

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

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

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 32

SUNDAY 12th November 2023

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

2nd Reading Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Verse Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13



Waiting for the Lord

Canon Tom Gunning

I've always interpreted the Parable of the ten bridesmaids as a teaching on the necessity to "let our light shine" (Mt 5: 16) where the lighted lamp is a symbol of good works. This means that we must do good works in order to be ready when the Lord comes. The wise bridesmaids can't share their good works as represented by the oil.

Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi looks at other symbols that are present in this parable. He interprets sleep as inaction in a moral and spiritual sense. However, the waiting for the Bridegroom to appear represents readiness and being active in works that benefit our neighbour. He draws our attention to the night and the light. Night can be a moment of spiritual trial when it is unclear that God will make himself known to us. The light of the lamps are signs of life, joy and encounter with the Lord represented by the Bridegroom.

Cardinal Gianfranco looks at the closed door as a parable in itself. He finds the words "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you" (Mt 25:12) as "chilling". The Bridegroom, Jesus, doesn't know the foolish bridesmaids because they have not met him in the "least of his brothers and sisters" (Mt 25:40). They have not let their light shine. They have not been active in good works.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Father John O'Brien who died on Tuesday the 7th November in Cork and Andrew McKenna who died on Wednesday the 8th November in his home in Weston *'May they see the light of heaven'*

REQUIEM MASS - Desmond Behan's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday the 15th November at 1pm at CC. The Requiem Mass for Aidan McErlean will be on Thursday 16th November at 12 noon at St. Joseph's followed by a cremation at Ebdon Road Crematorium at 1.30pm. His body will be received into the church on Wednesday 15th November at 4pm. The Requiem Mass for Teresa May will be on Tuesday 21st November at 11.30am at OLOL. The Funeral Service for Rosa Ferrari will be on 24th November at 11am at CC followed by a burial at Milton Road Cemetery at 12 noon.

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

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - *"Let pray for those soon expecting the arrival of a new baby, that labour and delivery would be uncomplicated and safe. Lord hear us"*.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - Our Book of Remembrance will be at the back of church throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the names of deceased family or friends in this book. The book will be brought to the altar during the Offertory procession during each Mass in November and will remain on the altar during Mass as an act of Remembrance.

FOODBANK - We are now beginning to gather items ready for Christmas. Please see the notice in the Narthex if you would like to help. Financial contributions are also very welcome and can be given directly to Barbara or placed in an envelope and given to Maricris at OLOL or Tracey at Corpus Christi. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE GROUP AT CC - The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th November at 2pm in the Presbytery.

ROSARY AT CC - The Rosary at CC will continue to be said after Mass on Wednesdays for Peace in the Middle East and for the intentions in the book to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

ST JOSEPH'S HOME CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Will be held on Saturday the 25th November from 11am - 3pm at 66 Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 6JT. The entrance fee is £1.00 and of course Santa will be there. The Sisters of St. Joseph's Home will be selling raffle tickets after the 6pm Mass at CC on Saturday the 11th November, Sunday the 12th November at OLOL after the 9.15am Mass and CC after the 11am Mass and St. Joseph's after the 6pm Mass.

BOOK FOR SALE AT OLOL - grab your copy of our OLOL history book, which includes lots of information about the history of our parishes in Weston. They are always available in the Narthex at a price of £10.

OLOL - There will be a recitation of the Rosary at 9.00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting Tuesday 7th November, in response to the needs of the world and personal intentions. A prayer request book will be placed in the side chapel in front of Our Lady for you to write down your requests. These intentions will be offered during the Rosary.

FINANCE OFFICE SUPPORT - The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office function. The role is part-time, 12 hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial. For further details please go to www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Working For US where you will find the Job Description and application form. All applications to be sent to Simon Hussey, Head of Finance by 24th November 2023, simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - ACN has unveiled plans to launch a new award recognising fortitude and faith in the face of persecution – which will be presented by the papal ambassador to Great Britain. As part of ACN's **#RedWednesday** 2023 celebrations on 22nd November – which are set to include a special evening Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark – will be presenting our new Courage to be Christian award. The recipient of the award is being kept under wraps until closer to the day. ACN's **#RedWednesday** event in London, focusing on the persecution of Christians in Africa, will start at 5.30pm with a gathering in the Cathedral's Courtyard before Mass at 6pm, which will be concelebrated by Archbishop Buendia and Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark. If you are attending the event or would like to join the LIVESTREAM, please let us know at Aid to the Church in Need | #RedWednesday London (acnuk.org)

STARTING SCHOOL? - If you have a child born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **North Somerset Council and Somerset**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2024**.

COFFEE MORNING - There will be no Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday the 19th November due to the Polish Community using the hall.

“CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal - Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

MARY'S MEALS - Make for Meals - We have just launched our new campaign, Make For Meals, which encourages people to make arts and crafts to fundraise for Mary's Meals. This is the perfect activity to get together and have fun while fundraising! Channelling creativity through craft can be relaxing and satisfying for many of us, including for many of the children who eat Mary's Meals each day. We have just the thing to get you started on your Make For Meals journey! Head to our website to download our mug hugger knitting or crochet pattern. A Mary's Meals mug hugger is the perfect thing to keep your cuppa warm and stop your fingers getting burned. This knitting pattern is a great starting point to get those crafty ideas flowing, and a unique way to spread the message about our work! [Make For Meals | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Make For Meals | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk)) Whether you want to raise money for Mary's Meals by selling your crafts to family and friends, or set up a making marathon fundraiser, we'd love for you to Make For Meals and help us reach the next hungry child.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - Is coming up later this month on Sunday 26th November, Feast of Christ the King, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that “Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!” This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources **available here:** <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS GROUP - The next session will be on Thursday the 16th November from 9.30 am - 11 am in the Parish Hall

CLEANER - Wanted from the 1st December at Corpus Christi (9hrs) and Our Lady of Lourdes (5hrs) at £10.90 per hour. Please apply to Canon Tom.

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 12th November <i>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Deirdre McLoughlin RIP	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Deacon Tony Inganni RIP Anniversary of Ordination	10.15am	OLOL	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 Jo Yeomanson RIP	7pm	St J's	Coffee/Tea after 6pm Mass
MONDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	CC	Mass Matthew Duffin RIP (1st Anniversary of Death)	2pm	CC	Friendship Club
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	9.30am	OLOL	Mass Amar Dias and his Parents and Jose Thomas RIP	10am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9.30am Mass
				2pm	CC	Scripture Group
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Albert the Great, Bishop</i>	1pm	CC	Requiem Mass Desmond Behan	7pm	St J's	Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i>	7pm	OLOL	Mass Edna and Basil Fuller RIP	10am	St J's	Mass in Polish
				12noon	St J's	Requiem Mass Aidan McErlean
FRIDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop</i>	9.40am	CC	Morning Prayer	10.30am	CC	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am	CC	Mass Teresa Raymond RIP			
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	12noon	OLOL	Mass Congratulations to Mark Trego and Amy Dixon on your Wedding Day.	9.30am	St J's	Morning Prayer with Exposition
				10am	St J's	Mass in English Peter Briffitt RIP
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat	CC	Vigil Mass Gwen Ogden RIP	9am	CC	Mass in Polish
	9.15am	OLOL	Mass Annie Thomas RIP	3pm	CC	Syro-Malabar Mass
	11am	CC	Mass People of the Parish			
	6pm	St J's	Mass Deceased members of the Stevens 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 OLOL, and **5pm** CC.

Sunday 5.40pm St J's

Thursday 7.30pm OLOL

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.

OFFERTOY 5th November 2023

CC £508.76 – OLOL £308.00