THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 31 (Year A)

Sunday 1st November 2026
Solemnity of All Saints

Entrance Antiphon
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through our prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

1st Reading	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm	Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.
2nd Reading	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Acc	Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

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Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St Joseph's parishes are all part of Clifton Diocese. We pray for Bishop Bosco MacDonald, and all the priests, deacons, religious (sisters, monks, friars) and people of our diocese.

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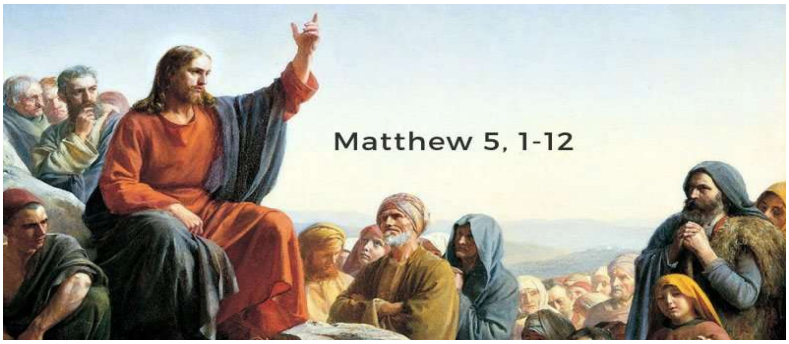

What is a saint like?

Canon Tom Gunning

On this feast of All Saints, the Church presents us with the Beatitudes as a guide to holiness. They are certainly very challenging. Some would say it's impossible to put into practice all the values contained in the Beatitudes. However, these are the values of Jesus, and we must not dismiss them out of hand. They are counter cultural in the sense that the world does not live by this Charter of the Kingdom.
The language of the Beatitudes can be a stumbling block as well. We need to understand "mercy" as meaning forgiveness and almsgiving. "Righteousness" means justice and good relations with God, achieved by submission to his will. Peace making means reconciliation. Those who mourn include those who are saddened by the power of evil in the world.
To explain the Beatitudes, we need to read the following three chapters of St Matthew's Gospel where Jesus gives the people examples of how to be holy. For example, we are told to turn the other cheek when we are presented with violence. We are not to judge one another, We are to trust in God's providence. We are not to make money our god.
All of us are called to be holy. In the Beatitudes we find our guide to achieving this.

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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Canon Alan who has had a fall, Raymond Jones (Marlene Gerlach's Brother), Father Tom Kelly, Penny Devereux, Anita Bailey, Linda Parrott, Marion Robertson, William, Jimmy Hurst and Peter Gonsalves who are all unwell. We also pray for Augustyna Tyliszczik (Canon Krzysztof's mother) who is ill in Poland.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE - Is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes and this week we pray for Derick's Private Intention.

FUNERAL - The Requiem Mass for Peter Harmer will be on Friday the 6th November at 10am at Corpus Christi.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH - The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 11th November at 7.30pm in CC Presbytery.

CLIFTON CATHEDRAL APPEAL - This is an opportunity for parishioners to contribute towards the significant upkeep costs of the Mother Church of our Diocese.

ALL SOULS' DAY – there will be an extra Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday 2nd November at 10:00am for All Souls' Day.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - As the Christmas season approaches, we are planning a special social trip for the 3 parishes of Weston to attend the Christmas Market at beautiful Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 28th November. There are 44 seats available on a coach leaving from Corpus Christi at 9am with a cost of £18.50 per person. You are guaranteed many stalls with handmade gifts, seasonal treats plus live entertainment in the peaceful surroundings of the Abbey. Please contact Tracey to book your place on either wsm.corpuschristi@cliftondiocese.com or telephone 01934 621929 (office hours 9.30am-1pm Tuesdays-Fridays) to say you are interested in this trip. We need a response by the 6th November to see if we have enough people to go ahead with this.

CANON ALAN FINLEY - Would like to say thank you to all the parishioners who helped him and stayed with him after his fall last Sunday evening. He is now recuperating in Cheltenham.

MARRIAGE MATTERS - Solemnity of All Saints - (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, 1John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12a) - **We too may go through rough times -** Today's Gospel tells us that it is not only when we are strong that we live out God's plan for our marriage. Sometimes, when we are weak, our Sacramental way of life is mainly using our energy to minister to each other. A lot of joy can be found when we walk down a difficult road together.

STARTING SCHOOL? - If you have a child born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2027** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **North Somerset** Council. 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 2027.**

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL - Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering 'The Essential Mission of the Church: Proclaiming the Gospel'. This is a session to explore the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel by looking at essential documents, such as Dei Verbum, Evangelii Nuntiandi and Christifideles Laici. The session will take place on Friday 6 November 2026, 7pm-8pm. To register please click on the Zoom link found on the Light of Truth website at: www.lightoftruth.uk/join.

THE HOLY SOULS CEMETERY MASS - Will be held on Saturday the 7th November at 10am at Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bath Road, Bristol BS4 3EW.

SONGS OF PRAISE - On Sunday the 1st of November at 1.15pm on BBC1, the programme will be about the Anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi.

SYNOD - Another online session has been added for parishioners to develop an understanding of how to run listening conversations in our Parishes and actively respond to the invitation to explore how we are flourishing as Parishes in Communion for Mission. The date is:
Tuesday 10 November, 7pm:
https://Listening1011.eventbrite.co.uk
When you register for one of these sessions you will receive the ***Teams*** link to the meeting within the Eventbrite ticket. Everybody is welcome to attend, especially new parishioners.

