

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

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### NINETEENTH 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	1Kgs 19: 9, 11-13	Psalm 84: 9-14	Rom 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 22-23
Mon	2Cor 9: 6-10	Psalm 111: 1-2, 5-9		John 12: 24-26
Tues	Ez 2: 8- 3: 4	Psalm 118: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131		Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed	Ex 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22	Psalm 112: 1-6		Matthew 18: 15-20
Thurs	Ex 12: 1-12	Psalm 77: 56-62		Matthew 18: 21- 19: 1
Fri	Ex 16: 1-15, 60, 63	Is 12: 2-6		Matthew 19: 3-12
Sat	Ex 18: 1-10, 13, 30-32	Psalm 50: 12-15, 18-19		Matthew 19: 13-15

#### 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

Paraskevi Aquilina, Maisie Humphries, Sr. Marie Therese OSC, Sylvia Sicuro, Sarah Sowls, Jim Burns, Angela  
O'Dowd, Frances Vivien, Wendy Dangerfield, Bishop Mervyn Alexander

#### 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

Abra Ethel Hope, Sr. Marie Therese OSC, Horace Cross, Thomas Benton, Henry Whittall, Sr. M Peter Kavanagh,  
Sr. M Gerard Lane

#### 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

*Stonehouse: St Joseph; Woodchester: The Annunciation*

## 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

We are living in turbulent times, such that it can feel as if a storm is truly raging around us. The pandemic has thrown many of us into turmoil and at times it has been very frightening. It has not always been easy to stay calm, to trust that the storm will pass. In such times it is important that we get away to a quiet place where we can set aside our fears and worries and allow ourselves to rest in the consoling presence of God. The disciples were seasoned fishermen, so their apparent lack of preparedness is surprising but once the storm was raging it was out of their control. Covid-19 is something that we have not been able to control. It has revealed our fragility and vulnerability as human beings. Here we are, all in the

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same boat, tossed and thrown about. In our Gospel, Jesus does eventually rebuke the storm and the calm waters return. When he asks the disciples, 'Where is your faith?' he is asking us the same question. If we have faith, we know that God will not abandon us, that above the seemingly never-ending dark clouds, the sky is blue. This storm will pass. Let us continue to put our faith in God and learn from Him what he is trying to teach us.

### LGBT MASS

Our Diocese's LGBT Mass' have restarted at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church in Easton, Bristol. The next one will be on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. All are welcome.

### THE YOUNG VINCENTIANS TEAM (ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY)

The Young Vincentians Team have lots of exciting news to share with us! They are launching a 'virtual' summer camp – for more info go to:

<http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-online.html>

They have also launched a new Instagram account, which you can follow on SVP YoungVincentians, where there is lots of updates and activities for the young people in our parish. They have also launched a competition: one of their gardens at their support centre in Bradford badly needs renovating. They are asking for young people to design a "calm zone" for the garden and the winning design will be used! For more info go to their website: <http://www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude/about>

### BISHOP CLARIFIES THE CATHOLIC POSITION ON VACCINATION

The Catholic Bishops responsible for Healthcare and Life issues have released a paper providing clarity and assurances on the moral issues surrounding vaccination and to encourage Catholics to commit to protecting the most vulnerable in society. Bishop Paul Mason, Lead Bishop for Healthcare, and Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, stress the Catholic Church's support for vaccination to protect the most vulnerable of our society – especially those affected by immunodeficiency, pregnant women and their unborn children. As research and trials continue in the global search for an effective vaccination to prevent COVID-19, the paper also addresses the development of future vaccines and expresses the hope that the ethical sourcing of a vaccine for COVID-19 is possible. You can read the full report at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-clarify-the-catholic-position-on-vaccination/>

## ST JOSEPH'S

### STEWARDS AT MASS

We are still in need of more volunteers to come forward as stewards! If you are over the age of 18, have no previous health problems and aren't sharing a bubble with anyone who is shielding and are able to commit to a rota, please contact the office at [stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com)