

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

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - PSALTER WEEK 3

### 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](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) or [Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com), depending on your parish

## LECTIONARY

|       |                  |                         |                |                       |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sun   | Dt 8: 2-3, 14-16 | Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20 | 1Cor 10: 16-17 | John 6: 51-58         |
| Mon   | 1Kgs 21: 1-16    | Psalm 5: 2-3, 5-7       |                | Matthew 5: 38-42      |
| Tues  | 1Kgs 21: 17-29   | Psalm 50: 3-6, 11, 16   |                | Matthew 5: 43-48      |
| Wed   | 2Kgs 2: 1, 6-14  | Psalm 30: 20-24         |                | Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 |
| Thurs | Ecclus 48: 1-14  | Psalm 96: 1-7           |                | Matthew 6: 7-15       |
| Fri   | Dt 7: 6-11       | Psalm 102: 1-10         | 1Jn 4: 7-16    | Matthew 11: 25-30     |
| Sat   | 2Chr 24: 17-25   | Psalm 88: 4-5, 29-34    |                | Luke 2: 41-51         |

### 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, Joan Franklin

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

Mary Mickman, April Newman, Mary Watkins, John Arden, Susan Hayward, Anna Buhagiar, Carmelo Cini

### 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

Iza Saunders, Mary Shill, Sr. Francis Raphael Flynn, Jack Young, Beatrice Burge, Daniel Byrnes, Hugh Thomas, Leonard Golding, Michael Hickey, David Daws, Izak Daws

### 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

*Glastonbury: Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury; Shepton Mallet: St Michael*

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

**Responding to the latest government guidance on opening churches for private prayer, we are considering the possibility of opening both St Joseph's and The Annunciation for one hour on one day each week. Members of the pastoral team and the health and safety representatives have just met how best to decide this. Please look out for updates on our websites, facebook pages and if you are someone who receives the bulletin by email each week you will also be sent an email. If you do not have access to the internet then you would be welcome to call the presbytery on 01453 822121 where we will have recorded a message with the relevant details on.**

### **IN GENERAL**

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today we are invited to reflect on our understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species and what it means to our faith. This will not be difficult for us – we have been deprived for many weeks of receiving Christ in Holy Communion. It is possible that our appreciation of what we have currently lost has opened our eyes to how easy it is to take things for granted. Unlike many parts of the world where daily, or even weekly, opportunities to celebrate Mass are few and far between, we are fortunate to be able to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord on a regular basis. The Church gives us this feast so that we can reflect on the sacramental life of our faith. We know, more than ever, how important it is for us to be able to participate in the divine life of the Church and, although our reception of Holy Communion offers us a promise of eternal life, it also gives us the nourishment we need to follow and emulate the life of Jesus. In receiving the Body of Christ we are called to be the Body of Christ, to be bread for others and bread for the world, especially those who hunger and thirst not only for food but for justice.

#### **STROUD FOODBANK**

Along with other donators, we have received a big thank you from Stroud Foodbank, who have seen a massive response during lockdown. Their April figures are almost 200% higher than this time last year, showing how much generosity is present in our community, even during such a difficult time. Obviously, we have not been able to gather our contributions through church as we usually would, but the majority of our local supermarkets have a dedicated place for you to donate. Items they are still looking for are: tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes, crisps, snacks, toiletries. No baked beans!

#### **BISHOPS STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH U.S. TO CHALLENGE RACISM**

Bishop Declan Lang (Lead Bishop for International Affairs) and Bishop Paul McAleenan (Lead Bishop for Racial Justice) released the following statement this week:

“We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: “we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice. Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this. As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people’s experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God’s help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God’s image.”

#### **WOODCHESTER CAR PARK GATE**

The electronic gate to the carpark is being installed this week and should be completed by the weekend. We will be issuing instructions on how the gates will function, access and opening times and also how access to the graves can be made. Generally, the gates will be closed out of school and church times. We have also received permission to pave the area outside the west door, we are hoping this will be completed as soon as possible.

#### **RADIO BROADCAST OF MASS**

Sunday Worship will broadcast Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4. Great news if you do not have access to the internet!

#### **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’.

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