

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - PSALTER WEEK 3 / SAINT - WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Rosemary Richardson and Mike Hall	11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Tony Thompson
Mon	10.00am	<i>Alan Irvine</i>	5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Jennifer Richards
Tue			9.15am	<i>Mary Porter †, and her Cousin</i>
Wed				
Thurs	10.00am	<i>Mary and Michael Nolan</i>		
Fri			9.15am	<i>Whole School Nativity Reflection and End of Term Mass</i>
Sat	10.00am	<i>Steve and Angie Forder and Family</i>		

LECTIONARY

Sun	Zep 3: 14-18	Is 12: 2-6	Phil 4: 4-7	Lk 3: 10-18
Mon	Gn 49: 2. 8-10	Ps 71: 1-4. 7-8. 17		Mt 1: 1-17
Tues	Jer 23: 5-8	Ps 71: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19		Mt 1: 18-24
Wed	Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25	Ps 70: 3-6. 16-17		Lk 1: 5-25
Thurs	Is 7: 10-14	Ps 23: 1-6		Lk 1: 26-38
Fri	Sg 2: 8-14 / Zep 3: 14-18	Ps 32: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21		Lk 1: 39-45
Sat	1 Sm 1: 24-28	1 Sm 2: 1. 4-8		Lk 1: 46-56

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Celia McGinty, Sarah Kane, Peter Crowley, Antoni Strzalowski, Beryl O'Dowd, Anthony Savage, George Buhagiar,
Lillian Sullivan, Phyllis Caws

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

Teresa Cullis, Ian Kenton (Formerly known as Ian Kuczaj), Winifride Mathais, Brother James (Lawrence) McHarg OP,
Victor May, Thomas Anderson, Marjorie (Dolly) Shannon, Patrick Healey, Tamar Tiley, Leonard William Henry Matthias

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

Brockworth: St Patrick. Churchdown: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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

THE NATIVITY STORY AS TOLD BY THE INN KEEPER

At 4pm on Christmas Eve, at St Joseph's (but not exclusively for St. Joseph's!), Deacon Bogdan presents his acclaimed Nativity Story. You must remember last year's at The Annunciation! Parents, Grandparents – (Grandparents)ⁿ bring your children. Let them dress up as Shepherds, Kings, Mary, Joseph (not just one child can dress up as Mary or as Joseph – the more the merrier!). Let them bring their favourite cuddly toy animal (take home afterwards). Children can be face-painted or wear animal masks. There are carols and lots more. Stay afterwards for a cuppa / cakes / (yes, *and* mince pies, but these are *proper* ones) then the Vigil Mass for Christmas follows with more mince pies afterwards.

IN ADVANCE FOR WED. 5th APRIL 2019

Carole and Rosalind are planning a coach trip on Wed 5th April 2019 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 is in the porch.

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS

These 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/>

TO ACCOMPANY THE 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

The course for next year's First Communion begins on 13th Jan 2019 at 7.00pm with a meeting in the Hall at St. Joseph's with the parents. The purpose of the meeting is to present the course and discuss it with parents.

ST JOSEPH'S

HYMNS

478	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
80	Blest are the Pure in Heart
717	Wait for the Lord
753	While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

CATHOLIC PAPERS

The publishers are changing the way we are charged for our papers, so we are about to place a standing order with them and it would help if you could, please, put your name against your requirements on the list on the notice board. Then we would not have so many unsold copies left on our hands. It would mean that there would not be the "floating" copies for casual purchase.

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

"Thankyou to everyone who supported, and to those who worked so hard to make this year a success. We raised £430.50. The breakfast rolls were a huge success thanks to Carol, Gillian and Mattie. The bric-a-brac, books and tombola did very well and a special thanks to the lady who made all those amazing hampers. Thanks to Janet for making her cakes and for donations. It made it all worth while. To all those I haven't mentioned by name thank-you." *Gwen*

THE GREEN RIBBON STALL

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this stall. It raised the wonderful amount of £224.56. This money is going to an epilepsy charity which supports those with epilepsy and their families. Money raised next year will go to Cheltenham Oncology.

THE CHRISTMAS DRAW AND BOOK SALE

More donations have come in, bringing the final total going to the Jumbulance to £ 202.78. Thank you everyone.

SOMETHING NEW IN STONEHOUSE

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

THE ANNUNCIATION

WEDDING THIS SATURDAY

We warmly welcome and embrace in our prayers James and Gabriella who have chosen to marry in our church this Saturday at 1.00pm

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!" *Angela*

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

Thank you for setting up the Fayre, manning the stalls and coming along.

CHOIR DATES

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

HYMNS

185	Give me Joy
111	Colours of Day
414	Lord, Jesus Christ

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