

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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ON SATURDAY**

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT – PSALTER: WEEK 3 – WEEKDAYS OF LENT / ANNUNCIATION *Sunday continues Lenten Special Sundays of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments*

ST JOSEPH'S

Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Sue and Brendan Turbitt
Mon	1.30pm	Requiem: Brian Breslin †
Tue		No Mass
Wed	7.00pm	No Mass
Thurs	10.00am	<i>Fr. Alec Fraser †</i>
Fri	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	10.00am	<i>Vi Burrage</i>

THE ANNUNCIATION

11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Wendy Armistead
5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Ann Walker
	No Mass
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LECTIONARY

Sun	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	Psalms 102(103): 1-4, 6-8, 11	1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12	Luke 13:1-9
Mon	Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10	Psalms 39(40): 7-11	Hebrews 10: 4-10	Luke 1: 26-38
Tues	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Psalms 24(25): 4-9		Matthew 18: 21-35
Wed	Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9	Psalms 147: 12-20		Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs	Jeremiah 7: 23-28	Psalms 94(95): 1-2, 6-9		Luke 11:14-23
Fri	Hosea 14: 2-10	Psalms 80(81): 6-11, 14, 17		Mark 12: 28-34
Sat	Hosea 5:15 - 6:6	Psalms 50(51): 3-4, 18-21		Luke 18:9-14

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Vi. Burrage, Pam Weston, 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

Ellen Kinsella, Michael Roche, Sara Yates, Anne Sibbick, Martin Callinan, Henrietta Slintak, Amy Clutterbuck, Anthjony Camilleri, Micheal Kane, Helen Rice

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, Fr. Michael Davies, Joan Berner, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Annie Norris, Tony Thompson

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Agnes Hutchinson, Walter Holmes, Robert Wilson, Constance Niblett, Marguerite Breach, Patrick McKee, Hilda Hook, Sally Ann Roberts, Julia Bowring, Michael Cowley, V. Barrough Francis Tristram, Sr. Mary Joseph O'Connor, Bill Milne, Ethel Hemming, Joseph Jordan, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Webster, Jack O'Hara

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Dulverton: St Stanislaus. Minehead (with Watchet): Sacred Heart

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

Stations of the Cross are on Friday at 7.00pm at St Joseph's

"Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us."

Pope Francis: Homily for Ash Wednesday 2017

(to be continued)

IN GENERAL

CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO CYCLONE IDAI

"CAFOD has launched a full-scale humanitarian appeal about the emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai. The Church and our local experts in the Southern Africa region are already responding but desperately need your support. If you are able to hold a second collection, your gifts will help families who have lost everything. Knowing they are not alone, will give people hope. We don't make this request lightly, but the situation is so urgent, we are suggesting a second collection on the weekend of the 30/31st March or 6/7th April after Masses." We will take retiring collections on 31st March. Gift-Aid envelopes will be available.

SACRISTANS AND M.C.s

There is to be a day for Sacristans and M.C.s this Saturday, 30 March at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. This day should be of interest to existing sacristans and M.C.s, both new and 'well seasoned', and those who may wish to know more about what these ministries entail. The day will begin with Mass at 10am and will be led by Paul Moynihan, a member of the National Liturgy Office's Liturgy Committee and Westminster Cathedral's Master of Ceremonies, so he comes with excellent credentials! Refreshments will be provided but participants will need to bring their own lunch. The day will end at 3pm. Further information can be obtained from Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595 and registration is through richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com

FIRST COMMUNION

The course is going well, thanks to your prayers and the dedication of the Catechists. We Meet Sunday 31st at Woodchester at 3.00pm for "Eucharist"

STROUD FOODBANK CHANGE IN HOURS

Please also see latest list of requirements on noticeboard.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Lenten Reconciliation Service for the Deanery takes place at The Immaculate Conception, Beeches Green at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd April.

ST JOSEPH'S

NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY

PSALMS HALF-TERM SPORTS CAMP

2 days of sporty fun and games for children in school years 4-6 exploring the character of Moses and his perseverance and trust in God - May 29th and 30th, 10am-3pm at Stonehouse Sports Centre £5 per child (includes lunch) Book online at psalms.uk.net/booking or by using the flyer. PSALMS are running this in partnership with the Stonehouse Churches and are in need of adults to come to help in various capacities with the event. Also we want to provide a nutritious lunch for the children. If you are able to provide lunch or help in any other way please contact Emily: Emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7.00pm: please note that this Friday both Deacon

Bogdan and Fr. Bill will be at the Parish Meeting at Woodchester.

PASTORAL TEAM

Next meeting is at St. Joseph's this Thursday 28th March at 4pm.

ATTENTION ALL APF RED BOX HOLDERS

"It is now nearly the end of the first quarter so I would be grateful if you could bring your red boxes into the church porch so I can bank the money for the APF Missions.

Also, please take the latest copy of 'Mission Today' which is in the Church Porch. Please feel free to contact me on any matter connected with the Red Boxes, particularly if you would like to become a Red Box Holder. My contact details are: phone 07758250947, email bren.turbitt@btinternet.com Many thanks"

Brendan Turbitt.

PARISH FORUM

Very many thanks to you for preparing reports, attending and contributing. We need to act on it now!

LENT LUNCHESES

With the kind permission of Fr. Bill and with thanks to Mick for sorting the hall bookings, again this year we will be hosting Lent Lunches. Penny has once again produced a colourful poster, please take and display if you have a suitable place. Starting this Friday 8 March from 12 - 1pm. Please support, as all monies this year will go to the *Beresford Group* who run the *Women's Refuge in Stroud* and are badly in need of funds to continue their valuable work.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION at ST JOSEPH'S

(Please note that the words differ from those overleaf)



HYMNS

178	Forty Days and Forty Nights
302	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
395	Christ be our Light
245	Guide Me, O thou Great Redeemer

THE ANNUNCIATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thank you for offers to help. *We are nearly ready to launch!* If you are interested in getting involved (some more offers welcome!) Fr. Bill or Deacon Bogdan would love to hear from you as soon as a.s.a.p.

CAFOD – 'NO ONE BEYOND REACH'

- Our fundraising is now going to a new 3 year 'Hands On' project in Colombia. Have a look at our display boards at the back of the church, where you can learn more about where our money is going.
- *Pyramid Collecting Boxes* are available during Lent- Please take one and pop in any spare change, or proceeds from your 'Giving up for Lent'. Bring back to Mass at Easter.

REDUCING FOOD WASTE AND FUNDING CAFOD

If you occasionally buy too much food, perhaps you would consider bringing unwanted (but still OK to use) items to Church to leave on the table at the back. Others could take and use this in return for a small donation for our new CAFOD project. Please see the display on the notice board at the back of the Church.

CHOIR

Practice this Monday at 1.45pm.

HYMNS

41	Amazing Grace
52	As the Deer Pants
245	Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

AGNES HUTCHINSON

Sadly we inform you that Agnes Hutchinson – a long time parishioner - has died. May her good deeds go before her and may she rest in peace. Her Requiem is on Thursday 11th April at 12 Noon.

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