

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

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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 2

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: 1-3	Psalm 144: 8-9, 15-18	Rom 8: 35, 37-39	Matthew 14: 13-21
Mon	Jer 28: 1-17	Psalm 118: 29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102		Matthew 14: 22-36
Tues	Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22	Psalm 101: 16-21, 29, 22-23		Matthew 15: 1-2, 10-14
Wed	Jer 31: 1-7	Jer 31: 10-13		Matthew 15: 21-28
Thurs	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14	Psalm 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9		Matthew 17: 1-9
Fri	Na 2: 1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7	Dt 32: 35-36, 39, 41		Matthew 16: 24-28
Sat	Hb 1: 12- 2: 4	Psalm 9: 8-13		Matthew 17: 14-20

#### 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

Madeline Hapgood, Maria Hajdukewicz, Leonard Payne, Tamara Crabtree, Patrick Kane, Laurence McTighe

#### 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

Alfred Tandy, Martha Saunders, Leonard Payne, Gertrude Harper, Josephine Underwood, Jack Brienislaw,  
Hubert Morgan, Sr. Francis Gould

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*Somerton: St Dunstan; Langport: St Joseph; Yeovil, with South Petherton: Holy Ghost*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**CURRENTLY WE ARE ONLY HAVING SUNDAY MASS: 9AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH AND 11AM AT WOODCHESTER**

Please note that the following stipulations are still in place:

- Upon arrival at the Church, you will be greeted by a steward who will take your temperature with a non-touch thermometer and will advise you about hand sanitization and ask for your contact info. They will have a box for weekly collection money to be put into.
- Pews and aisles inside will be marked as to where you can go.
- Numbers are limited: 20 people at St Josephs and 50 at Woodchester.
- Mass will be simplified; there is no Sign of Peace, no bidding prayers, no Prayer of the Faithful, no children's liturgy, no offertory procession and no hymns.
- All readings will be done by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan.
- There will be no altar servers.
- Stay seated at communion until stewards usher you to go forward. Communion is to be taken on the hand only and do not speak with receiving it.
- No reusables, such as hymn books or missals will be available.
- Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan are not able to socialize, so will "appear and disappear"!
- The sacristy is for the use of Father Bill alone and he will use this space to cleanse vessels used in Mass.
- Children are welcome to attend Mass, but must be supervised and seated at all times.
- Facemasks must be worn at all times by all parishioners.

**Going forward, admittance to Mass is on a "first come, first serve" basis. There is no need to call or email ahead of time.**

Please note Sunday obligation is still removed at present. If you would like to volunteer to be a steward please contact the office by the emails stated above. We are also looking for volunteer cleaners at St Joseph's – again please contact the office if you are able to help out.

### IN GENERAL

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

During these long months of this COVID pandemic there has been a great deal of need in our parishes and our communities. There has been illness, fear and sadness. Even though our churches are now open, there are still restrictions on what we can and cannot do. It is still not safe for many people to go out, the virus has not gone away. Central to our readings this week is a clear and simple message – when we are in need God will provide. Jesus took pity on the people, he healed them, and he fed them. He saw their need and he responded with compassion and love. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion it is so that we are nourished with this same love, this same compassion, this same desire to reach out to the poor, the vulnerable and the needy. As we continue to struggle with the pandemic let us continue to reach out to those who need our care and attention, even if our churches are now open.

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### CAR PARK SECURITY

We were informed last week by one of our church neighbours that the carpark was being used in the evenings by a group of

young people who were racing around on motorbikes, climbing on top of the garage and generally making a lot of noise. Apparently, this has been a regular occurrence since lockdown began, and we have only just become aware of it! You can imagine what a shock this was to us, as there are not any visible signs of disruption, even the team who mow the grass haven't noticed anything amiss. We have been in touch with the police and luckily have CCTV footage so we are hoping the problem will be sorted soon. Whilst this is a very unusual incident it has brought to our attention again the need for security awareness. We have a large car park, which on occasion in the past has been taken advantage of by those who want to park without permission, or use the church car park for their own purpose. The finance committee have recently been discussing the erection of a barrier across the entrance, and although it was decided that the logistics of maintaining access for those who need to use the car park for church and hall business, was a little problematic, it has been decided, in light of the recent events to relook at the situation. What is proposed is some type of manually operated barrier which will open vertically. The metal pedestrian gate will also need to be looked at because that would allow access by motorbike. Deacon Bogdan is looking at an option and the finance committee will be meeting soon to discuss this. It's possible (but no decisions made yet) that the car park will be open during the day and then locked in the evening, those who use the hall will have a way of opening the barrier. During the holidays the barrier may be closed during the day as well as we allow the Shrubberies to use our car park during term time. No definite plans on how this will all work in practice but we will keep you informed.

#### STEWARDS AT MASS

Hello, well we have had two Sunday masses now and Mike Hall and I have been the stewards looking after you when you arrive. It's very strange to be greeting you all in the porch with us wearing masks, visors and gloves. Thank you for being attentive to the directions we give and following the rules we have to adhere to, we are learning as we go along. Our first two masses had attendances of 14 the first week and 18 this week and we have one family group (of three) this week. With the socially distanced seating, this week left us with 6 empty spaces. At the moment the best solution seems to be to allocate seating on a "first come, first served basis". When we reach seating capacity we will have to turn you away unfortunately. Perhaps its not ideal but it seems to be what some other churches are doing. We are looking at whether the hall can be used as an overflow, when we get to the point that the church is full, with audio / visual. Watch this space. We have 20 spaces available, that's either 20 single persons or if we had more families then potentially we could have up to 50 people in church. As we know that this situation will go on until the end of the year at least, please stay vigilant and don't drop your standards so that we all stay well. Your stewards at the moment are: Andrew Gibbons, Mike Hall and Tim and Maggie Williams. We hope to do this on a rota basis. We really need some more volunteers to share the responsibility or to cover times when one of us perhaps cannot make it, would you like to volunteer? If so, please let the office know on: [stonehouse.stjoseph@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@parish.cliftondiocese.com). Mike and I will see you again on Sunday and by then hopefully I will have worked out how to stop my glasses steaming up!

- Andrew

*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: [woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:woodchester.theannunciation@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). Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email [HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com)*