

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SUNDAY **28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God, In you, I  
Have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none  
who hope in you be put to shame.

### Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the  
resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with  
righteous deeds at his coming, so that  
gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy  
to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Psalm** To you, O Lord, I lift up my  
soul.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel Verse** Let us see, O Lord, your  
mercy and give us your  
saving help

**Gospel** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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### ADVENT PREPARATION

For the first part of Advent, we contemplate the  
Second Coming of Jesus at the end of Time. It's  
only when we reach 17<sup>th</sup> December that we  
focus on Jesus' First Coming. So as Advent is a  
time of preparation, we are being asked by the  
Church to devote most of this season  
preparing to meet the Lord when he comes  
again. How do we do this? We are told in  
today's Gospel to "watch ourselves" and to  
"stay awake". Nothing very specific is being  
said other than the advice to avoid debauchery  
and drunkenness. Also, we are not to get  
caught up with the cares of life. We have to  
look at our Second Reading today to get some  
positive instruction on how we will be  
prepared. St Paul teaches us that we should  
grow in love by loving one another and the  
whole human race. If we do this St Paul tells us  
we will be "blameless in the sight of our God  
and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes  
with all his saints." ( 1 Thes 3:13) Love is the  
answer. We need to show we are Christians by  
our love. If we do this, we will be ready to meet  
the Lord when he comes again.

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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery. Please pray for Peter Gerrett who died on 14th Nov and Fr. Nicholas Tranter who died on 25th Nov. May Peter and Fr. Nick see the light of heaven.

Tony Spooner's Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 7th Dec 1:30pm at Corpus Christi.

Madeline Gleeson's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 10th November 11am at Corpus Christi.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for Pat William's friends who are ill.

### **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.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**- Advent is a continuous call to hope; it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the "God-with-us", God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart. God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or suffering. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends his hand to us and frees us from threats. This is beautiful! *Pope Francis*

**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.

**LOLO - 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.

**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.

**LOLO**- are now accepting applications for First Holy Communion 2022. Please email the office for an application form.

wsm.ourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com and should be returned by the end of Dec. We are planning to start the programme in January 2022.

**SYNOD: LISTENING WITH THE HEART**- Pope Francis invites everyone to participate in the 2023 Synod Process. All are asked to respond. In prayer we are asked to listen to each other's hopes, dreams and concerns for the Church in the future. Are you a good listener? Are you willing to lead a group? If so please let **Sonia Briffitt or Canon Tom** know. Groups will gather in January and a parish response will be sent to Bishop Declan by the end of February.

**LOLO ENVELOPE GIVING** - In reference to our notices over the last few weeks and a letter sent out to all Gift Aid Envelope holders, our current envelopes finish at the end of November. Please let us know by then if you would like to carry on using your envelopes so arrangements can be made. Thank you to those who sent their form back for standing order applications and to all our Parishioners for their generous offerings to the church. Peter Mason will be in the Church in the next few weeks if you need more information.

### **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 the 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.

**CAFOD**- Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." **Thank you for your support** which enables hundreds of women like Garmah to remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk).

**FLOWER ROTA AT OLOL** - We are looking for more volunteers to help with our church flowers. No skill needed, just commitment! It is also once every 6 weeks, with help and support. The more volunteers the better. Please speak to Mary Studham or Maricris. Thank you.

**CAN YOU HELP MOTHERS afford to give birth safely this Christmas? - Friends of Holy Land (FHL)** Is appealing to churches to support pregnant mothers with their medical bills and other families facing costly treatment as people living in Bethlehem experience ongoing levels of high uncertainty and unemployment. The total collapse of the tourism industry in the place where Jesus was born has left mothers filled with anxiety. A donation of £48 could fund three check-ups for a mother or newborn or £100 could help with the cost of a baby's delivery in Bethlehem. To find out more about how FHL is supporting struggling Christian families, or to donate, please visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/christmas](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/christmas)

**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>

**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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

**MISSIO**- is excited to share opportunities to connect and reflect throughout the Season of Advent. Our online reflections and a mission-focused online Advent Calendar are designed to bring communities across England and Wales together in prayer. Starting on 26 November 2021 and taking place every Friday at 10:30am, the online reflections will be shared from the Missio chapel in Eccleston Square. Each week will feature a guest speaker who will be focusing on how Advent is celebrated around the world, whilst reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings.

Supporters can join in by watching the livestream at [www.YouTube.com/MissioUK](http://www.YouTube.com/MissioUK) and the reflections will be available to watch shortly after at [www.missio.org.uk/livesstreamed/](http://www.missio.org.uk/livesstreamed/).

# 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>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT(C)</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Manigogue Family-Parents & children, Helen & Denise Dando RIP	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> Wedding Anniversary of David & Theresa Thorne	6.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish			
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Patrick + Nicholas Morrissey RIP (anniv)	2.00pm	CC	<b>Friendship Club in Parish Hall</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Holy Souls			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Memorial of St. Alexander Briant, Martyr</i>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Romualdo Robles (very ill)	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>Weekday of Advent</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Rita Smith RIP	10.00am	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Gwen Ogden RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>St. Osmund, Bishop</i>	12.00nn	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Aidan Reynolds RIP	9.30am	St.'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</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Egliciria + Antonio Manigogue RIP	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Mary & Eric Judd RIP	3:00pm	CC	<b>Syro-Malabar Mass</b>
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	6.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass</b> Pam Nullmeyers RIP (Fieldhouse)
				10:15am	OLOL	Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass

## 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**

## Collection for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

CC	£ 311.91
OLOL	£ 201.80
ST J'S	£ 82.54

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

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