

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Mary McGinty and Ellen Ross	11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Angela Cable
Mon	10.00am	<i>Annie Burns †</i>	5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Chris Jay
Mon	4.00pm	The Nativity Story (see "general interest")	<i>Christmas Vigil at Stonehouse this year</i>	
	6.00pm	Carols and Mass		
Tue	9.00am	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	11.00am	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
Wed thro' Sat		No Masses		No Masses

LECTIONARY

Sun	Mc 5: 1-4	Ps 79	Heb: 10: 5-10	Lk 1: 39-44
Mon	2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16	Ps 88: 2-5. 27. 29		Lk 1: 67-79
Mon	Carol Service has 5 Readings taken from Rowan Williams, Isaiah 60, Luke 1, Pope Leo the Great & John 1			
Mon	Is 9: 1-7	Ps 95: 1-3. 11-13	Ti 2: 11-14	Lk 2: 1-14
Tue	Is 52: 7-10	Ps 97: 1-6	Heb 1: 1-6	Jn 1: 1-18
Wed	Acts 6: 8-10. 7: 54-59	Ps 30: 3-4. 6. 8. 16-17		Mt 10: 17-22
Thur	1Jn 1: 1-4	Ps 96: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12		Jn 20: 2-8
Fri	1Jn 1: 5 - 2:2	Ps 123: 2-5. 7-8		Mt 2: 13-18
Sat	Col 1: 24-29	Ps 22		Lk 22: 24-30 / Mt 10: 28-33

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, William Jones, Carmela Nash, Marion O'Dowd, Sydney Roch, Greg Rumsey,
Josef Garbacz, Teresa Carter, William Lipp, Arthur Stevens, Dorothy Bell, Molly Best

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Patsy Gallagher, 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

Calne: St Edmund. Chippenham: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Very Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners and Visitors From Deacon Bogdan and Fr. Bill

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 – ANGELS WANTED, SEE BELOW!

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 *Angels*, 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
641	The Angel Gabriel (3 verses)
540	One Bread, One Body
637	Tell Out my Soul

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.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The flowers for Christmas will be delivered on Saturday afternoon. Please leave putting them out until Sunday evening or Monday.

CHURCH CLEANING – STILL NEEDED!

"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. *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 so much for your wonderful contributions, your generosity was deeply appreciated, together we raised £1145.93 for the school and parish!" *St Dominic's PTA*

MISSIO

We have received a letter of thanks from Missio for our donation to the Little Sisters of Jesus in Ethiopia, whose Mission is to overcome to the exclusion of the Menja people. See letter on the notice board.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR YOU TO PICK UP

Please have a look on the Rosary Altar near the North Porch to see if there is one for you.

HYMNS

478	O Come, O Come
641	The Angel Gabriel
715	Wait for the Lord
747	When the Angel Came to Mary