

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

## THIS WEEK BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit may also be well pleasing to you.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalm** Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** St Paul to Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

**Gospel Verse** Someone is coming, said John Someone greater than I. He will baptize you with Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Gospel** Luke 3:15-16 21-22



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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We find an account of Jesus' Baptism in the synoptic Gospels (i.e. Matthew, Mark and Luke) and what seems to be a reference to it in John's Gospel (Jn 1:32-33). Luke is the only evangelist to mention that Jesus is praying after his baptism. He is in communion with the Father and then, when the heavens open, he is anointed by the Holy Spirit. We have here a Theophany, a revelation of God who is three persons yet one God. The voice of God the Father confirms that Jesus is his only begotten Son, and the descent of the Holy Spirit reveals that he has been commissioned and will be sent out. So, there are three elements in his Baptism: Jesus is revealed as the Son of the Father, the Holy Spirit dwells within him and he has a mission. St Luke reveals what Jesus' mission is in the next chapter of his Gospel when Jesus reads from the Prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth. He has been sent to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, to set the downtrodden free and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour (Lk 4: 18-19).

What we fail to remember is that at our baptism we became children of God. We received the Holy Spirit, and we were given a mission. Perhaps we didn't "read the small print" so to speak. The priest or deacon anoints the newly baptised person with the oil of chrism and says: "with Christ you are now a priest, a prophet and a king (or a queen)". What the synod (literally "journeying together") is hoping to achieve is the renewal of our vocation as priests, prophets and kings and queens with Christ. May we be open to the Holy Spirit and do what God is asking of us. Amen.

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## NOTICE BOARD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Fr Anthony Saffa Keila who has COVID and Tracey for her operation on 17th January.

**REQUIEM MASS** for Fotis Flourentzou Requiem Mass will be on Friday 14th January at Corpus Christi at 11am

**FUNERAL SERVICE** for Teresa Osborne is on Friday 21st January at Weston Crematorium at 4:30pm

**REQUIEM MASS** for Pamela Mcfadden is on Friday 28th January 10am at Corpus Christi

**REQUIEM MASS** for Doreen Perks is on Thursday 27th January 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Fr Louis Beasley Suffolk's** Funeral is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 12 noon at St Luke and St Teresa's, Wincanton. The Mass will be streamed live from St Luke & St Teresa's church. Please visit the parish website.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the well being of Joseph & Josephine Rigby

### **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.

**ST. HILARY - 13th January** - Hilary was born at Poitiers c315 of wealthy pagan parents. He became an orator, married and had a daughter. In 350 he became a Christian through a long process of study. This led him to the convictions that man is in the world for practice of the moral virtues which must be rewarded hereafter, that there is only one God, the eternal and creative first cause, and that the Word of God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ is likewise eternal and of one substance with the Father. In c 353 he was chosen as bishop. He was the outspoken champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** is now able to accept Contactless Donations. You will find our new **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal at the back of the Church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and when the reader asks for it place your card or phone in front of the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. We are still taking offertory donations by standing orders (the preferred method) and as loose cash. If you need any help please talk to Peter Ottley or email [wsmcc@Cliftondiocese](mailto:wsmcc@Cliftondiocese).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADER AT OLOL**- we are looking for 2 additional leaders who can help and lead the children's liturgy, we have 3 on the rota at the moment. If you are interested in helping the children, please speak to Marie Berry or Sisi.

**DIVINE MERCY CANDLE AT OLOL**- If you wish to have a candle lit for 1 week for special intentions, Catherine Sparks will be available in the narthex to take bookings on 23/24 Jan after Saturday and Sunday Mass to book an available date. Candles cost £5.00

**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.

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

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - we are all invited to join a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity coming from St. Peter's Milton on Wednesday 19th Jan at 7pm on Zoom. Meeting ID : 845 4652 1904 Password 264147 Canon Tom will give the homily.

**THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB at CC** will reopen on Monday 10th January 2022

**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.

**Our remaining speakers & dates are:**

20 January 2022: Called by Name – the significance of the Rite of Election – Sarah Adams

24 February: The Lenten Journey through Art – Lynne Hanley

24 March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum – Fr James Hanvey SJ

21 April: Mystagogia – it's not a swear word – David Wells

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 20 January, we look at the significance of the Rite of Election with Sarah Adams. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register your interest please contact: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). A *Microsoft Teams* invitation will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**CALLING ALL THE CATECHIST ACROSS OUR DEANERIES** -A chance for Catechists to share ideas and good practice across the deaneries of our diocese.

**10 January 7-8PM - Glastonbury, Weston Super Mare, Taunton & Bristol deaneries**

Access the conversations via *Microsoft Teams*, 7 – 8pm. If you would like to attend an online session, please register through the Eventbrite link. A *Teams* link can be found for your chosen session. For parishioners to participate in the conversation, they just need to register through *Eventbrite link* for the meeting you wish to attend, a *Microsoft Teams link* to the session can be found there.

Taunton, Weston, Glastonbury, Bristol deaneries:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-2212934035>

**SYNOD FACILITATION TRAINING SESSION – Wednesday 12 January**

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 another preparation session on 12 January in how to facilitate for those facilitating Synod Listening Conversations in the parish. If you intend to participate in this online *Teams* session, please register on the Eventbrite links. A *Teams* link can be found there for the online sessions. You can also email [synod@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:synod@cliftondiocese.com).

Synod Facilitation Training Session:

Wednesday 12 January, 7pm-8.30pm: Online *Teams* session

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-12-january-tickets-220642426437>

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS JANUARY 2022-** as much as 67% of the world's population lives in countries where the right to religious freedom is denied. "How can we allow that in this society, which is so civilised, there are people who are persecuted simply because they publicly profess their faith?" If we allow what makes us different to separate us, we will lose sight of something fundamental: "As human beings, we have so many things in common that we can live alongside each other, welcoming our differences with the joy of being brothers and sisters." Let us follow the advice the Pope gives us in his January prayer intention: "Let us choose the path of fraternity."

**PEACE SUNDAY 2022-** follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2022 this falls on 16 January. The theme is taken from [Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace](#):

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

"The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

*Pax Christi* provides parish resources, posters, podcasts, family activities, resources for children and more. Visit the [Pax Christi website](#) for more.

# 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>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Vigil Mass</b> John Hamilton RIP	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Canon Timothy Barry RIP	6.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass</b> Donor's Intention
	11.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	10:15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9:15am Mass
				12:00nn	CC	Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary time</i>	9.30am	CC	<b>Mass</b> Sr. Eileen RIP			
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Richard Calingasin RIP			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>St. Aelred of Rivaulx</i>	10.00am	CC	<b>Mass</b> John Lawlor RIP	7.00pm	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>St Hillary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Marie Gleeson RIP	10.00am	St. J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am	CC	<b>Requiem Mass</b> Fotis Flourentzou	7:00	St J's	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	12:00nn	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Tracey Nelson's Intention	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.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	<b>Mass</b> Keith Jenkins RIP	9.00am	CC	<b>Mass in Polish</b>
	9.15am	OLOL	<b>Mass</b> Amar & Elizabeth Dias and Jose Thomas 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> Holy Souls
				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.**

## Next weekend – For CAFOD – Philippines Appeal

	Christmas Offering	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021
CC	- £863.99	£73.70
OLOL	- £1207.82	£181.00
St. J's	-	

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