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MASSES AND LITURGIES – 5th SUNDAY of EASTER - PSALTER WEEK 1 - WEEKDAYS OF EASTER and FEAST

Retiring Collection for Clergy Training Fund

ST JOSEPH'S

Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Mattie Ross & Tony Osman
Mon	10.00am	Fr Frank Thompson †
Tue		
Wed		
Thur	10.00am	Sr. Christine Sweet
Fri		
Sat	10.00am	Margaret Mary and Keith Mc Neill

THE ANNUNCIATION

11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Reader: Betty Foxtan
5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> – Reader: Mike Robinson
9.15am	
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LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 9: 26-31	Ps 21: 26-28. 30-32	1Jn 3:18-24	Jn 15: 1-8
Mon	Acts 14: 5-18	Ps 113B: 1-4. 15-16		Jn 14: 21-26
Tues	Acts 14: 19-28	Ps 144: 10-13. 21		Jn 14: 27-31
Wed	Acts 15: 1-6	Ps 121: 1-5		Jn 15: 1-8
Thurs	1Cor 15: 1-8	Ps 18: 2-5		Jn 14: 6-14
Fri	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 30: 3-4. 6. 8. 17. 21		Mt 10:17-20
Sat	Acts 16: 1-10	Ps 99: 1-3. 5		Jn 15: 18-21

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Kathy Davies, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud, Sarah Kane, Aine Anderson, Maggie & Merv, Dave Wakefield, Mary Scully

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Annie Weaver, Linda Rafalo, Mario Farrugia, John O'Reilly, Gertrude Hewson, Joseph Brzonkalik, Willam Roper, Beatrice O'Hanlon, Ether Powell, Katheleen Edgar, Sidney Sowls, James McDonnell, Samuel Mason, Brendan Boyd

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendan Conboy, Della Cox, Jo Heffernan, Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Tony Coupe, Agnes Hutchinson, Bernadette Chandler, Fr. Michael Davies, Avril Wilkes, Maria Hanaiuk, Joan Berner, Barry Taylor, John Presland

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Winifred Muir, George Patrick Ross, Nellie Gladys Little, Rosemary Gallini (Sr. Wulstan OP), Harold Underwood, Sr. Mary Catherine Giles, Stanley Emery, Mary Morgan, George Martin Heslop, James McLean, Mavis Winifred Coupe, George Edward Kelly, Raffaello Amati, Sr. Francis Agnes Mary Hoey, Christopher Percy Riddiford

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: Evangelization - The Mission of Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission
by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Stroud: Immaculate Conception, with Bisley, Brownhill, Painswick, Randwick and More Hall

DON INGLIS RIP

Some of you may know that Don passed away recently and his funeral was a week or two ago at More Hall. Don was a member of our parish for many years before he moved to More Hall. He was a member of our collection counting team and was a great friend of Bob Tungate. He used to sit with his granddaughter and great grandchildren Jo Donaldson, Ella and Laurie. He, like many other parishioners who have passed away, have added their bit to the history of our parish and they are all missed. May Don rest in peace.

CAR PARK AT ST JOSEPH'S

As you all know, the car park was resurfaced last week. Last year we had the condition of the old tarmac assessed and, although it wasn't in too bad a state, clearly it was showing its age (well over 30-40 years?). The Finance Committee considered whether to leave it as it was, or get it resurfaced whilst it was still in reasonable condition.

Having taken advice, it was felt that to postpone a decision would see further deterioration, not only to the surface, but to the foundations as well - with a substantially bigger resulting cost to reinstate.

Competitive quotes from two reputable contractors were obtained (both approximately £20,000) and, with diocesan approval, an order was placed with Abbey Surfacing (for the tarmac) and Roadmark for the Hot Bitumastic Paint lining.

The cost has been met from Church funds, so we have no immediate need to fundraise to cover the expense.

In the course of the work, a Tarmac lorry damaged the side entrance gate and post: the repair is to be covered at the expense of Tarmac.

As was mentioned last week, various contributions by Robert, Bernard and Edwin ensured the work was coordinated and went ahead with, we hope, a minimum of disruption.