TELLING OUR STORY - There will be a **Conference** to explore how our parishes can flourish in Communion for Mission and the challenges we face, on **Saturday 14 November**, 10am-3pm at **St John the Baptist, Trowbridge**. Our keynote speaker will be Fr Jerome Ajakaiye, who will offer his thoughts and encouragement as a Parish Priest. **Telling our Story** is an opportunity for us to listen to the stories of one another, hear what works and what have been the challenges that we have encountered and overcome. Fr Jerome will share with us his experience as a Parish Priest and the fruits of his ministry. In addition, individuals from around the Diocese will share their stories of seeds that have been sown and flourished. Please do come and take this opportunity to learn how to recognise synodality in your own Parish and how to encourage your Parish to share with each other the shoots of hope that are present. To register for the day, please click on the Eventbrite link:
https://shootsofhope.eventbrite.co.uk

CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE - Bishop Bosco is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Sat 6 February** (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2027. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2027 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: ***hope@cliftondiocese.com*** with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrated. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

FAIRTRADE AND REFILL STALL - Will be available on Sunday 8th November after the 9.15am Mass at OLOL. This month we have our Real Advent Calendars for sale, which include a Christmas story booklet and Fairtrade Divine Chocolates. Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. The stall also provides Eco-friendly products that are more sustainable for the Earth, our Common Home. COP 31, the United Nations Climate Conference, runs from 9th-20th November, hosted by Turkey this year. The urgency of action for Climate Change is even more relevant with the evidence we witnessed this year; droughts, storms, power cuts and the difficulty faced by producers of items such as tea, coffee and chocolate. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make a difference both at home and further afield.

SAVE THE DATE – OLOL "Christmas Fayre" on Saturday 21st November at 11 am. Come along and enjoy a wonderful festive event featuring a delicious hot lunch, gift and handmade card stalls, a bottle stall, a raffle, and much more! So, bring your friends and family and join us for a lovely time filled with festive cheer! We would be very grateful for donations of wine, other bottled items, and raffle prizes to help make our fayre a success. All funds raised will go towards a nominated charity. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support.

FOUND - A pair of glasses in a black case were found on the window sill in the parish hall on Sunday the 25th October. If these belong to anybody, they are currently in the Parish Office.

RIGHT TO LIFE - (Solemnity of All Saints) - *"Let us pray for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us".*

WOODSPRING WORDSMITHS - Meet on Wednesday the 4th November from 7.30pm-9pm at Uphill Methodist Church (BS23 4SD) for Christian writers of any genre.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Dear friends, the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the faithful departed tells us that only those who can recognize a great hope in death, can live a life based on hope.
If we reduce man exclusively to his horizontal dimension, to that which can be perceived empirically, life itself loses its profound meaning. Man needs eternity for every other hope is too brief, too limited for him. Man can be explained only if there is a Love which overcomes every isolation, even that of death, in a totality which also transcends time and space. Man can be explained, he finds his deepest meaning, only if there is God. And we know that God left his distance for us and made himself close. He entered into our life and tells us: "I am the resurrection and the life' he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (Jn 11:25-26).

Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, 2nd November 2011.

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 ***Solemnity of All Saints***	**6pm Sat**	CC	**Vigil Mass** Marguerite Duverger RIP	**9am**	CC	**Mass in Polish**
				10.15am	OLOL	**Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass**
	9.15am	OLOL	**Mass** Stenesia Fernandes (4th Birthday)	**12noon**	CC	**Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass**
				3.30pm	CC	**Syro-Malabar Mass**
	11am	CC	**Mass** People of the Parish			
	6pm	St. J's	**Mass** People of the Parish			
MONDAY ***All Soul's Day***	**9.30am**	CC	**Mass** Norman Willcox RIP	**1.45pm**	CC	**Friendship Group**
	10am	OLOL	**Mass** Holy Souls			
TUESDAY *Optional Memorial of Saint Martin de Porres and Saint Winifride*	**9am**	OLOL	**Rosary**	**10am**	OLOL	**Coffee/Tea after 9.30am Mass**
	9.30am	OLOL	**Mass** Tony and Margaret Morris RIP			
WEDNESDAY ***Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop***	**9.40am**	CC	**Morning Prayer**	**6.30pm**	St. J's	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
	10am	CC	**Mass** Olga Jupe RIP	**7pm**	St. J's	**Mass in Polish**
THURSDAY *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**7pm**	OLOL	**Mass** Margaret Tripp RIP	**9.30am**	St. J's	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession**
				10am	St. J's	**Mass in Polish**
FRIDAY *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**10am**	CC	**Requiem Mass** Peter Harmer	**6.30pm**	St. J's	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
				7pm	St. J's	**Mass in Polish**
SATURDAY *Optional Memorial of Saint Willibrord, Bishop*	**12noon**	OLOL	**Mass** Fr. Michael O'Sullivan RIP	**9.30am**	St. J's	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession**
				10am	St. J's	**Mass in English**
				6.30pm	St. J's	**Mass in Polish**
SUNDAY *Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*	**6pm Sat**	CC	**Vigil Mass** Deceased members of the Chard Manley Family	**9am**	CC	**Mass in Polish**
				10.15am	OLOL	Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass
				12noon	CC	Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass
	9.15am	OLOL	**Mass** Derick Mascarenhas' Intention	**3.30pm**	CC	S**yro-Malabar Mass**
	11am	CC	**Mass** People of the Parish			
	6pm	St. J's	**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:
Thursday 7.30pm OLOL, **Saturday 12.30pm** OLOL,
5pm CC.
Sunday 5.40pm St J's

OFFERTORY – 25th October 2026
CC - £491.37
OLOL - £314.19
18th October
St. J's £126.30 – **World Mission** £100.00

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 Clifton Cathedral