

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY **12TH December 2021**

3RD Sunday of Advent

(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully
await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us,
we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always with solemn
worship and glad rejoicing.

1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm Sing and shout for joy for
great in your midst is the
Holy one of Israel.

2nd Reading St Paul to Philipians
4:4-7

Gospel Verse The spirit of the Lord has
been given to me, He has
sent me to bring good news
to the poor.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18



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WHAT MUST WE DO?

How do we prepare for the coming of Jesus? This is the question that the people and various groups put to John the Baptist. He had encouraged them to repent or to change their minds. John taught the people to think of others and share what they had with those who had nothing. So, we should also adopt this teaching in our daily lives. Have we more than we need? Could we share what we have with others? Later in St Luke's Gospel we will hear Jesus say, "Give and there will be gifts for you." (Lk 6:38) Giving what we have to others can be described as charity or love and we are urged to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

As part of our Advent journey, we are being challenged to think about the needs of others. Have we become too insular in our lives? Do we only think about our own family and ignore the desperate plight of other fellow human beings? Can we make the progress in our lives so that we can learn to meet Jesus in others? Have we accumulated too many "tunics" in our wardrobes and too much food in our fridges? What must we do? The answer is simple: Share with those who have nothing.

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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Tracey Nelson's speedy recovery and for Sr. Eileen Healy who died peacefully last Wed 1st Dec. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 14th December 12nn at Our Lady and the English Martyrs in Burnham-on-Sea. Please pray for Elsie Cornforth, Louise Dean's mother, who died on Wed 8th Dec. May Sr. Eileen and Elsie see the light of heaven.

Fr. Nick Tranter's Funeral is on Fri 17th Dec at 12 noon at St Joseph's Wroughton.

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

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.

FACE MASK - as of 10th Dec 2021, the law states that all people attending church **MUST** wear a face mask. Children 12 or under are exempt. If we do not comply with this law, this church may be closed. If you are medically exempt please show proof to one of the stewards/welcomers.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT CC: Deacon Mike and Kitty Roberts will be decorating the church on Sat 18th Dec starting at 10am. They need as many as possible to help.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING & PRAYER GROUP gathering are no longer meeting in Corpus Christi Parish Hall until further notice.

PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEANING at CC will be after 9:30am Mass on Mon 20th Dec. If you're able to spare an hour or less it will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

CORPUS CHRISTI - Friday 24th Dec

Vigil Mass (for children)	5:30pm
Carols and Readings	10:30pm
Night Mass	11:00pm

Saturday -Christmas Day Mass (Dawn Readings) 11:00am

OLOL - Friday 24th Dec

Vigil Mass (for children)	5:30pm
Carols	8:15pm
Night Mass	8:30pm

Saturday-Christmas Day 9:30am

Other Masses at CC

Friday 24th Dec - Syro-Malabar	11:00am
Polish Mass	8:00pm

Saturday 25th Dec Polish Mass 9:00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 - applications for Corpus Christi are now closed, please apply to OLOL by emailing the office for an application form wsmourladyoflourdes@cliftondiocese.com and it should be returned by the end of Dec.

BIBLE STUDY AT OLOL- Unfortunately, Bible Study will be cancelled due to not enough members attending. Thank you to Peter Hardy for running this session for 7 years.

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.

LOLOL - 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.

GREEN TEAM -DEFRA have estimated that "The huge amount of wrapping paper that is wasted at Christmas would be enough to wrap up Guernsey and if everyone recycled just half of the 8,000 tonnes produced we'd save 25,000 trees." This year N-Somerset Council is not taking any Christmas wrapping paper for recycling, as so much of it is plasticised or contains foil and contaminates the whole process; then everything has to go to landfill. If we look at the alternatives we can work towards a more Sustainable Christmas. Reduce the amount of wrapping: by giving vouchers for outings, meals or your time Babysitting, Gardening, Cooking, Cleaning, or Good Gifts such as seeds, tools, hens or goats etc. Reuse existing materials: saved wrapping paper, gift bags, or use saved cards to make gift tags. Try Furoshiki, the Japanese art of gift wrapping in cloth, which can be reused time and time again. Recycle, plain brown paper with sellotape removed can go into your recycling bins with your cardboard. Personalise with string, small cones, Holly sprigs, or potato print icons. Wishing you all a more Sustainable Christmas to help our Common Home, from The Green Team.

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.

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.

MARY'S MEALS -Do you know it costs just £15.90 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year? and right now, thanks to [Double The Love](#), donations are being matched by a generous group of supporters – with up to £1.6 million available. This means you can transform the lives of two children by sending our popular [£15.90 gift card](#) or setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas table](#).

CHRISTMAS OFFERING- envelopes are now available in our narthex. This is for the support of our parish clergy.

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>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	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 12:00nn	OLOL CC	Coffee/Tea after 9:15am Mass Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass
MONDAY St Lucy Virgin, Martyr	9.30am	CC	Mass Kehoe family			
TUESDAY St. John of the Cross, Priest	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Peter Erdos (Australia) RIP			
WEDNESDAY Weekday of Advent	10.00am	CC	Mass Pope Francis' intentions	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY Weekday of Advent	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Anne Bicknell Morrison RIP	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY Weekday of Advent	10.00am	CC	Mass Cecilia Matan RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY Weekday of Advent	12.00nn	OLOL	Mass Janet Simpson 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>Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Jean and Philip Vowels (25 th Wed Anniv)	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Bernard & Mary Winifred Bray RIP	3:00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Intentions of parishioners unable to attend Mass due to health concerns
				10:15am 12:00nn	OLOL CC	Coffee/Tea after 9:15am Mass 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**

Collection for 28th November 2021

CC	£317.00
OLOL	£168.30
ST J'S	£ 93.80

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



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