

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - PROPER OF SOLEMNITY - 27 TH DECEMBER 2020				
ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Intention: People of parish	11.00am	Intention: People of parish
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	Eccl 3: 2-6, 12-14	Psalm 104: 1-9	Col 3: 12-21	Luke 2: 22-40
Mon	1Jn 1: 5- 2: 2	Psalm 123: 2-8		Matthew 2: 13-18
Tues	Col 1: 24-29	Psalm 95: 1-6		Luke 22: 24-30
Wed	1Jn 2: 12-17	Psalm 95: 7-10		Luke 2: 36-40
Thurs	1Jn 2: 18-21	Psalm 95: 1-2, 11-13		John 1: 1-18
Fri	Nm 6: 22-27	Psalm 66	Gal 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 16-21
Sat	1Jn 2: 22-28	Psalm 97		John 1: 19-28

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

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

Vi Burrage, William Lipp, Arthur Stevens, Dorothy Bell, Molly Best, Carmen Abela, Michael Griffin, Michael O'Dowd, Santana Long, Raymond Sparkes, Arthur Richardson, Joshua Guy, Jane Perkins, Amelia Ginter, Audrey Sellick, Lilian McTighe, Karel Slintak, Catherine Devlin, Christina Sweet

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, Chris Jay, Penny Gear, Lisa Parker

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Dorothy Donkin, Sr. Francis Brazier-Creagh, Gerald Shepherd, Margaret Swoboda, Margaret Talbot, Sr. Mary Clare Harte, Isabella Knee, Winifred Burroughs, Iva Tandy, Sr. Helena Brett, William Hargreaves, Margaret Turner, Tom Breech

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bath: St Peter & St Paul

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: WE ARE ONLY HAVING SUNDAY MASSES AT BOTH CHURCHES CURRENTLY (9AM AT ST JOSEPH AND 11AM AT THE ANNUNCIATION). SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As we come to the end of 2020, we know that it is a year that most of us will never forget. It has been a year like no other. Family life has been turned upside down in so many ways. For some families the time together has been a rich and rewarding experience. For others, especially those without outside space or space for working at home, it has been exceptionally challenging. For some families, it has meant not being able to see one another for weeks and months at a time. It has brought joys and sorrows for many, especially for those families where elderly relatives in care homes have been inaccessible or family members in hospital unable to have visitors. Whether it has been a positive or a painful experience for us, we are not alone. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experience similar trials in their family life. In their joy, the parents of Jesus as a baby, bring him to the Temple as the Law required. What they did not expect to hear was the painful prophecy of Simeon. In life there are always times of joy and sorrow. Trusting that the Lord is there, present within it all can challenge us but as we enter into 2021, let us take that trust and believe that whatever life may throw at us we are in the loving embrace of the Lord who will never abandon us.

NHS TEST AND TRACE - HOW YOU WILL BE CONTACTED

By using the test and trace, if there it is known that person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been in the Church, then you will be contacted by email, text or phone. Text messages will come from the NHS. Calls will come from 0300 0135000. If you have been in contact with a person who has COVID-19, then please stay at home for 14 days. If you're told you've been in contact with a person who has COVID-19 - it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

- Do not leave your home for any reason - or if you need food or medicine, order it online or phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at home.
- Do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family - except for essential care.
- Try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
- People you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms.
- If you live with someone at higher risk from COVID-19, try to arrange them to stay with friends or family for 14 days.

If you get symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) use the NHS 111 online COVID-19 service to find out what to do and get a test - call 111 if you cannot get help online. Anyone you live with must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your

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result. If you test negative, keep self-isolating for 14 days from when you were last in contact with the person who has COVID-19 - as you could get symptoms after being tested. Anyone you live with can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms. If you test positive, you must self-isolate for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started - even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days. Anyone you live with must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started. Log your test result on the track and trace app. If you do not get symptoms of COVID-19, you can stop self-isolating after 14 days. You do not need to have a test. Thank you all for your co-operation and helping to keep each other safe during these difficult times.

- Laurie Brazington

THERE CAN BE NO PEACE WITHOUT A CULTURE OF CARE

In his message for the Catholic Church's World Day of Peace, Pope Francis appeals to the international community to foster a 'culture of care' by advancing on the "path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations." "There can be no peace without a culture of care," the Pope stresses in his message for the 54th World Day of Peace marked on 1 January 2021.

CLIFTON DIOCESE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE - ROLE SPECIFICATION

Clifton Diocese is looking for members for its Investment Committee, a sub-committee of the Trustee Board. The Diocese has outsourced the active investment of funds to an external investment management firm. The Committee meets bi-annually in Bristol in May and November, to review the portfolios with a representative of the investment firm who attends the meeting. Given that the portfolios are managed externally, the Committee's role is principally one of oversight and governance. As such the Committee's main responsibilities are to ensure that the Diocese's investment objectives and ethical standards are adhered to, and that the correct processes are in place to monitor, evaluate and review the performance of the investment manager. While some investment or investment-related business experience would be beneficial, those with current legal, accounting or financial experience would also be appropriate. Committee members do not need to be practicing Roman Catholics but should be sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Church. For further information, or to submit a CV, please contact: Mgr. Canon Bernard Massey, Vicar General, on: 01823 272700 or bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

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ONLINE CAROL SERVICE FROM ST CYR'S CHURCH

St Cyr's in Stonehouse will be having a online carol service from their Church on Mon, 21st Dec at 7.30pm via <https://www.facebook.com/events/3498296703557314>. It will be possible to view the service on their facebook page after if you are not able to make this date. The service will be led by the Reverend Dave Bishop, who along with readers, will take you through the Christmas story.