

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Christmas Week 2

SUNDAY 1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth forever.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of
Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the
grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that
we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy to receive
the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son.

1st Reading Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm O God, be gracious and bless
us.

2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Verse At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets; but in
our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through
his Son.

Gospel Luke 2:16-21



Holy Mary, Mother of God

Canon Tom Gunning

When we pray the "Hail Mary" we call Mary the Mother of God. This prayer combines the greeting of the Angel Gabriel and the greeting of Elizabeth who refers to Mary as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43).

The Early Church called Mary "Theotokos" which meant "Bearer of God" and this has always been translated as Mother of God. Many of the doctrinal statements about Mary emphasised that Jesus is God and Man. So it follows that as Mary gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem she became the Mother of God. Jesus has two natures: divine and human. Mary gave birth not to a nature but to a person, a divine person. So in defending Mary's title as Mother of God the Church was emphasising the two natures of Jesus and his one divine person. We profess in our creed "For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man".

Mary is our mother also. We ask her intercession today as we begin a New Year. May we, like her, bring Jesus into our world. May he be born in us. Amen.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Brett Rewse who died on Thursday the 29th December. *'May she see the light of heaven'*

FUNERAL MASS - Rosemary Mapson's Funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Friday 13th January 2023 at Corpus Christi. Pat Campos funeral will be on Thursday the 19th January at 12.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE - is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes and this week we pray for the Garfield 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.

1ST JANUARY - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - St. Athanasius wrote ' This is no mere fiction, as some have thought. Far from it! Our Saviour really did become man and this brought about the salvation of the whole man. Our salvation is no illusion, nor is it salvation of the body only: the salvation of the whole man, body and soul, was really brought about in the Word Himself. What was born of Mary, was by nature human, the Lord's body was a real one - real, because Mary was our sister, since we are all descended from Adam'. The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431, that Mary is 'Theotokos' - God-bearer, as her son Jesus is one person who is both God and Man, human and divine.

3RD JANUARY - HOLY NAME OF JESUS - From Apostolic times, the Church has professed that 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father' (Phil 2:10). Through the particular efforts of St. Bernadine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name (IHS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary. We are reminded that the word 'Jesus' means 'God Saves' and our salvation comes through Christ alone.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH - Please note there will be no Thursday evening meetings until Thursday 12th January when we will return for our meetings at 7 p.m.

TIME TO START SCHOOL? - If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of the North Somerset Council, for admission during the 2023-24 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2023.

SCRIPTURE GROUP AT CC - Meets on Tuesday the 3rd January 2023 at 2pm in the Presbytery.

MASS INTENTIONS AT CC - Please note that January is fully booked and February is nearly full.

6TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Epiphany is a Christian holiday primarily commemorating the [Magi](#)'s visit to the baby [Jesus](#) and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. Western traditions focus on the Magi's visit, seen as the first manifestation of Christ as saviour of Gentiles as well as Jews. Epiphany is among the church's oldest and most important feasts.

A PASTORAL LETTER - From Bishop Declan will be read out this weekend (Mary the Mother of God)

COLLECTION - There will be a collection next weekend 7th/8th January for Friends of the Holy Land.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) - *"Mary pondered all of these things in her heart. Let us join Mary in reflection, especially on the precious gift of human life at all stages and how society might better support mothers. Lord hear us"*.

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>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Mass Deceased Padumes Family	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass People of the Parish	3.00pm	CC	Syro Malabar Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish	10.15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass
	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Deceased members of the Moffatt Family	12.00noon	CC	Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass
				7.00pm	St. J's	Coffee/Tea after 6pm Mass
MONDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Kathleen and Peter Berry R.I.P			
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass John and Jennie Mulan R.I.P			
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9.40am	CC	Morning Prayer	10.00am	CC	No coffee morning
	10.00am	CC	Mass Arthur Swift R.I.P	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	7.00pm	OLOL	Mass Kathleen Lenehan and Harry Doyle R.I.P	10.00am	St. J's	Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.40am	CC	Morning Prayer	7.00pm	St. J's	Mass in Polish
	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Epiphany of the Lord			
	10.00am	CC	Mass Deceased of Marcelina Butterworth and Selwyn Dando's families			
	7.00pm	CC	Mass Epiphany of the Lord			
SATURDAY <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	12.00noon	OLOL	Mass Bill and May Regan R.I.P	9.30am	St. J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition Liturgy of the Word followed by Mass in English at 10am.
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm Sat	CC	Mass Bob and Wyn Channing R.I.P	9.00am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Canon Timothy Barry R.I.P	12.00noon	St. J's	Ordinarate Mass
	11.00am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
	6.00pm	St. J's	Mass Donor's Intention			

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

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a collection for Friends of the Holy Land