TO ALL APF RED BOX HOLDERS

"Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes for banking. You collected the magnificent sum of £257 for the first quarter of 2018 which has been deposited in the APF Bank Account. Hopefully, all your Red Boxes have now been returned to you. If you would like to know more about the APF and the work they do, please look at their website which is www.missio.org.uk. If anyone else wants to be a Red Box collector, come and see me. Thanks,"

Brendan

ROGATION MASS

Sue and Roland have kindly invited us to celebrate our Rogation Mass in their barn again this year. It is on May 21st at 6.00pm. Please bring some food to share, and your pet – we had a horse last year!

ANNUNCIATION PARISH RETREAT

The Parish Retreat has been arranged to take place at Bronwnshill on 30th June from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

DUCK RACE

We are looking forward to seeing on Saturday 19 May 9.30 to Midday, there will be 6 races And 1 family wedding themed race. Can u bake duck or royal theme cakes or biscuits? Can you help with prizes. or help in any way.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

Apologies to anyone who turned up for the service. In the end there was insufficient to take part, and had to cancel at the last minute. Thank you everyone who offered to help.

VISITING

Do you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit? Would you like to visit people who cannot get out? Please let Deacon Bogdan or Fr. Bill know and he will pass it on.

STROUD DISTRICT FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST

We are currently short of: Small packets of Sugar, Tinned & Instant

Custard, Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Orange Juice Toilet Paper, Shampoo/Conditioner. Thank you so much for your support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All the meetings are now at St Joseph's. The next is next Sunday April 29th at 3.00pm and is about "Giving Thanks"

A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

The RVS recognises that staying active and social is particularly good when getting older, and has come up with a series of events locally entitled 'A First Time for Everything'

In St Joseph's hall, On Friday 27 April 10-12 there will be a taster yoga session for the over 50's completely free with refreshments afterwards, just wear comfy clothes, mats are provided and join in the fun.

MAY EVENTS AT PRINKNASH ABBEY

- May 5th: Divine Mercy Retreat Day - Theme: The Power of Prayer. Led by Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B.
 - 11.00am: Mass in Meeting Room
 - Break for lunch - either own packed lunch, or purchase from Monastery Cafe.
 - 1.00pm to 2.30pm: Talk and Prayers.
- May 12th: The Gospel of John - Father Abbot Martin McLaughlin O.S.B. - 10.30am to 12, in the Meeting Room.
- May 12th: Exploring the Essentials of Catholicism - Dr. Sarah Richards - 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Meeting Room.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a talk on Tuesday 1 May at 7.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU John Smith will speak to us on Encounters with Animists All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free) Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, ☎ 01242 539810.

MARIAN HALF-DAY

On Saturday 5th May there will be a Marian Half-Day of Recollection at St. Thomas More's Church, Cheltenham. Starting with Adoration at 10am (preceded by an OF Mass at 9:30am), there is an opportunity for Confessions, Rosary, the Crowning of Mary and a talk by Dominic Meigh on "the Renewal of Marian Devotion. Please bring a packed lunch. It will end at approx 1pm. This is organised by Cheltenham YCA - all ages are welcome to this event.

CELEBRATE - BRISTOL

For 27th - 28th October: a conference for the whole family! A non residential weekend including tailored 'streams' for all ages of children and young adults. This year keynote speakers Michelle Moran and David Wells will be 'unpacking' an exciting theme. In addition there will be workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. The event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU. Further details to be found at www.celebrateconference.org

FAITH AND LIGHT (GLOUCESTERSHIRE)

Will meet on Sunday 6th May at 3pm in English Martyrs Church, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley GL4 0NX.

On the following Sunday 3rd June we will start at 1pm, weather permitting, at The Gloucester Athletic Club, Poplar Cl, Gloucester GL1 5TX for 'Pedal', on disabled cycles and a 'Picnic' before 'Praise' and fun at English Martyrs. It is essential to pre-book the Pedal and Picnic in advance by contacting either Cheri (cheri.steele@mail.com) or Fr Gerry (gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com) or ☎ 01452 412702. We are in need of a selection of Raffle and Tombola Prizes - toys, gifts, beauty items and eatable items, please leave these in the porch of the Church marked for Faith and Light. (Faith and Light is a Christian Association that brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for fun, food and faith sharing.)

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stjos.stonehouse@googlemail.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: woochester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com or post in the church letterbox (by front gate) or leave a message on 01453 832120