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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - PSALTER WEEK 3 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>

If you would like this newsletter emailed to you each week, please send your email address to either stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com, depending on your parish

LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 1: 12-14	Psalm 26: 1-4, 7-8	1Pt 4: 13-16	John 17: 1-11
Mon	Acts 19: 1-8	Psalm 67: 2-7		John 16: 29-33
Tues	Acts 20: 17-27	Psalm 67: 10-11, 20-21		John 17: 1-11
Wed	1Thes 2: 2-8	Psalm 116		Luke 10: 1-9
Thurs	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11	Psalm 15: 1-11		John 17: 20-26
Fri	Acts 25: 13-21	Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20		John 21: 15-19
Sat	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	Psalm 10: 4-7		John 21: 20-25

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

Bernard Holden, Kathleen Murrell, Bernard O'Dowd, Doreen Smalley, Thomas Bermingham, Kate Dinning

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

Maria Gauci, Fr. Michael Jones-Frank, Michael Bienek, Gilbert Heffernan, Robert Shill, Catherine Kenna, Daisy Coles, Gertude Swoboda, Sr. Mary Pascal Broadway, Doris Allen, Sr. Francis Anthony O'Leary

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Dursley: St Dominic; Nympsfield: St Joseph

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

Today's Gospel is part of the priestly prayer of Jesus. Jesus speaks directly to his Father. He prays for those who belong to him. In other words, he is praying for us, asking God to protect us. It is the perfect model for our own prayer because Jesus is speaking from the depths of his heart. Prayer has been and continues to be central to the life of our communities. When we have not been able to gather physically, we have found innovative ways to come together virtually. What has mattered more than anything has been our desire to bring to God our heartfelt needs. In these difficult months we may not have been able to comprehend what is going on, but we have been able to pray. Even when that has been hard for us personally, others have been able to hold us in their prayer. The prayer of Jesus is not for himself. While we may pray that we will respond to whatever God asks of us, ultimately, we are encouraged to grow in our relationship with God by our prayer for others. The fruit of our prayer will be seen in our reaching out and our tender love for others.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

CAFOD has launched an urgent appeal to respond to the unprecedented global challenge of tackling the spread of coronavirus in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Aside from the many deaths that are likely due to infections, millions of people around the world who already struggle to feed their families will face extreme hunger as jobs are lost and markets shut down because of coronavirus. If you are able to donate, please go to www.cafod.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

How much do you know about our Pope? There is a lot more to him than meets the eye...see how many of the below facts take you by surprise!

- Pope Francis is 83. He was born on 17th December 1936.
- He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- He first became a priest in 1969, but did not become Pope until 2013.
- No other Pope in Catholic history has had the name Francis, and he is also the first Jesuit to be elected as Pope.

- The world knows him as Francis, but his real name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He chose the name Francis in honour of St. Francis of Assisi.
- While some may think he studied Theology, Pope Francis actually studied for a Master's degree in Chemistry and used to teach the subject in secondary schools.
- Before he had his calling, he worked as a bouncer in a bar!
- Pope Francis is fluent in Spanish, Italian, Latin, English, German, Ukrainian, French and Portuguese!
- Pope Francis is a big football fan – his favourite team is his home town team of San Lorenzo.
- In 2013, the same year he was elected as Pope, he was named as Time's 'Person of the Year'. He was chosen for this title due to the influence he had already had in such a short space of time.

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@clifftondiocese.com and if you are the Woodchester parish, then email to Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com; with the subject heading "OUR PARISH NEWS", by Weds midday 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.

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.

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.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@clifftondiocese.com