

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 28

SUNDAY 22nd October 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

1st Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Psalm Give the Lord glory and power.

2nd Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Verse You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21



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Render to Caesar
the things that are
Caesar's,
and to God
the things that
are God's.

Matthew 22:21

Who rules us?

Canon Tom Gunning

We live in a country which taxes its people. This was similar in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry in Palestine. The only difference was that Palestine was ruled by a foreign power, the Roman Empire. So some Jews of Jesus' day objected to these taxes. They were known as the Zealots and some were prepared to attack those imposing Roman rule. This is the context of the test that the Pharisees and Herodians give Jesus in today's Gospel. If he says "Don't pay the tax" he will be in danger of arrest by the Romans. If he says "Pay the tax" he will be openly opposing the freedom fighting Zealots.

In reply Jesus acknowledges the fact that the Romans rule Palestine. Tiberius Caesar has sovereignty. The coins in use have his image on them. Jesus argues that these coins belong to him and should be returned to him. However, he introduces another issue in his response. What do we owe to the supreme Sovereign, God himself? To answer this we return to the parable of the wicked tenants. We owe God the fruit of the vineyard, our love, and our good works.

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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Aidan McErlean (Tom and Joan's son) who died on Friday the 6th October and Fr. Donal Daly who died on Thursday 12th October in the BRI *'May they see the light of heaven'*

REQUIEM MASS - Rachel Tucker's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 26th October at 11.30am at Corpus Christi Church.

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

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.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH - For those interested in becoming a Catholic or those who just want to know a bit more about the Catholic Faith, our 'Journey in Faith' sessions have now begun. They take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room which is under the Presbytery. Anyone interested should talk to Canon Tom or Jean Davies, or simply come along in the evening. The Thursday group will attend the Missio Mass in the evening.

CAN YOU HELP? - It is important for our Inquirers to feel a sense of welcome from our parish communities and those of you who are able to come along and support our evenings perform an important role of assisting them on their faith Journey. It would be great for some members of the parish to join us to share in the evening or to act as 'Welcomers' or Sponsors. This is one way we can answer our Christian call to be disciples and share the joy of our faith with others.

ROSARY BEADS - Do you have any Rosary Beads that you can donate to the missions via the Host Apostolate. Even broken ones as they can be repaired. Please leave them in the box in the porch at Corpus Christi. Thank you.

CLEANING AT CC - The next cleaning session will be after 10am Mass on Wednesday the 1st November. Any help would be much appreciated.

TIME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL - If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013), then **now** is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application:

1. You **must** complete the secondary transfer **application** form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the **LA** website) by 31 October, **and**:
2. If you are applying for a baptised child for any of the Catholic secondary schools listed below, you should **also** additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the **school's** website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, also by 31 October.

MISSIO/MILL HILL MASSES - Are taking place within our Diocese during October. There will be two Masses this year: one on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on **Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi**, Weston-super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm. The Masses will be followed by a time to share together our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary Brassington, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses.

JOIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN - We are Listening to the Cry of the Earth and its marine creatures, who suffer when caught up in discarded litter. If you missed the last Beach Clean, not to worry, you can still help with the Clean Up on Saturday 29th October at 1pm, meeting at the Italian Gardens to clean Weston Beach. Do sign up online before the day at the Marine Conservation Society website. The benefits of working with a group are, reaching out to others in a Christian Act, it's fun and the litter data will be recorded to inform future needs to benefit our Environment.

FAIRTRADE AND REFILL DATE - SAVE THE DATE - The next Fairtrade stall will be held on Sunday 29th October after the 9.15 A.M. Mass in the hall at OLOL. An opportunity to buy Fairtrade Tea, Coffee, Chocolate and Real Advent Calendars. We also sell products aimed at reducing the plastics in our day to day living. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS - Catholic Mothers Somerset will now be having a monthly meeting at Corpus Christi Hall, third Thursday of the month. All Mothers, Grandmothers and bumps are welcome for lovely chat, coffee and cake. The meetings are 9.30-11 Thursday 16th November and 21st December. Please contact Cecelia for more information, ceceliamlake@outlook.com

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission, you will help missionaries like Sr. Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Due to half-term there will be no Children's Liturgy at CC on Sunday the 22nd October and at OLOL Sunday the 22nd and 29th October.

MASS WITH INDIVIDUAL HEALING PRAYER, EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION - The next Mass with Individual Healing Prayer will be celebrated by Fr.Dominic Findlay-Wilson with the Shrine Healing Ministry on Friday the 27th October at 7pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, The Shrine of Our Lady of St. Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 9EJ.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS - Please note that clocks go back one hour on Saturday 28th October.

