

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 5TH December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9

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

2nd Reading St Paul to Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Verse Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6



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PREPARE A WAY IN YOUR HEART

St Luke quotes the Prophet Isaiah to give a visual description of a return journey. In chapter 40 Isaiah was prophesying the return of the Israelites from Babylon to Jerusalem. It may sound similar to the levelling of land that is going on in the construction of the HS2 railway. There were mountains and steep valleys between Babylon (modern day Bagdad) and Jerusalem. All would be made smooth to enable the exiles to return. Isaiah was giving a prophecy that they would return despite the difficulties.

On our Christian journey through life, we are asked to return to the Lord. We will have obstacles in our way. We must open up these blocked paths by repenting of our sins and seeking opportunities to have sacramental reconciliation. God is always near. It's down to us to receive him with joy.

John the Baptist receives the Word of God in the desert. The Spanish Biblical scholar Fr Jose Pagola equates the desert with the simple life. Nothing blocks God's word there. However, in our Western affluent world we have filled our lives with material things that can come between us and God. We must remove them or demote them from their supposed importance. Let us open our hearts to God. Let us repent of our sins and let God into our hearts.

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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery and for all who are sick in our parish.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the wellbeing of Mascarenhas Family

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*

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.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB at CC Hall has closed until Monday 10th January 2022.

HOLY HOUR AT OLOL on Friday, 10th Dec at 7pm, conducted by Deacon Tom Moffat. Invitation is extended to all three parishes, please come and join us in reverence and faith. Thank you

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR -Thank you so much to all those who supported the Bazaar one way or another. Together, we have raised an impressive £740.00 which will be split between the chosen charities and OLOL. The selected charities will be named in due course. **FOR ALL THE YOUNG ONES**, it is time to give and do your bit for charities. We have gathered some drawings for you to colour, paint or whichever method you prefer. Please collect them from Julia. You can choose which drawings you prefer and, if possible, please submit them to Julia as soon as you can to enable them to be framed and sold. So come on, participate, and join the fun! Thank you.

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.

OLOL- 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.

POOR MISSIONS -This fund enables the Bishop to offer small grants to some of the financially less fortunate parishes in our Diocese. This is one collection that reminds us of the support and encouragement we give to each other as a Diocesan family, and our responsibility for our wider family in the Diocese.

ZIMBABWE - There will be a retiring collection at St Joseph's on 12th December for the parish of Christ the King in Bulawayo.

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.

OLOL 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.

GREEN TEAM - Thank you to all who supported our stand at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday. The main theme was Sustainable Christmas, also Eco-friendly cleaning agents, food and a plant sale. In the light of N-Somerset Council not accepting Christmas wrapping paper this year as so much of it is plasticised we offered suggestions of alternative gift wrapping. These include making your own from brown paper with string, personalising paper with potato print icons or using festive greenery or fabric or even a Christmas tea towel for wrapping. Noticeboards in the Church Hall and the narthex have further ideas for helping People and Planet. The next Team Meeting will be this Sunday 5th December, after 9.15 am Mass in OLOL Parish Room.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 – Only a few spaces remaining! - Bishop Declan is leading 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. If you are interested please contact Sarah Adams at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

HELP NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH'S - For the parish to run effectively help is needed in the following areas:
Altar servers - Up to half an hour before Mass and fifteen minutes afterwards
Sacristan - Up to half an hour after Sunday Mass and ordering stocks of candles, hosts, wine, etc.
Care of vestments, etc
Laundry - Laundering altar linen once a week
Counting - Counting, recording and banking Sunday collections
Property maintenance - Assist the property manager as and when required
Gardening - As much or as little as you can give to assist the volunteer gardener
Flowers - Help with maintaining the displays
IT - Help with the running of the livestreaming system and CCTV
Cleaning - Two hours every six weeks
Ushers - Help showing people to available seats before Mass
You can see from this list that churches don't run themselves! I look forward to hearing from you.

GIVE THE GIFT OF KINDNESS THIS CHRISTMAS-
The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is urging people across England and Wales to 'give the gift of kindness' this Christmas as it launches its Christmas Kindness Appeal. The appeal runs on through December, will raise money for the SVP's work at grassroots level, and thanks to the generosity of some of the Society's major donors, all donations received to the Christmas Kindness Appeal will be matched pound-for-pound up to total value of £45,000. The SVP's support for anyone in need encompasses everything from food parcels and hot meals to befriending, the provision of furniture, and advice with benefits. Please visit <https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/page/93401/donate/1> or call 07953 384429.

ASK YOUR MP TO END 'DIY' ABORTION- The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end the dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right to Life has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT(C)	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Egliciria + Antonio Manigogue RIP	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Mary & Eric Judd RIP	3:00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass Una Gunning RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Pam Nullmeyers RIP (Fieldhouse)
	10:15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9:15am Mass	12:00nn	CC	Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass
MONDAY Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop	9.30am	CC	Mass John Anthony Khoo RIP			
TUESDAY St. Ambrose Doctor of the Church	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Debbie McCarthy (Get well intention)			
	1:30pm	CC	Funeral Service Tony Spooner			
WEDNESDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	10.00am	CC	Mass Keith Jenkins RIP	10.30am	CC	Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group
				7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Margaret Tripp RIP	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY Our Lady of Loreto	11.00am	CC	REQUIEM MASS Madeline Gleeson	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY St. Damasus 1, Pope	12.00nn	OLOL	Mass Jane O' Halloran 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 Third Sunday of Advent (C)	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass John Northover RIP	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Amar & Elizabeth Dias & & Jose Thomas RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Holy Souls
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	10:15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9:15am Mass
				12:00nn	CC	Coffee/Tea after 11:00am Mass Parish Hall

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**

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

SECOND COLLECTION – POOR MISSION

Collection for 21st November 2021

CC	£ 435.51	Youth Service	£229.76
OLOL	£ 201.80	Youth Service	£122.90
ST J'S	£ 82.54	Youth Service	£ 23.00



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