

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

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### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 3

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>	11.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>
Mon		No Mass		No Mass
Tue		No Mass		No Mass
Wed		No Mass		No Mass
Thurs		No Mass		No Mass
Fri		No Mass		No Mass
Sat		No Mass		No Mass

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Is 55: 10-11	Psalm 64: 10-14	Rom 8: 18-23	Matthew 13: 1-23
Mon	Is 1: 10-17	Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23		Matthew 10: 34- 11:1
Tues	Is: 7: 1-9	Psalm 47: 2-8		Matthew 11: 20-24
Wed	Is 10: 5-7, 13-16	Psalm 93: 5-10, 14-15		Matthew 11: 25-27
Thurs	Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19	Psalm 101: 13-21		Matthew 11: 28-30
Fri	Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Is 38: 10-12, 16		Matthew 12: 1-8
Sat	Mi 2: 1-5	Psalm 9B: 1-4, 7-8, 14		Matthew 12: 14-21

#### 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

Anna Bolton, Thomas Watson, Armando Cornacchia, Joseph Calenti, Carmelo Gaucci

#### 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

Robert Bienck, Margaret Waring, Dorothy Marshall, Doris Heffernan, Elfreda Smith, Ronald Ford, David Carr, Mary Hammond

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*Keynsham: St Dunstan; Whitchurch: St Bernadette*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

### OFFICIAL MESSAGE: SUNDAY MASSES TO RESUME ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY (except 5.00pm) OFFICIAL STATEMENT RE SUNDAY MASSES TO RESUME ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY (except 5.00pm)

Firstly, I am very grateful for the dedication shown by those who have cared to the church and for deep-cleaning it during the preceding lockdown. Now, at last, with the exception of the 5pm at Woodchester, we will be resuming Sunday Masses **from** 12th July (9.00am at St Joseph's & 11am at The Annunciation).

There will be restrictions in place to protect against the spread of the virus: You will be greeted by a Steward who will advise about hand-sanitization and ask for your contact info. They will also take your temperature with a non-touch thermometer. They will have with them a box, in which you can put any money for the weekly collection (as we cannot use our usual collection plate – counters will be advised to leave the count until the following week in order to comply with the need to forego handling the collection for 72 hours). You will then be ushered inside, the pews and aisles will have been marked off (one side for families and the other for individual parishioners).

Unfortunately numbers are limited on account of the restricted space (50 people at Woodchester and 20 at St Jo's.)

In addition, the form that the Mass takes will be simplified (short homily!). There is to be no Sign of Peace or Bidding Prayers nor is there any music. All readings will be done by myself and Deacon Bogdan. There won't be the Prayer of the Faithful. There won't be a children's liturgy, or offertory procession. Communion is to be on the hand only – please stay seated until a steward guides you to go up. You must not speak when receiving communion. No reusables, such as hymn books, will be available, and we ask you to take home any hand-outs (those left behind will be destroyed).

Deacon Bogdan and myself (both of us “vulnerable”) will not be permitted to “socialize” and will “appear and disappear!”

The use of the sacristy will be for the priest himself; he will prepare the necessary robes and vessels for Mass and cleanse them afterwards. Because of the simplicity that Mass will take, there will not be the need of Altar Servers. Further details will be explained as Mass proceeds.

Though this message is full of negatives, I hope you will recognize the Lord at the Breaking of Bread - He does not abandon his people.

Please could you let us know if you are thinking of attending by dropping us a message on 01453 822121 or emailing either

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I am extremely indebted to the people who have already been caring for the safety of the people who come to church, and I am very grateful for those who have offered generously to prepare and oversee this next stage.

*Fr Bill*

## IN GENERAL

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

One positive aspect of the last few months has been the attention that people have been able to give to their gardens. The planting and sowing of seeds have seen a resurgence as families have had an unusual amount of time to nurture growth and watch their efforts flourish. In today's Gospel we hear about a different kind of seed – the seed of God's Word. Just as some of the seeds we sow do not flourish, so it is with God's Word, unless we allow it to take root in us and bear fruit. If this is to happen, we need to be open to hearing the Word and enable it to enter our heart. During this year of 'The God who Speaks' we are encouraged to delve deeper into the Scriptures. The more we do this, the more we will allow the Word of God to dwell in us and be the seed that bears fruit in abundance. Our desire to respond to the Lord in and through the Scriptures will be seen in our words and actions that encourage others to want to know Jesus and live by his Word.

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER: A SERIES OF ONLINE TALKS

CYMfed are offering an online series of talks in the area of Youth Ministry over the next few months that may be of interest.

Weds, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11am: The God who speaks in a digital world by Fr Michel Remery

Weds, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11am: Removing Obstacles for Mission: Safeguarding, Governance and Risk Management by Malcolm Hart and James Camden

Weds, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm: A Field Hospital for Young People: Ministry Through a Pastoral Lens by Paul and Sarah Jarzembowski

Weds, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm: Synodality: a key for the evangelisation of young people by Sr Nathalie Becquart.

More info and links to the talks can be found at <https://cymfed.org.uk/journeying-together/>.