SCRIPTURE GROUP AT CC - Will be held at 2pm in the Presbytery next Tuesday the 24th October.

DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER - In response to the horrific violence and deep suffering of the people of The Holy Land, Pope Francis has invited us to participate in a day of prayer, fasting and penance for peace next Friday, 27th October 2023. This invitation is to people of all Christian denominations and other religions and all those who advocate a peaceful and just solution. The central event in Rome is an hour of prayer at 6pm in St Peter's Square so we will honour the same time, 6pm in Corpus Christi.

CHRISTIANS IN GAZA UPDATE - The Latin Parish has a compound consisting of the church, presbytery, parish hall, Convent of the Incarnate Word and the Missionary of Charity (Mother Teresa's Sisters) Convent. The Sisters of Mother Teresa look after an orphanage with 54 children and a Residential Home for the Elderly. Outside the compound they have two schools, one LPJ school and the other looked after by the Rosary Sisters. None of the Christian community have decided to leave the area and travel south to the Rafah Crossing which is where the Israeli Defence Force have told people to go. Currently the Latin Church buildings are sheltering approximately 500 people and the Church is providing food and somewhere to stay. They have decided not to go to Rafah because they believe it will be more dangerous and they want to 'stay close to Jesus' in the church! Please keep these people in your prayers and do not forget them.

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL - THE JOY OF CATECHESIS - On Saturday 28th October at St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge, we are holding a day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph to explore the ministry of catechesis: '[The Joy of the Gospel – the Joy of Catechesis](#)'. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone feels called to this ministry but who might not feel equipped. We will begin with prayer at 10am, with refreshments from 9.15am. Attendees to bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. If you any of your parishioners are interested in attending this day, they can register through the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

LOLO – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

| | PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS | | | OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|--|-----------------------|--------|--|
| SUNDAY 22nd October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 6pm Sat | CC | Vigil Mass Breda Nash R.I.P | 9am | CC | Mass in Polish |
| | 9.15am | LOLO | Mass Fr. Joseph Meigh's Intention | 10.15am | LOLO | Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass |
| | 11am | CC | Mass People of the Parish | 12noon | CC | Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass |
| | 6pm | St. J's | Mass Donor's Intention | 7pm | St J's | Coffee/Tea after 6pm Mass |
| MONDAY <i>Memorial of Ssaint John of Capistrano, Priest</i> | 9.30am | CC | Mass Martin O' Gorman R.I.P | 2pm | CC | Friendship Club |
| TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i> | 9.30am | LOLO | Mass Freddie Price | 10am | LOLO | Coffee/Tea after 9.30am Mass |
| | | | | 2pm | CC | Scripture Group |
| WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.40am | CC | Morning Prayer | 7pm | St J's | Mass in Polish |
| | 10am | CC | Mass Anne Harmer R.I.P | | | |
| THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i> | 11.30am | CC | Funeral Mass Rachel Tucker | 10am | St J's | Mass in Polish |
| | 7pm | CC | Mass For Missio | | | |
| FRIDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.40am | CC | Morning Prayer | 10.30am | CC | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 10am | CC | Mass Ken and Bridie Ashman R.I.P | 12noon | | Time of Prayer for peace in The Holy Land |
| | | | | 6pm | CC | |
| SATURDAY <i>Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> | 12noon | LOLO | Mass Simone Marolle R.I.P | 9.30am | St J's | Morning Prayer with Exposition |
| | | | | 10am | St J's | Mass in English Reparation |
| NEXT SUNDAY 29th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 6pm Sat | CC | Vigil Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P | 9am | CC | Mass in Polish |
| | 9.15am | LOLO | Mass Erin and John's Intentions | | | |
| | 11am | CC | Mass People of the Parish | | | |
| | 6pm | St J's | Mass Deceased members of the Shellard Family | | | |

CONFESSIONS

Canon Tom is always happy to hear confessions on request or by appointment, but regular slots in the week are:

Saturday 12.30pm OLOLO, and **5pm** CC.

Sunday 5.40pm St J's

Thursday 7.30pm OLOLO

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you know of somebody who is unwell, at home or in hospital, and would appreciate being brought Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please let Canon Tom know.

THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for Missio

OFFERTORY 15th October 2023

CC £511.75 – CAFOD Fast Collection £130.00

LOLO £229.89