

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

THIS WEEK

Ordinary Time Week 28 (Year A)

Sunday 18th October 2026

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 Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Acc Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21



What should be given to God?

Canon Tom Gunning

God does not need our money. Ultimately, he has made all things, and all belongs to him. So, why is God's rule being compared to Caesar's rule in our Gospel passage? It is Jesus' way of expanding the matter for discussion beyond the subject of taxes. The Roman census or Poll tax was a highly unpopular tax that demanded the equivalent of a day's wage from every person living in Roman occupied Palestine. The Herodians supported this tax. The Pharisees were critical of it. However, by producing a denarius they showed they did pay it.

Jesus adds that we should give to God what is owing to him.

This is puzzling. What do we need to give to God? To answer this, we should go back to the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. They refused to give the owner the fruits of the vineyard. This symbolised that they refused to do good works. This is what we owe to God. It is part of the summary of the ten commandments: Love God and love your neighbour. We love God by loving our neighbour, by doing good works.

What good works are we giving to God in our daily lives?



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Pope Leo and his recovery from surgery, Raymond Jones (Marlene Gerlach's Brother), Father Tom Kelly, Penny Devereux, Anita Bailey, Linda Parrott, 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 John Foster RIP.

FUNERAL - The Funeral Service for Patrick 'Mike' George will be on Wednesday the 21st October at 11.30am at Weston Crematorium.

FUNERAL - The Requiem Mass for Tony Collyer will be on Friday the 23rd October at 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes. Tony's body will be received into the church at 5pm on Thursday the 22nd October.

FUNERAL - The Requiem Mass for Chris Simpson will be on Monday 26th October at 12noon at Our Lady of Lourdes.

FUNERAL - The Requiem Mass for Stella Caddick will be on Friday the 30th October at 12 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes.

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 session will be on Wednesday the 21st October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery at CC. Then there is a two week break.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT CC - The next session will be this Sunday the 18th October in the Parish Hall at 10am. The children will receive prayers to practise.

MARRIAGE MATTERS - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21) - **We all need each other** - The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027 AT CC - The application process for the programme has now closed and no further applications will be accepted.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) - The SVP is a lay organisation that provides people the opportunity to put their faith into action by offering practical help and support to those in need, wherever there is need, and making a real difference to their lives. There will be a meeting on Wednesday the 21st October in the Parish Room at OLOL at 7pm for those who want to know more about a new group in Weston.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY - There will be a talk by Fr. Lawrence Lew OP, who is the Promoter General for the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) on the 22nd October at 7pm in Clifton Cathedral. Refreshments are available from 6.15pm in the Apostle Room. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme '**One in Christ, united in Mission**' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of the mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and please if possible Gift Aid your donation. Thank you.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - The first encyclical letter of Pope Leo has been received with great interest and excitement from around the world. Pope Leo has, from the beginning of his Papacy, focused on AI as a central issue and sees it as a new phase of the industrial revolution. His great desire is that we should not be fearful of engaging with the conversation, whoever we are, because we are all embodied beings who desire real human relationships. The central focus of Magnifica Humanitas is the dignity of the human person and the need to ensure "the genuine flourishing of human beings". We are all being called to take part in the dialogue of what AI means for us and Magnifica Humanitas empowers us to do that. In the words of Professor Anna Rowlands, "Magnifica Humanitas is a gift to the world."

A day exploring Magnifica Humanitas on the 24th October at St. Brendan's College, Brislington, offers all the opportunity to go deeper into the encyclical. We are delighted to say that we will have with us Bishop Bosco, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Professor Carmody Grey (tbc) who together, will unpack for us the encyclical from their perspective and lead us into conversation. We start the day at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am) and finish at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. This is an event not to be missed so sign up early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming you. You can register for the day on this link: <https://magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk>.

FOODBANK - Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the "back to school" request. The response was remarkable and very much appreciated. We are now preparing for Christmas and looking for the following items - tinned fruit, custard, ham, potatoes, salmon, Packets of stuffing and gravy granules, hot chocolate, jars of pickles and sauces, family bags of crisps and cheese balls, twiglets, etc. Christmas puddings and iced or plain fruit cakes (must be well in date). Also financial help is always welcome. Thank you. Barbara.

