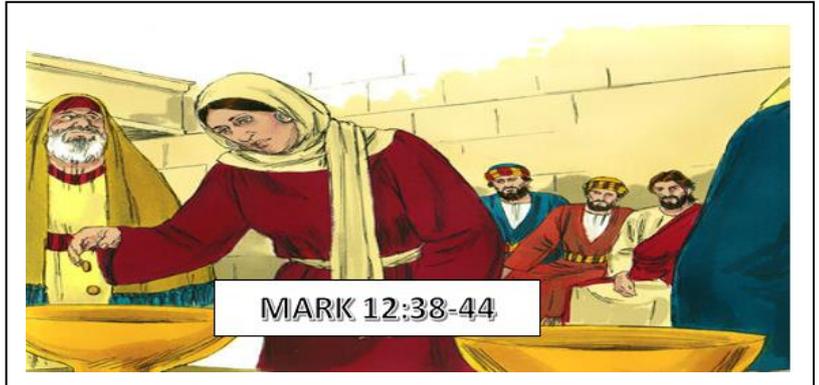
1st Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm My soul, give praise to the Lord

2nd Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Gospel Mark 12:38-44



Canon Tom Gunning

THE WIDOW'S MITE

We have a sharp contrast in our Gospel passage this weekend. On the one hand we have a very ostentatious piety shown by the Scribes. On the other hand we have the simple humble piety of the widow. She puts her "mite", her small offering of two halfpennies, into the Temple Treasury. She gives everything she has to live on. It's a foolish act, you might say. Would God really demand this of her? She is praised by Jesus for her faith and trust in God. Money donated to the Treasury was supposed to be given to the poor, so perhaps she had a "safety net". She could appeal for help. That may be so but we are to see the widow as a symbol of the poor and the ordinary people who put their trust in God. The poor widow gives her life to God.

We are being warned not to be like some scribes and Pharisees who want to be seen and honoured in public. Our practice of our faith should be for the glory of God and not for our own fame and recognition in society. What is presented in the Gospels is a caricature of the worst examples of vanity and ostentation shown by some Pharisees. However, there is a certain amount of the Pharisee in each one of us. We want to be praised. We want to be recognized. We don't want to be humble and yet it is the humble widow who is being praised by Jesus. We do acts of charity for love of God and our neighbour not for human recognition.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery. Please also pray for Pauline Fermandel who died in Banwell. May Pauline see the light of heaven.

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.

EXTRA MASS AT ST JOSEPHS -There's an extra Mass at St Joseph's Parish on Tuesday 9th Nov at 11am. It is the Mass of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022- Due to next year's programme having to be condensed into 6 months instead of the usual 9 months preparation, the number of candidates for preparation at Corpus Christi will be capped to 30 candidates. If applications exceed 30 some candidates will be invited to join the OLOL programme. This shorter preparation time is to allow us to get back to celebrating FHC around the feast of Corpus Christi. 2023 programme should revert to October start COVID permitting. A reminder that all applications are to be returned to the Presbytery by Dec 6th 2021.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OLOL -

Congratulations to our 8 candidates who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. A big thank you to Marita, Trish, Linda Baker and all others who help one way or another preparing the children. We are now accepting applications for the 2022 programme. Please email the office for an application form.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH CLEANING on Sat 13th Nov at 10am. If you have a few minutes to spare your help would be greatly appreciated.

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets every Monday from 2 to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a very light and friendly afternoon.

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.

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.

9th November - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA-The Lateran Basilica stands on the site of an ancient palace on the Celian Hill in Rome. The Basilica standing there today is the cathedral church of Rome. This feast commemorates the dedication of the basilica built by Constantine which, by a tradition dating from the 12th century, is said to have taken place on this day. The basilica is called the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World, and is celebrated as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, 'presides over the whole assembly of charity.'

NEWS ITEM IN DIOCESAN WEBSITE- Please visit the Clifton Diocese website (cliftondiocese.com/news). There is an article about the recent fundraising for Covid-19 India, with a photograph of Canon Tom and a group of our youngsters.

