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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - PSALTER WEEK 4 AND PROPER OF 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, 36-41	Psalm 22: 1-6	1Pt 2: 20-25	Jn 10: 1-10
Mon	Acts 7: 55-60	Psalm 41: 2-3, 42		Matt 10:17-20
Tues	Acts 11: 19-26	Psalm 86: 1-7		John 10: 22-30
Wed	Acts 12: 24 – 13:5	Psalm 66: 2-8		John 12: 44-50
Thurs	Acts 13: 13-25	Psalm 88: 2-3, 21-27		John 13: 16-20
Fri	Acts 13: 26-33	Psalm 2: 6-11		John 14: 1-6
Sat	Acts 13: 44-52	Psalm 97: 1-4		John 14: 7-14

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

Samuel Mason, Brendan Boyd, Sylvia Powell, Brian Breslin, Margaret Tipping, Valerie Gamble

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Jo Heffernan, 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

Sidney Gilbert, Kathleen Quick, Adrian Chesteron, Stefan Sowa, Winifred Muir, George Ross, Nellie Little, Rosemary Gallini, Harold Underwood, Sr. Mary Catherine Giles, Stanley Emery, Mary Morgan, George Heslop, James McLean, Mavis Coupe, George Kelly, Raffaello Amati, Sr. Francis Agnes Mary Hoey, Christopher Riddiford, Maria Horn, Sr. Mary Josephine Howe, Elizabeth Hill, Leanor Rawlinson, Percy Sheldon, Winifred Brookes, Margaret Tipping, Frederick Chown

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Devizes with Lavington: Immaculate Conception

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Whilst everyone is still in lockdown, Father Bill asks you to keep each other in your prayers, as you are all in his.

IN GENERAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'The sheep follow him because they know his voice.'
When an ewe gives birth to her lamb farmers will not release the mother and baby onto the farm until they are sure that the lamb knows the voice of the mother and will run to her when she calls. It is essential to the life of the lambs that they know who their mother is. Today, is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday a day which the Church designates as a special day of prayer for vocations. In the past this was always about encouraging people to consider priesthood or religious life. Now, however, it is recognised that there are many vocations to which God can call us. We are encouraged to discern what this might be, to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to follow where he wishes to lead us. It may be a vocation within the Church but ultimately our own personal vocation is wherever we find ourselves at one with what God wants for us. Jesus has shown us the kind of Good Shepherd that he is – one who cares for the weak, the dispossessed, the sinner, the abandoned – and whatever the walk of life we choose we are called to be like him, little shepherds, reaching out to those who need our care and our tenderness.

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 or 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.

JOB VACANCY

A job vacancy has arisen for the position of Diocesan Financial Administrator for 24 hours a week, based at Alexander House in Bristol. For more information, please go to the Clifton Diocese website.

HOW ARE WE ALL DOING?

We are all friends as well as parishioners and I'm sure we are all wondering how we are all doing. The suggestion has been put forward that we create a weekly check-in so we can all keep in contact. The idea would be that on a weekly basis, you can email a paragraph or so on how you and your family are keeping, how you are occupying yourselves and any useful tips about events in the community etc. If you are in the Stonehouse parish, then email to stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com and if you are the Woodchester parish, then email to Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com; with the subject heading "OUR PARISH NEWS", by Weds each week. These emails would then be collated and emailed out alongside the weekly bulletin. Of course, this isn't compulsory and by submitting your email you would be agreeing to your name and the contents of your email being shared publicly, so please don't include any sensitive information.

PRAYER OF SAINT ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For weekly liturgical activities for our children, visit <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/> for downloadable worksheets, suitable for young and old alike!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

For a full list of the support services available, please visit <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/coronavirus/find-support-services-map> for all community groups, charities and other organisations who are in operation at this time.

ONLINE MASS

There are many on-line mass options currently in circulation, but this link gives you a comprehensible list (including sign language options), that you may wish to have a look at. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/live-catholic-mass-online/>

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or post in the church letterbox (by front gate) or leave a message on 01453 822121. Any financial matters for Stonehouse, please email admin.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com