BBC2 - There will be a documentary on the Aberfan Disaster in 1966 on Monday the 19th October at 9pm. This is to mark the 60th Anniversary which occurs on the 21st October. Marlene Gerlach was interviewed and features in the programme.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - The Friendship Group will be closed on Monday the 19th October and will re-open on Monday the 26th October.

SYNOD - Two more online sessions have 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. These dates are:

Wednesday 28 October, 7pm:

<https://Listening2810.eventbrite.co.uk>

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.

FLAME 2027 - **FLAME 2027** is the largest Catholic youth gathering in England and Wales, bringing together thousands of young people for a day of faith, worship, inspiration and encounter with Christ. The Diocese of Clifton would love to enable as many young people as possible to attend, but we do not want cost to be a barrier. We are therefore inviting parishioners to sponsor a young person or make a donation towards our diocesan **FLAME 2027** fund. Donations can be made via MyDona at [Donate to Clifton Diocese](#). Please quote "**FLAME 2027**" as your reference. Every donation will help reduce the cost for young people attending and make this life-changing opportunity accessible to those who might otherwise be unable to go. To learn more about **FLAME 2027**, visit [FLAME 2027](#).

THE CLEANING OF THE STATUES - The cleaning of the Statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph will take place on Thursday the 22nd October. This is part of our Centenary Project as we approach 2029.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Loving and merciful Father,
We entrust to your tender care our Holy Father,
Pope Leo.
Be close to him in his illness, strengthen him in
his recovery and fill his heart with your peace.
Bless those who care for him, restore him to
full and lasting health, and renew his strength
for the ministry to which you have called him.
May he always know the love and prayers of
your people throughout the world.
Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the
Church, keep him safe in your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

CC – Corpus Christi

LOL – Our Lady of Lourdes

St J's – St Joseph's

	PARISH MASSES & INTENTIONS			OTHER GROUPS & EVENTS		
SUNDAY <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat CC	Vigil Mass Diane Gillespie RIP	9am CC	Mass in Polish	Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass Syro-Malabar Mass	
	9.15am LOL	Mass Claire Bowen RIP	10.15am LOL			
	11am CC	Mass People of the Parish	12noon CC			
	6pm St. J's	Mass People of the Parish	3.30pm CC			
MONDAY <i>Optional Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Paul of the Cross</i>	9.30am CC	Mass Harley Joe Worboys and Mum Olivia				
TUESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9am LOL	Rosary	10am LOL	Coffee/Tea after 9.30am Mass	Scripture Group	
	9.30am LOL	Mass Bill O'May Regan RIP	2pm CC			
WEDNESDAY <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.40am CC	Morning Prayer	6.30pm St. J's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass in Polish RCIA/Journey in Faith	
	10am CC	Mass People of Aberfan (60 th Anniversary)	7pm St. J's			
			7.30pm CC			
THURSDAY <i>Optional Memorial of Siant John Paul II, Pope</i>	7pm LOL	Mass Lina Mascarenhas Thanksgiving	9.30am St. J's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Mass in Polish	
			10am St. J's			
FRIDAY <i>Optional Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</i>	11am LOL	Requiem Mass Tony Collyer	6.30pm St. J's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass in Polish	
			7pm St. J's			
SATURDAY <i>Optional Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>	12noon LOL	Mass Valerie Shears RIP	9.30am St. J's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession	Mass in English Mass in Polish	
			10am St. J's			
			6.30pm St. J's			
SUNDAY <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6pm Sat CC	Vigil Mass Bertha Farrelly RIP	9am CC	Mass in Polish	Coffee/Tea after 9.15am Mass Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass Syro-Malabar Mass	
	9.15am LOL	Mass Penny Devereux	10.15am LOL			
	11am CC	Mass Speedy recovery	12noon CC			
	6pm St. J's	Mass People of the Parish	3.30pm CC			
		Mass Ken and Bridie Ashman RIP				

CONFESSIONS

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

Thursday 7.30pm LOL, **Saturday 12.30pm** LOL,
5pm CC.

Sunday 5.40pm St J's

OFFERTORY – 11th October 2026

CC - £590.19

LOL - £338.23

St. J's - £161.45

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 – World Mission Sunday