

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Christmas Week 2

SUNDAY 2nd January 2022
Second Sunday of Christmas

Entrance Antiphon

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.

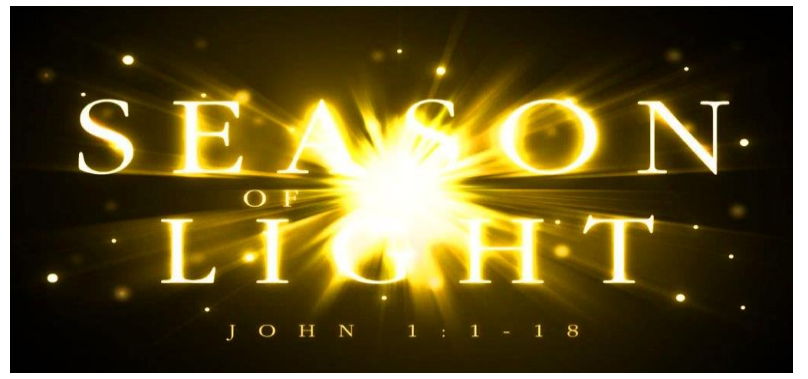
1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

Psalm The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

Gospel Verse Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

Gospel John 1:1-18



JOHN'S PROLOGUE- KEY TO THE GOSPEL

Canon Tom

We are at the beginning of a New Year and it is fitting that our Gospel passage has the opening words "In the beginning was the Word". On the Second Sunday of Christmas, we always hear the Prologue of St John's Gospel. We as readers are given the full truth about Jesus in this "overture" to John's "Spiritual Gospel" as St Clement of Alexandria called it. We as readers are given the key that can unlock the whole mystery of the events and discourses in John's Gospel. However, in the rest of the Gospel the Jews and the Disciples do not have the information contained in these 18 verses.

The Prologue deals with the Pre-existence of Jesus (vv 1-2), his Incarnation (vv 5,9-14), the Revelation of God in Jesus (vv 14-18) and the gaining of life through faith in Jesus. So, St John's Gospel differs from Matthew, Mark and Luke in that it deals with the status of Jesus before he took on our human nature. St Paul dealt with this in his hymn in the Letter to the Philippians: "His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God..." (Phil 2:6).

It is only in John's Gospel that we find the title for Jesus as "the Word". We see in this name a way of describing the authentic communication of the revelation of God. Words are used to communicate and Jesus is God's Word to us. We listen to his teaching so that we may have life through him "the Word made flesh" (Jn 1:14).



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Fr Anthony Saffa Keila who has COVID. Also for Doreen Perks who died on the 30th December in Nashley House, Fr Peter Clarke who died on the 23rd December, Teresa Osborne who died on the 24th December, Pamela McFadden who died on the 19th December and Fotis Flourenzou who died on the 4th December. *'May they see the light of heaven'*

REQUIEM MASS - Fotis Flourenzou Requiem Mass will be on Friday 14th January at Corpus Christi.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the end of the pandemic and good health of all our parishioners.

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.

7th JANUARY - ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT - Raymond c.1180-1275 was born in Catalonia. At Barcelona, he took doctorates in civil and canon law. After two years as archdeacon of Barcelona, he joined the Dominicans in 1221. He loved both solitude and the apostolate of reconciling people to the Church. In 1238 he was elected Master-General of the Dominicans. He revised the Dominican constitutions. He was Canonised in 1601.

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.

OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS TO CC - Firstly Thank you to everyone who makes regular offertory donations to the Parish - by either Standing Orders, Envelopes, Cash or Online donations, and a 25% bigger thank you to you if are able to Gift Aid this. If you do not Gift Aid your donations and you would like to do so, please see Peter Ottley or email: WSMCC@cliftondiocese.com for more information. Starting in January 2022 we will be adding a new way for you make an offertory donation to the Parish, and this can also be Gift Aided if you wish. We will be setting up a Contactless Card Payment terminal where you can select a donation and use your contactless card to make a donation - this will be in addition to the 3 current methods. The card machine has arrived and is set up so it will be in position this Sunday.

Worship is an act of love that changes our lives. It is to do what the Magi did. To bring gold to the Lord and to tell him that nothing is more precious than he is. To offer him incense and to tell him that only in union with him can our lives rise up to heaven. To present him with myrrh, balm for the bruised and wounded, and to promise him that we will aid our marginalized and suffering neighbours, in whom he himself is present. We usually know how to pray - we ask the Lord, we thank him - but the Church must move forward in her prayer of worship; we must grow in worshipping. This is wisdom that we must learn each day. Praying by worshipping: the prayer of worship. Pope Francis Homily, Epiphany 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING - There will be a meeting in Corpus Christi Church on Wednesday 5th January at 6.30pm. This is for all parents/guardians of candidates for 2022.

CAFOD - There will be a second collection for CAFOD'S Philippines appeal after the typhoon on the 15th/16th January.

SPUC - The White Flower Appeal will be on 29th/30th January.

OLOL CELEBRATION - To celebrate the New Year, there will be coffee/tea and cakes this Saturday after the 12.00 noon Mass in the parish hall. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

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>Second Sunday of Christmas</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Mass Bob and Wyn Channing R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Aidan Reynolds R.I.P	3.00pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Deceased members of the Moffatt Family
				10.15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after Mass
				12.00noon	CC	Coffee/Tea after Mass
MONDAY <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Private Intentions			
TUESDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Catherine Murphy R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Madeline Gleeson R.I.P	10.30am	CC	Coffee Morning followed by Prayer Group
				7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.00am	CC	Epiphany Mass Holy Souls	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	10.00am	OLOL	Epiphany Mass Richard Taylor R.I.P			
	7.00pm	CC	Epiphany Mass Holy Souls			
FRIDAY <i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	10.00am	CC	Mass Andrew Boswell's Intentions	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Victor Payne R.I.P (17 th Anniversary Mass)	9.30am	St. J'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>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass John Hamilton R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Canon Timothy Barry R.I.P	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Donor's Intention
	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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 19th December 2021

CC £532.41

OLOL £121.25

St. J's £90.20 & Zimbabwe £257.10

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