

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

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### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 1

| 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 22: 19-23         | Psalm 137: 1-3, 6, 8    | Rom 11: 33-36 | Matthew 16: 13-20 |
| Mon   | Apoc 21: 9-14        | Psalm 144: 10-13, 17-18 |               | John 1: 45-51     |
| Tues  | 2Thes 2: 1-3, 14-17  | Psalm 95: 10-13         |               | Matthew 23: 23-26 |
| Wed   | 2Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18 | Psalm 127: 1-5          |               | Matthew 23: 27-32 |
| Thurs | 1Cor 1: 1-9          | Psalm 144: 2-7          |               | Matthew 24: 42-51 |
| Fri   | 1Cor 1: 17-25        | Psalm 32: 1-5, 10-11    |               | Matthew 25: 1-13  |
| Sat   | 1Cor 1: 26-31        | Psalm 32: 12-13, 81-21  |               | Mark 6: 17-29     |

#### 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

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

May Rumsey, Ellen Meadows, Kitty O'Grady

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Frances Little, 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, Christopher Notley, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton,  
Tina Hathaway, Phil Goodwin, Chris Jay

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

Roy Lamb, Christopher Browne, Sarah Watts, Doris Yells, Edwin Rodway, Felicity Blackett, Anne Richmond,  
John Scott-Pitcher, Florence Young, John Farrar

#### 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

*Swindon: Holy Family*

## 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

Jesus asks Peter a very pertinent question, 'Who do you say I am?' I wonder what we would say to Jesus if he asked us the same question? It is a good one for us to ponder. Who do we say Jesus is? Who is Jesus for me? The spiritual life invites us to come to know the person of Jesus and grow in our relationship with him. How do we grow in that relationship? The pandemic has forced us out of the Church but not out of our relationship with God. If anything, it has offered us an invitation into a deep

encounter with the Lord and a renewal of friendship. Locked up, as we have been, the pace of life has shifted, the rushing from here to there has had to stop. It is as if God is asking us to pause, to live more 'intentionally', to appreciate the small seemingly insignificant things. Being attentive to the love of Jesus is facilitated, not because we hide away, but because we encounter the Lord in and through one another. Whether we are living alone or we have a houseful, the Lord is inviting us to unite together in prayer for the world, for health, for safety, for the opportunity to gather once more in gratitude for those special people who have worked tirelessly and at great cost to keep us safe. Who do we say Jesus is? He is our light in the darkness we are, hopefully, beginning to emerge from.

## 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@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com)

### CAR PARK SECURITY UPDATE

Following Andrew's report two weeks ago, the finance committee met on Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Aug to discuss whether we should have a barrier installed across our car park entrance to deter out-of-hours use of our facility (following the use of our car park since March as a social venue by a group of young people on motorbikes). Two options were to be looked at: a manually operated drop-down barrier and an electrically-operated drop-down barrier (at Woodchester it is electrically operated) Deacon Bogdan had obtained a quote for the manually operated type from a fabrication company called TE King, based in Woodchester. A drop-down barrier was thought to be cheaper and quicker to install, but both our H&S representative and TE King recommended that a set of double gates would be a better option from a Health and Safety point of view. TE King quoted £2034+VAT but were unable to offer installation. It was requested by the committee that a second quote be obtained from De-Havilland Fabrication in Stonehouse, as they had done the repairs to our metal gate: this has been obtained and is priced at £1950+VAT to include installation. The electric barrier option was discussed but this cost Woodchester £8000 and it was felt that we couldn't justify spending that amount of money at this time. It was decided that the manually operated double gate option be approved and the order has been placed with Dehavilland Fabrication. Projected installation is about 3-4 weeks. From a practical point of view the barrier will be opened from about 6am every morning and will be locked sometime during the evening. When we get back to being able to use the hall again, the time the gates are locked will take into account the groups who use the hall.

*Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to [stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com) or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: [woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.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@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com). Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email [HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com)*