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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 29TH 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	Is 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8	Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-19	1Cor 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 33-37
Mon	Rom 10: 9-18	Psalm 18: 2-5		Matthew 4: 18-22
Tues	Is 11: 1-10	Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17		Luke 10: 21-24
Wed	Is 25: 6-10	Psalm 22		Matthew 15: 29-37
Thurs	Is 26: 1-6	Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27		Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Fri	Is 29: 17-24	Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14		Matthew 9: 27-31
Sat	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26	Psalm 146: 1-6		Matthew 9: 35- 10: 1, 6-8

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

Charles Mills, Jean Sleet, Henry Bolt, Teresa Nolan, Celia McGinty, Michael Byrne, Percy McMullen, Santo Farrugia, John Rooker, Peggy Baker, Frederick Smalley, Eileen Hickey, Joseph Macauley

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, Lisa Parker

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Veronica Berkeley, Rose Moore, Bridget Morgan, Ethel Witts, Elenora Wilkins, Valerie Swinson, Margaret Sloan, Mary Gilbert, Gail Lautieri, John McNulty, Edwin Hope, Robert Reid, Anthony John, Barbara Larysc, Margaret Daniel, Margaret O'Grady

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

All Chaplaincies to HM forces 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 will be opening again for Sunday Mass on Sunday 6th December at both Churches.

IN GENERAL

HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY

The leaves, so beautiful only a short time ago have fallen, and strangely, I wonder where they have all gone. "We have all withered away like leaves, and our sins blew us away like the wind." writes, Isaiah in the first reading. "We must turn our thoughts to the reason for his coming, and so understand that he came to free us from all sin," writes St. John Landsberg, and St. Aelred: "We should consider how much good our Lord did us by his first coming, and how much he will do for us by his second." All the leaves have gone, but look, already new buds are forming! The old has gone, something new is soon to appear. "How can we thank Him unless we understand this kindness of his?" (St. John Landsberg).

- Father Bill

GOSPEL REFLECTION

2020 has been like no other year that we can probably remember or imagine. When we started Advent in December 2019, we had absolutely no idea that the new liturgical year would play out as it has done. We could not have anticipated or expected the experience we have had and currently still have. Government recommendations during the pandemic to 'Stay alert' find echoes in our Gospel today. 'Stay awake, be on your guard' is how Mark puts it. But this is not about watching out for the dangers of a virus. Rather we are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, not just Christmas, but at any time. This second coming of Christ and the final judgement is what we need to hold in mind throughout our Christian lives. As a faithful community, we are, waiting in hopeful anticipation for Christ to come once more. It is not a passive waiting but is mindful and open to the reality that Christ comes to us in the poor, in the exiled, in the refugee and asylum seeker, in the homeless and the most vulnerable in our society. As we enter the season of a new liturgical year, let's pray for the strength to be hopeful and joyful in the weeks and months ahead.

STROUD FOODBANK – THE BIG GIVE CAMPAIGN & STROUD FILM FESTIVAL

The Big Give Campaign & Stroud Film Festival Proudly Present a Christmas Screening and Fundraising Launch! Taking place on Tuesday 1st December, this is an online Event. Pay as you feel - all donations go to Stroud District Foodbank. Enjoy the first Christmas film of the season and join us for this brand new movie: '**A Christmas Gift From Bob**'. Based on the international best-selling books and the 'purrfect' Christmas sequel to the international hit film 'A Street Cat Named Bob'. In 'A Christmas Gift From Bob', James looks back at the last Christmas he and Bob spent scraping a living on the streets and how Bob helped him through tough times and teaching the true meaning of Christmas spirit along the way. The screening is pay as you feel. Thanks to the

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generosity of film distributors Lionsgate and Your Screen, everything you donate will go directly to Stroud Foodbank and the Big Give Campaign. Book now <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/WOA> More information available here: www.stroudfilmfestival.org

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.

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.com or 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.

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD CARDS

Please note there are Christmas cards at the back of Church for you to purchase!

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, NYMPFIELD

Governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nympsfield have agreed to a request from the Diocese to add the Parish of the Annunciation to the designated parishes we serve, to ensure that Catholic children within your parish do not have a lesser chance of being allocated a place at a Catholic school in the future. With current COVID restrictions we are not be able to offer an 'Open Day' this year, but we are pleased to invite you to visit our school through a virtual tour which is available on our website: http://www.st-josephsnympsfield.com/website/our_virtual_open_day/51944 4. Telephone enquiries are also welcome: 01453 860311

ROAD CLOSURE

Please be aware that in order to repair the boundary wall adjacent to the lane it has been necessary to the close the lane leading to the church from the main road. Access to the church and graveyard can be made from the top of St Mary's Hill via either Convent lane or Cow lane. The works we are hoping will be complete before Christmas.

ST JOSEPH'S

MISSIO RED BOXES

Many thanks to everyone who returned your Red Boxes before the latest lockdown. All the donations have been banked and your Red Boxes are ready for you to collect them from the Porch. For anyone who still has a Red Box to return before the end of the year, please can you bring it into the Porch asap so that it can be collected. Many thanks.

- Brendan