

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

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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - PSALTER WEEK 4 – 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

**THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK**

There is a live daily Mass from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Clifton Cathedral. The Mass is 9.30am and can be viewed on the Diocesan website:  
<http://clifftondiocese.com>

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Wis 6: 12-16	Psalm 62: 2-8	1Thes 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
Mon	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12	Psalm 45: 2-9		John 2: 13-22
Tues	Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14	Psalm 36: 3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29		Luke 17: 7-10
Wed	Ti 3: 1-7	Psalm 22		Luke 17: 11-19
Thurs	Phlm 7-20	Psalm 145: 7-10		Luke 17: 20-25
Fri	2Jn 4-9	Psalm 118: 1-2, 10-11, 17-18		Luke 17: 26-37
Sat	3Jn 5-8	Psalm 111: 1-6		Luke 18: 1-8

### 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

Giovanna Caccia, Cynthia Duke, John Payne, Christopher Johnson, Michael Woods, Patrick Burke, Helen Bidmead

### 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, Chris Jay, Penny Gear

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

Albert Pegler, Joan Howe, Frances Heskins, Ruby Smith, Georgina Segala, Margaret Dunne, Agnes Pugh, Ethel de la Mare, Lionel Kentish, Elizabeth Whittall, Christine Booker, Teofil Bianek, Albert Smith, Nellie Bidmead, Dorothy Workman

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*All Religious Communities in the diocese*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**Both Churches are currently closed for Mass and also for private prayer. Obligation to attend remains removed. National shared prayer is taking place daily at 6pm. We are currently expecting to open again for Sunday Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at both Churches, if the government advises it is safe to do so.**

## IN GENERAL

### OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT

It'll probably be the same again: flour and toilet paper nowhere to be found, last-minute searches for them everywhere. Some people will be "stocking-up," "battening-down the hatches," to weather the storm. I doubt that lamp-oil would be so hard to find, though it might have been different if this had happened a few centuries ago. Where can we find the 'lamp-oil' for our souls, to feed the beacon of Wisdom (the Holy Spirit), "bright and does not grow dim", that finds its way into our hearts to illuminate from within? She is there in the sacraments that we miss now, and she is there in our prayer and inclusion in Prayer for those we feel that their lamps are beginning to flicker.

Let's keep praying, "comfort one another," "have hope."

- Fr Bill

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Stay Awake' – for those who suffer from any form of sleeping disorder these words are cold comfort. Being awake all night or indeed the fear of not being able to sleep can torment and cause great anxiety. Of course, Jesus is not expecting us to literally refrain from sleeping. What he is referring to is the lack of alertness we can have to what might be happening around us, the way we drift from one thing to another, and worse, the way we can drift into negative behaviour, or simply into apathy and disregard for the things that matter. It is easy to drift. It can happen almost unconsciously, without us being aware of what is happening. This is what happens to people who find themselves addicted to drink, drugs, gambling – one day the one or two pints of beer that they had enjoyed to relax become several pints, followed by several whiskies and before they know it the evening drink has extended into a thirst which can only be satiated by one first thing in the morning. Life becomes a painful escape from reality and truth. Jesus does not want this for us. Instead he wants us to live life to the full, to experience everything in all its glory for we never know when the opportunity to do so will come to an end. When it does, we will want to be fully conscious that we have lived our lives in readiness for meeting God.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Currently it is planned that four Christmas Masses will take place this year:

*Christmas Eve*  
4pm – Woodchester  
7pm – Stonehouse  
*Christmas Day*  
9am – Stonehouse  
11am Woodchester

So we can have a rough ideas of numbers expected, please could you email either [stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.org](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.org) or [Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com) or call the office on 01453 822121 depending on which Church you plan to attend. We will obviously have to adhere to the government guidance at the time.

### PRAYING OUR GOODBYES

The month of November is the traditional monte in the Catholic Church for praying for those who have died. We remember each and every one and in particular this year, we remember those who have died as a consequence of COVID-19. Clifton Diocese have created a virtual 'prayer wall' on their website ([www.clifftondiocese.com](http://www.clifftondiocese.com)) wish anyone can add their prayer to. In this way, we can all join in one prayer, not only for those who have died, but also for those who mourn their loss.

### STROUD FOODBANK

Stroud Foodbank partner with over 27 agencies and charities and 14 schools in order to reach over 1000 people. This Christmas is no different to any other time of the year. To help the poorer families in our communities celebrate Christmas, they are putting together Christmas hampers, which they need our donations for. They are looking for sweets, chocolates, luxury crisps, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, hot chocolate, nuts, savoury crackers, gravy granules, dried stuffing, tinned ham and Christmas preserves. They request for these to be donated before 4<sup>th</sup> December as hampers are packed and delivered by 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

Additional representation is being sought for Churches Together in both Stonehouse and Woodchester. If you are interested, please could you contact Bogdan in the first instance.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

### CAFOD

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CAFOD Fast Day appeal either by on-line donation or by returning your envelopes at church. £238 was raised in total and will be sent off and put to good use.

*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)*