

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY **21st November 2021**

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
Universe

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise

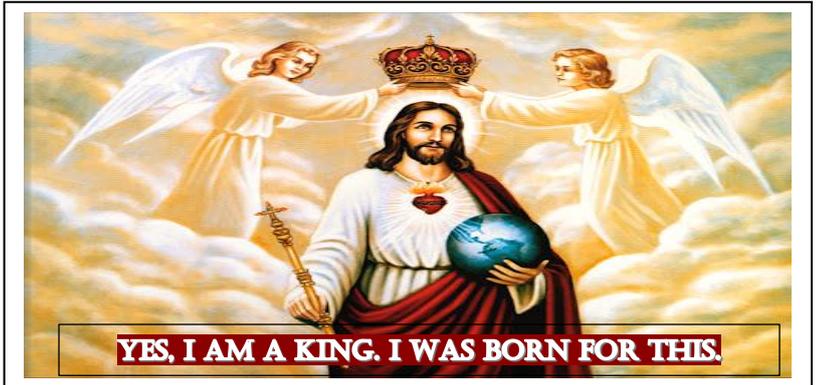
1st Reading Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Verse Blessings on him who come in the name of the Lord!

Gospel John 18:33-37



Canon Tom Gunning

CHRIST THE KING

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. It was celebrated for the first time on the last Sunday of October 1926. After the Second Vatican Council it was transferred to the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Much of the Church's teaching about this feast is contained in the Preface, Christ King of the Universe. There we hear that Jesus was anointed as eternal Priest and King of all creation by the Father. By offering himself on the Cross he presented to the Father an eternal and universal kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace.

In John's Gospel we have another explanation of Jesus' Kingship. Jesus denies that his kingdom belongs to this world. As Jesus comes from above so does his kingdom. It belongs to the realm of the Spirit rather than to the realm of the flesh. Jesus prefers to describe his role in terms of testifying to the truth. He doesn't have subjects. He has followers who hear his voice as truth. Only those who belong to the truth can understand in what sense Jesus has a Kingdom and he is a King.

So Jesus' Kingdom is related to the Truth. Jesus is the Truth in so far as he reveals God in his person, words and actions. If Christians base their lives on Jesus' self revelation, Jesus becomes the Lord of their lives, a King.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery and Tony Spooner (brother of Hillary Derick) who died on Wednesday (17th Nov) and Madeline Gleeson who died on Friday (19th Nov) May Tony and Madeline see the light of heaven.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for John M.A. Kilby 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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - This Sunday 21st November, we celebrate the great solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the last Sunday of the Church's year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that we will now enter the First Sunday in the new liturgical year. First Sunday of Advent is the first day of our preparation for Christmas.

OLOL MASS TIME - Please make note that the 12noon Mass on 27 November will be changed to **10am**, due to the Christmas Bazaar at 11am in the parish hall. Please support our Bazaar and the charities we are helping with the money raised.

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. The 2023 programme should revert to an October 2022 start COVID permitting. A reminder that all applications for 2022 are to be returned to the Presbytery by Dec 6th 2021.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT OLOL - will be held on Saturday 27th November 11am till 2:30pm after the 10:00am Mass. Please come and support our Christmas Bazaar; if you wish to run a stall on that day, please speak to Sisi Baker. There will be a gift stall and a cake sale, but also hot drinks and soup will be served. The proceeds will be split between the chosen charities and OLOL, 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 and we are looking forward to seeing you all.

OLOL - Parish Treasurer - After 14 years Peter Mason is standing down as Parish Treasurer in January, following the completion of the end of year Annual Return. If you feel that you are able to take over this responsible position in the Parish, please speak with either Canon Tom or Peter, who will let you know what is involved. This will normally only involve 2/3 hours per week. We use a Diocesan on-line account package (OPAS) and the Diocesan Finance Office will be asked to give training on its use. We would like to thank Peter for all his hard work and contribution to the parish over the last 14 years

TEA AND COFFEE AT CORPUS CHRISTI - We hope to start serving tea and coffee in the Parish hall after the 11.00 Mass on Sundays in the very near future. This social gathering has been missed throughout COVID and its reintroduction long overdue. If you were previously on the rota and would like to continue with this important mission, or you would like to join the rota can you please advise Linda or Alan on 01934 520975 or approach them in Church.

MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI 11AM - We have started to reform our group of singers for Sunday morning Mass. Understandably a few are still not comfortable to return to this busy Mass so we are a bit of a 'skeleton' team! We urgently need a pianist/organist or group of musicians to support the singing and any singers.

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.

GREEN TEAM IN OUR PARISH - After COP26 we might feel excused for breathing a sigh of relief that is all over. The major achievements were an agreement to reduction of Methane by 30%, to ban Deforestation by 2030 and a Reduction of Coal. As with previous pledges it's now up to Governments to carry these measures through, in the meantime we can not only encourage our MPs to do so but also play our part by addressing the 3 areas of our lives that contribute to 80% of our personal Carbon emissions; our use of **Energy, Transport** and the **Food** we eat. This can feel overwhelming so it's better to choose one change at a time. Every small step will make a difference, remembering that it is the Poor of the Planet who suffer the most from Climate Change, flooding, droughts, famine and the loss of homes and livelihoods. We live in Faith and Hope.

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 the 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.

SHARING THE JOURNEY -there is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. For our next session on Thursday 25 November, we welcome Mgr Kevin McGinnell. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register your interest please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A *Microsoft Teams* invitation will be sent out a few days before each talk.

ADVENT QUIET DAY - to be led by Revd Angie Hoare. This will be held on Saturday 27th November 10am - 3pm at Christian Retreat Centre, Uphill Methodist Church BS23 4SD. Lunch included, suggested donation £6.00. Please call 633311 to book.

LISTENING WITH THE HEART -Pope Francis invites us to participate in a world-wide Synod – every person in the Church is called to respond. So that we can respond to this invitation with confidence we are offering formation in how to facilitate for those facilitating Synod Listening Conversations in the parish. If you intend to participate in one of the online Teams sessions or attend the Brockworth session, please let us know on the Eventbrite links. A Teams link can be found there for the online sessions. You can also email synod@cliftondiocese.com.
Synod Facilitation Training Sessions
Saturday 27 November, 10am-12noon: St Patrick, Brockworth:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-facilitation-training-session-brockworth-tickets-209146251067>

MARY'S MEALS DOUBLE THE LOVE- From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world who we serve – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - This weekend, on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church celebrates World Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. There is a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service to support their work in serving the young people of the Diocese. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION AMENDMENTS - Please urgently contact your MP asking them to support proposed law changes to ban sex-selective abortion, reduce the abortion time limit and stop the abortion of babies with disabilities right up to birth. It only takes 30 seconds here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/takeactionabortion>

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 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (KING OF THE UNIVERSE)</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Holy Souls	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
				3:00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Aidan Reynolds RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Deceased members of Stevens family
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
MONDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Cecilia</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass John Kilby RIP	2.00pm	CC	Friendship Club in Parish Hall
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of St. Clement</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Family & friends of Pat Williams			
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Kelly Family	10.30am	CC	Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group
				7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Jim and Julia Willitts RIP	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY	10.00am	CC	Mass Teresa Raymond RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	OLOL	Mass Sally Hall 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>First Sunday of Advent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Manigogue Family-Parents + Children, Helen+Denise Dando RIP	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
				6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Donors Intention
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass 25 TH Wedding Anniversary of David & Theresa Thorne	10:15am	OLOL	Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass
	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 St J's Thursday 7.30pm OLOL

SECOND COLLECTION-CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Collection for 7th November 2021

CC	£ 322.79	Priest's Ret	£429.80
St. J's	£ 61.50	Priest's Ret	£70.65
(31 st 7 th 14 th) OLOL	£ 801.15	Priest's Ret	£210.40

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

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