

# ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - PSALTER WEEK 1 - WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT YEAR 1

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Mike Hall and Mattie Ross	11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Annie Norris
			5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Jennifer Richards
Mon	10.00am	<i>Sr Mazarella Clyne</i>		No Mass
Tue		No Mass	9.15am	
Wed		No Mass		No Mass
Thurs	10.00am	<i>The Crowley Family</i>		No Mass
Fri		No Mass	9.15am	
Sat	10.00am	<i>Anne Sweet t</i>		No Mass

## LECTIONARY

Sun	Jer 33: 14-16	Ps 24: 4-5. 8-10. 14	1 Thes 3: 12- 4: 2	Lk 21: 25-28. 34-36
Mon	Is 2: 1-5	Ps 121: 1-2. 4-5. 6-9		Mt 8: 5-11
Tues	Is 11: 1-10	Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17		
Wed	Is 25: 6-10	Ps 22		Mt 15: 29-37
Thurs	Is 26: 1-6	Ps 117: 1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27		Mt 7: 21. 24-27
Fri	Is 29: 17-24	Ps 26: 1. 4. 13-14		Mt 9: 27-31
Sat	Gen 3: 9-15. 20	Ps 97: 1-4	Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12	Lk 1: 26-38

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Celia McGinty, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud,  
Aine Anderson, Maggie & Merv, Mary Scully

### AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Sarah Kane, Peter Crowley, Percy Mc Mullen, Santo Farrugia, John Rooker, Peggy Baker, Frederick Smalley, Eileen Hickey,  
Joseph MacCauley, Maria Murray, Mary Gibbons, Elsie Malinowski, Bob Tungate

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Maureen Gannon, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Jo Heffernan,  
Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Tony Coupe, Agnes Hutchinson, Fr. Michael Davies, Avril Wilkes,  
Joan Berner, Barry Taylor, John Presland

### AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Patrick Mulhall, Mary Gilbert, Gail Lautieri, John McNulty, Edwin Francis (Frank) Hope, Robert Reid, Anthony John,  
Barbara Larysc, Arthur Witts, Michael O'Driscoll, Julia Carter, Edward Furley, Mary Gibbons

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture,  
a language suited to the people of the present time

### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bristol parishes – Knowle: St Gerard Majella, Knowle West: Christ the King, Whitchurch: St Bernadette

## GENERAL INTEREST

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St Joseph's (after the Saturday morning Mass) from 10.30-11.00  
For The Annunciation, please enquire

This Sunday the Retiring Collection is for  
Poor Missions of the Diocese

## THE YEAR OF PRAYER BEGINS

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please come and join St Peter's RC High School Choir for a festive evening of music and readings at 7pm on Friday 14 December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Tickets £3 (£1 concessions) are available from the school Reception (01452 520294) or [boxoffice@sphs.uk.com](mailto:boxoffice@sphs.uk.com) or on the door. Everyone welcome and please come to support us.

### TO ACCOMPANY AND COMPLEMENT OUR DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER

The Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan, we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

### MORE HALL CONVENT CARE HOME:

Winter Fair. This Sunday, 2nd December, from 2pm. Please come to support us!

### IN ADVANCE FOR APRIL 2019

Carole and Rosalind are planning a coach trip to The Queen's Gallery in London to see the Russian Royalty and Romanov's Exhibition. A list that you can add your name to will be available soon.

### NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:

There will be a talk this Tuesday 4 December at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Fr. Robert Miller will speak on *A Protestant's Contribution to the Catholic Sea Apostolate*. All are welcome. Admission: £3 (members & students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

### THE "GREAT 'Os'" ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Again, St Thomas, Fairford will be holding this Advent service. Conducted by Martin Le Poidevin from Clifton Cathedral it will be on Friday December 14 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come to celebrate Advent. There will be a collection in aid of the Catholic Charity SPICMA and refreshments to follow. If you are interested in singing in the choir (drawn from local churches and Stroud Deanery) for this event please see the poster for further details or contact Monica Frewer ([frewer@btinternet.com](mailto:frewer@btinternet.com) or 07774102356).

### CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS

are alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries and especially for Christmas, you can choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. And that warm and fuzzy feeling comes with free delivery! They are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose from a great range, including sending a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. See the catalogues here at our parish or the CAFOD website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre is proposing a change to the Admissions Policy for 2020. In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014, we are consulting on the admission arrangements for entry in September 2020/2021. As part of this Gloucestershire Local Authority insist that all schools in Gloucestershire are informed of the consultation.

The only change we are proposing is the addition of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and The Catholic Primary School of St Gregory the Great to the list of Catholic Feeder Schools which links to category 7 of the

oversubscription criteria.

The new policy can be found on the Admissions page of the St Peter's Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre website - <http://www.stpetershighschool.org.uk/Admissions/>  
The consultation period lasts from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Responses should be sent to: Mrs M Whittle, Admissions Officer, St Peter's High School, Stroud Road, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0DD or please email [admissions@sphs.uk.com](mailto:admissions@sphs.uk.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

## ST JOSEPH'S

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND BOOK SALE

Very many thanks to everyone who helped and / or supported the raffle and book sale. The combined total raised for the Jumbalace Fund was £188.78.

### HYMNS

478	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
415	Lord Jesus Think on Me
715	Wait for the Lord
637	Tell Out my Soul

### ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thanks to everyone who organized and supported the Christmas Fayre

### SOMETHING NEW IN STONEHOUSE

Please pray for the future of the Community Workshop which is planned to open in the Lloyd's Bank building

### CAFOD 100 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

Penny Sweet	£20
Tim Williams	£10
Mike Hall	£5

## THE ANNUNCIATION

### DOMINICANS' VISIT

Many thanks for all the preparations that went into the visit to bless the Dominicans' graves. The supper was superb!  
Many thanks to the school for the use of their hall and kitchen.

### COLLECTION COUNTING

Please may someone kindly offer to help Alan Smith once a fortnight.

### CHURCH CLEANING.

We urgently need two or three people to fill a gap in our Church Cleaning Rota. If you can spare an hour or two once a month, please contact Angela Middleditch on 832911, or see me after Mass and I will give you more details.

ALSO on Thursday 20th December we will be doing an extra special clean to make the church sparkle for Christmas. Please come along any time between 10am and Midday, and we will give you a job, and maybe a mince pie too!

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Takes place this Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm in the Leigh Room.

### FOR THE FOODBANK, PLEASE

Biscuits, Tinned Veg, Instant Coffee, Tinned Meat, Dried Pasta, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish, Custard, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Pulses, Jam, Marmite, Small Sugar, Tinned Soup, Steamed Pud, Choc Spread, Peanut Butter. UHT Fruit Juice, Instant Mash, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. No Baked Beans, please!

### FOR THE FURNITURE BANK, PLEASE

Stroud Furniture Bank. Can use your old furniture to help local families. Contact them for a free collection on 01453 367260

### ANNUNCIATION PARISH AND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Fayre takes place this Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec from 12.00 to 3.00pm. Have you put your name down as a stall-holder / helper? Wanted Gifts and Cakes. There is a list in the North Porch. There are a few copies left of the poster; if you can display a poster, please take one. And .... Does anyone know what happened to the bod of the left-over gifts from last year?

### CHOIR DATES

Monday 17th Dec 1.45	Choir Practice
Sunday 23rd Dec 11.00	Sung Mass

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