CALLED TO LOVE, SENT TO SERVE - Bishop Declan wishes to form a Youth Council that will support the faith life of the young people within Clifton Diocese. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who has a concern for young people and would like to get involved in this new venture. Information about the makeup of the council and the intended role of those who are selected is to be found in Diocesan Youth Council booklet. If you are interested or know someone you believe would be interested, then please do get in touch. Youth@cliftondiocese.com.

SYNOD INFORMATION SESSIONS - Clifton Diocese is offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process. The dates of the information sessions are:

13 November, **10am-12noon**: Emmaus House, Bristol - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-synod-information-sessions-tickets-19097217190>

13 November, **2pm-4pm**: St Joseph, Bridgwater - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgwater-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190973525957>.

If you plan to attend to one of the sessions around the diocese, please let us know through the Eventbrite link above. Also we are holding two online Teams sessions on 8 & 9 November at 7pm. If parishioners intend to participate in one of the online Teams sessions, please let us know at synod@cliftondiocese.com email address so that we can send a Teams invite a few days before the event.

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..

COFFEE MORNING AT OLOL - Thank you to those who came forward to help with the coffee morning. Coffee/tea will be served after Mass this Sunday.

GREEN TEAM- thank you to everyone who has started to share ideas with members of the Green Team. We will be meeting to discuss these and more this Sunday 7th November in the Parish Room at OLOL after 9.15am Mass. We are living in an historic time of Hope and Opportunity with COP26 being just the beginning of the next phase where we aim to Care better for our Common Home by listening to the Cries of the Poor and the Earth. Please use the prayer cards available in the church for our world leaders to make and then implement fairer solutions. To find out about a range of activities and shared prayers you may find the following websites inspiring. Greenchristian.org.uk Cafod-org.uk and the Laudato Si 'Faith in Action for Climate Justice' on You-tube.

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>

VITAMINS TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS

Recommendation by a Doctor's surgery stated that the those with certain ailments (overweight, diabetes heart problems etc), the elderly and the BAME people should take vitamin D₃ (the Sunshine vitamin) to boost their immune systems to help fight off the worst effects of Coronavirus (Covid-19) should they catch it. The vitamin is not a cure and will not stop you catching it, but it might help you fight it. Those with dark skins do not get sufficient vitamin D₃ in the weaker sunshine of this country even in summer, and that is why they suffer more with the coronavirus infection. Vitamin D, including vitamin D₃, is generated when the rays from the sun penetrate the skin. Sun block and dark skin reduce this penetration and so inhibit the production of vitamin D₃. According to recent studies, vitamin D₃ appears to help reduce serious complications amongst Coronavirus patients. It also helps to build up the immune system to fight Coronavirus and other infections. A multi-vitamin is also a good addition, but by far the best deterrent to Coronavirus is vaccination. Those worried about these suggestions should check with their doctor particularly if they think these vitamins might clash with medication already prescribed.

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>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	3:00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Robert Gray RIP
MONDAY	9.30am	CC	Mass Con Harnett & Cristina Flynn & families intention	2.00pm	CC	Friendship Club in Parish Hall
TUESDAY <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Mathew Ulahanan RIP	11:00am	St. J's	Mass Deceased clergy of the deanery
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Ray Board RIP	10.30am	CC	Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group
	11:30am	OLOL	Requiem Mass Keith Jenkins	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Amar & Elizabeth Dias & Jose Thomas RIP	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Peter Briffitt RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Fr. Michael O' Sullivan 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Sr. Joan Michael RIP	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Deacon Tony Inganni RIP 7th Anniversary of Ordination	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Dec'd Parish Priests
	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.

Second Collection - Priest's Retirement Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 24th October 2021

CC -	£378.77	World Mission	£394.17
OLOL	£285.00	World Mission	£187.00
St. J's	£32.50	World Mission	£80.67

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