

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

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - PSALTER WEEK 2

**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>

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## LECTIONARY

Sun	Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9	Dn 3: 52-26	2Cor 13: 11-13	John 3: 16-18
Mon	1Kgs 17: 1-6	Psalm 120: 1-8		Matthew 5: 1-12
Tues	1Kgs 17: 7-16	Psalm 4: 2-5, 7-8		Matthew 5: 13-16
Wed	1Kgs 18: 20-39	Psalm 15: 1-5, 8, 11		Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs	Acts 11: 21-26, 13: 1-3	Psalm 97: 1-6		Matthew 5: 20-26
Fri	1Kgs 19: 9, 11-16	Psalm 26: 7-9, 13-14		Matthew 5: 27-32
Sat	1Kgs 19: 19-21	Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-10		Matthew 5: 33-37

### 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

Fr. William O'Callaghan, Edna Richardson, Mary Welch, Henry Curtis, Kathleen Mills, Maria Richardson, Dorothy Powers, Eileen Owens, James Whitehad, Mervyn Ind, Kenneth Kay

### 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, Dr. Roy Lamb

### AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

William Freeman, Mary White, Grace Bowering, Adelajda Podolska, Margaret Powell, Claris Thomas, Christopher Meikle, Edward O'Grady, Michael Osmanski, Maureen Gannon

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

That all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

From: St Catharine; Mells: St Dominic

## 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

Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity is a vivid portrayal of what it means to be in relationship. What is striking about the icon is this sense of unity, intimacy and mutual love. The dynamic of communion between the three flows from the icon as they gaze upon each other. No social distancing here! For weeks now, our communities have been unable to gather physically. Being in isolation has been a strange and unusual experience. For some it has been a welcome time of reflection and creativity. For others it has been a time of trying to balance work with home schooling and for others coping with not being able to see those they love. Whatever our personal circumstances there have been highs and there have been lows. Yet in the mix of all this there has also been a genuine appreciation of our growing in communion with one another, albeit virtually, and of growing relationships as we reach out to those we know and, in particular, those we have never even met before. We cannot truly be in communion with Christ if we are not in communion with one another. Today's feast of the greatest 'communion' of all time – the Holy Trinity – is an opportunity for us to reflect and perhaps give thanks for each other.

#### HOW WILL A POST-COVID WORLD LOOK?

Today, mid-pandemic, let us begin to imagine a post-COVID world. "What kind of world", Pope Francis asked us all, five years ago, "do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (Laudato Si', 160). This is how Pope Francis described the world – "everything is closely interrelated and today's problems call for a vision capable of taking into account every aspect of the global crisis" (Laudato Si', 137). Laudato Si's message is just as prophetic today as when Pope Francis signed it in May 2015. Clifton Diocese's friend Fr. Augusto – at the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development – has just announced a Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, from May 2020 to May 2021. We do hope – as do Fr. Augusto, the Dicastery and Pope Francis – that this Laudato Si' anniversary year, and the ensuing decade, will be a time of grace, a "Jubilee time for the Earth, and for humanity, and for all God's creatures." Pope Francis has composed a new prayer to start the celebration:

*Loving God,  
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.  
Open our minds and touch our hears,  
So that we can be part of Creation, your gift.  
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
Especially the poorest and most vulnerable  
Help us to show creative solidarity  
As we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.  
Make us courageous in embracing the changes required  
to seek the common good.*

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

*Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.*

*Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.*

*May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a fraternal and sustainable world.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord,  
Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
Amen.*

There is lots about Laudato Si on the Clifton website – <https://cliftondiocese.com/faith/pope>

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR CHILDREN

The Catholic Children's Society and the World Community for Christian Meditation are producing videos on Christian Meditation for primary aged children and secondary aged pupils on weekdays. In these difficult times of Covid 19, it is with a mind to look after the spiritual well-being of children and young people that we have produced these. To view the videos and see more information, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Cb5LrAIU7MPTRDMUBcvQ>.

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/>

Is a useful site as it has lots of tips for supporting someone, personal stories, explanations of different mental health categories, myth busting facts and material and resources for promoting 'time to talk day'.

#### 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](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) and if you are the Woodchester parish, then email to [Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.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.