

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 3

| ST JOSEPH'S | | | THE ANNUNCIATION | |
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| Sun | 9.00am | Mass: <i>People of parish</i> | 11.00am | Mass: <i>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

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| Sun | Ez 33: 7-9 | Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9 | Rom 13: 8-10 | Matthew 18: 15-20 |
| Mon | 1Cor 5: 1-8 | Psalm 5: 5-7, 12 | | Luke 6: 6-11 |
| Tues | Mi 5: 1-4 | Psalm 12: 6-7 | | Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23 |
| Wed | 1Cor 7: 25-31 | Psalm 44: 11-17 | | Luke 6: 20-26 |
| Thurs | 1Cor 8: 1-7; 11-13 | Psalm 138: 1-3, 13-14, 23-24 | | Luke 6: 27-38 |
| Fri | 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-27 | Psalm 83: 3-6, 12 | | Luke 6: 39-42 |
| Sat | 1Cor 10: 14-22 | Psalm 115: 12-13, 17-18 | | Luke 6: 43-49 |

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

Bruno Turnover, Maria Farrugia, Clara Poole, Yvonne Mills, Stanislaw Szawrowska, Angeline Bensilum,
Mary Griffin, Ruzena Hyksova

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

Yvonne Mills, Eric Thomson, Laurence Tarn, Sr. M. Magdalene Coady, James Fair, Mary Hankins, Mary Scanlon

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Swindon: St Mary

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CURRENTLY WE ARE ONLY HAVING SUNDAY MASS: 9AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH AND 11AM AT WOODCHESTER. ADMITTANCE TO MASS IS ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE" BASIS. THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL OR EMAIL AHEAD OF TIME. SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS STILL REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When we are hurt or angry, we can use silence both as a shield and a weapon. Afraid to say the wrong thing, afraid of causing more hurt, we can sit and fester. But silence is the enemy of peace. Jesus reminds us of the need to seek reconciliation. It is often difficult to take that first step, to be the one to start the conversation especially if we are the wronged one; but in a spirit of generosity and willingness to listen to the other, the process of healing can begin. If, on the other hand we continue to meet with hostility, we are encouraged to seek the help of others to try and bring about peace. Without this peace and reconciliation, the situation will remain bound. In other words we have to do everything we can to resolve the problem. Perhaps in our own life we have a situation which is causing pain either for ourselves or another. Do we need to take that step? Let us ask God for the courage and the willingness to reach out and begin the process.

STARTING SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the Gloucester Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNER?

The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@clifftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

STROUD FOODBANK

Although we are not doing a collection this year for Harvest in our parishes due to the coronavirus, we would instead ask you to consider donating what you would have brought to Church to the foodbank via your local supermarket collection. Currently they are needing biscuits, tinned potatoes, jars of cooking sauce, rice pudding, tinned custard, steamed puddings, sweet treats, savoury snacks, UHT fruit juice and pet food.

SEASON OF CREATION 2020

"Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope". From 1st September to 4th October each year, the Christian Community celebrates the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. It begins on 1st September, the World day of Prayer for Creation. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We see that our well-being is interwoven with its well-being. The theme of this year's Season of Creation is

Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. We are invited to consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. The far-reaching effects of the global pandemic, COVID-19 has shown us of the need for just and sustainable systems. This resource, along with many other available online, is to support our desire to engage with this Season of Creation. It offers Scripture, Prayers, the opportunity for individual and group reflection (albeit via Teams or Zoom) and some actions which we may consider as part of our commitment to working for the protection of our world. For more info go to: <https://clifftondiocese.com/season-of-creation-2020/>

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION

Next week's collection will be for the Holy Places of Palestine.

PAPER COPIES OF THE BULLETIN

There will be a small amount of bulletins available from Mass each week if you do not get the bulletin electronically. Please take your copy away with you.

ST JOSEPH'S

SUNDAY MASS STEWARDS

We need one or two more stewards to help keep us all safe whilst we are at Church on a Sunday. At the moment we only have three: Mike, Tim and Andrew, with two of us being on duty each week. We regularly have between 15 and 18 parishioners each week now, which leaves us about 6 spare seating areas in Church. These are on the "families" side, so there is potential to accommodate roughly 12-18 more people if they come as families of two or three. Laurie, our Health and Safety expert is currently investigating what our seating capacity could rise to if we reduced the social distancing in Church from the current 2 metres down to 1 ½ metres. She is also looking at how the hall could be used to accommodate any overflow, when we use up all the available seating in Church. But to be able to use the hall we will need more stewards to look after that part of that church. Can anyone currently help us on a Sunday morning? Please come and see Mike, Tim or Andrew in the porch if you can help. Thank you.

USE OF CHURCH HALL – STILL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The church hall remains closed at present. The Diocese have given permission for it to be used on a Sunday to increase our seating capacity, and as I reported recently, Laurie is looking into the practicalities of doing this. The hall remains closed for all other uses until the end of September at the earliest. The Diocese will then look at the latest Government advise and make a decision on whether halls can be opened up again to external groups. Re-opening will also depend on us having suitable provision in place for sanitising the premises after each group. It is likely that teas and coffees after mass will not restart for some time to come as social distancing rules in the kitchen and hall will severely limit numbers.

- Andrew

THE ANNUNCIATION

CLEANER NEEDED

If you are available to help with cleaning every 4th week in the month please could you call Angela on 01453 832911.

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