

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

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER 3 AND PROPER OF THE SEASON

THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK

There is a live daily Mass from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Clifton Cathedral. The Mass is 9.30am and can be viewed on the Diocesan website: <http://cliftondiocese.com>

## LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11	1Pt 1: 17-21	Luke 24: 13-35
Mon	Acts 6: 8-15		Psalm 118: 23-30	John 6: 22-29
Tues	Acts 7: 51- 8: 1		Psalm 30: 3-8, 17, 21	John 6: 30-35
Weds	1Jn 1: 5- 2:2		Psalm 102: 1-18	Matthew 11: 25-30
Thurs	Acts 8: 26-40		Psalm 65: 8-9, 16-17, 20	John 6: 44-51
Fri	Acts 9: 1-20		Psalm 116	John 6: 52-59
Sat	Acts 9: 31-42		Psalm 115: 12-17	John 6: 60-69

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

Vi. Burrage, Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie, Rosemary Sturup

## AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Gerturde Hewson, Joseph Brzonkalik, William Roper, Beatrice O'Hanlon, Ethel Powell, Kathleen Edgar, Sidney Sowls, James McDonnell

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Tony Thompson, Georgina Mazzone, Frances Little, Christopher Notley, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Tina Hathaway, Phil Goodwin, Chris Jay

## AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Annie Lloyd, Sr. Mary Margaret Carr, Sr. Mary Bernadette Sockett, Sr. Mary Francis, Bridget Norris, Millicent Holmes, Matthew Hanratty, Marion Gauci, Ronald Tanner, Derek Dalby, Margaret Simpson, Elsie Mills, William Bowring, George Booth, Theresa Newman

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Corsham: St Patrick

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

**Public Masses are still suspended until further notice.**

**Father Bill asks that we pray for those people who are suffering from the virus and for their families. There is now news of two confirmed cases in Stonehouse (not within the St Joseph's parish). As this virus is starting to get closer to home it is important to remain safe and look after each other. You are all in his prayers.**

### **IN GENERAL**

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The story of the resurrection is the greatest story of hope, the true story of forgiveness and freedom. Two disciples of Jesus are travelling to Emmaus bewildered and confused. Why did he have to die? Was he not the Messiah, as they had hoped? They are also frightened – will they be arrested for being a follower of Jesus?

Bewilderment, confusion, fear – these are natural emotions when we are faced with death, trauma and the unknown. It can be difficult to hold onto hope in the face of such adversity. In this time of COVID-19 many people are struggling but there is also hope too. It is a hope that comes from seeing people coming together in a spirit of generosity and concern for the needs of the vulnerable and needy. It is the hope of seeing the heroic actions of those tirelessly working around the clock in hospitals and care homes. It is the hope that comes from a place of prayer and faith that, in the words of St. Julian of Norwich, 'All things shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.'

#### **STROUD DISTRICT FOODBANK**

Stroud District Foodbank has sent us a message of thanks for all of your continued donations. During this time of lockdown, it is still possible to donate, as most supermarkets have a drop-off point by their entrance. They are currently in need of baked beans, small bags of sugar, pasta and sauce, tinned fruit, tinned pulses,

tinned custard, rice pudding, UHT milk, UHY fruit juice or cordial, instant mash and shampoo.

#### **VULNERABLE PARISHIONERS**

If you are or know of a vulnerable parishioner who needs support during this difficult time, by means of help with shopping, errand running, or just a friendly phonecall, then with their permission, can you email their name, phone number/address to either: [stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) or [Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com) and we will do our best to assist. If you would like to volunteer to help a vulnerable parishioner, please could you send your name and contact details to one of the above email addresses. Many thanks.

#### **PARISH FUNDRAISING**

We are currently looking at setting up a parish fund to help those who are struggling financially during this difficult time. Watch this space!