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SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - PSALTER WEEK 1

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 12: 1-11	Psalm 33: 2-9	2Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Mon	Am 2: 6-10, 13-16	Psalm 59: 3-5, 12-13		Matthew 8: 18-22
Tues	Amos 3: 1-18; 4: 11-12	Psalm 5: 5-8		Matthew 8: 23-27
Wed	Am 5: 14-15, 21-24	Psalm 49: 7-13, 16-17		Matthew 8: 28-34
Thurs	Am 7: 10-17	Psalm 18: 8-11		Matthew 9: 1-8
Fri	Eph 2: 19-22	Psalm 116		John 20: 24-29
Sat	Am 9: 11-15	Psalm 84: 9, 11-14		Matthew 9: 14-17

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

Brian Howe, Jan Borkowski, Francois Aquilina, Albert Ballard, Mary Coomber, Michalina Charlamow

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

George Lawson, Jessie Sheldon, Ethyl Sullivan, Muriel Crane, Helen Hargreaves, Francis Chandler, Lillian Mulvany

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

Matson: St Augustine of Canterbury; Tuffley, Gloucester: English Martyrs

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you will have no doubt heard, the government have advised that places of worship are now able to resume collective acts of worship from 4th July. This is welcome news! We are currently awaiting guidance from Bishop Declan as to how we manage our re-opening and once we are aware, we will then be able to communicate to all parishioners. We are still looking at recruiting stewards in both parishes, who will help with the responsibility of maintaining a high standard of health and safety whilst COVID-19 is still a threat. If this would interest you and you are under 70 and don't have any underlying health issues then please contact either

Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com or stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com depending on your parish. You would need to undertake safeguarding training and also COVID-19 training (options are available online) and be able to commit to a rota once the churches re-open for Mass.

IN GENERAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This weekend, had it not been for Covid-19, many of us would have been gathering at St. Brendan's in Bristol, for our annual diocesan day. It is always a joyful occasion when we celebrate who we are as a community of parishes far and wide. A striking aspect of the day is the diversity of people who come as individuals but with a common purpose. Saints Peter and Paul, whose feast we celebrate today, couldn't have been more different, but they were both called by Christ. Each had their own mission, but it was part of the same calling. We could say that they complimented each other in their different approaches to the one mission. There isn't one of us who has it all. In our own following of Jesus, we share what we have and allow others to do the same, even if it means that we must let go of our own preferences. Discipleship is an invitation to respond to what Jesus wants of us, not what we think is needed.

WOODCHESTER CAR PARK GATE

The gate will be open:

Monday – Friday: 7.30am till 10.00am and then 2.30pm till 4.00pm

Saturday – closed all day

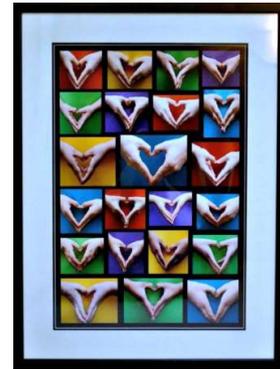
Sunday – closed all day (at the moment)

In any emergency, please contact either Deacon Bogdan on 07805093786 or Barry Hathaway on 07591489190.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL (WOODCHESTER) ART PROJECT

St Dominic's School would like to present an art project as a gift from the school to The Annunciation as they have been linked together for such a substantial period of time. They are looking for your input! If you would like to be involved, please take a photo of your hands making a heart shape on a plain background colour of your choice and email your picture to head@st-

dominics.gloucs.sch.uk by 6th July. All that are received will be put into a final art piece that will look something like this:



With an added prayer that says "Let us remember, that as many hands build a house, so many hearts build a school".

MORE PEOPLE TURNING TO PRAYER

New research has found that the Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a 50 per cent surge in online searches for prayer as people turn to faith to cope with feelings of angst and despair. In March 2020, the share of Google searches for prayer rose to the highest level ever recorded. Jeanet Sinding Bentzen, associate professor of economics at the University of Copenhagen, who led the research, found that across all faiths the rise was largest for Christians, particularly Catholics, and Muslims.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God who Speaks'. The Bishop's Conference have relaunched their website for the God who Speaks, which you can visit at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

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!

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