

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 4 - 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

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://cliftondiocese.com>

LECTIONARY

Sun	Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46	Psalm 31: 1-2, 5, 11	1Cor 10: 31- 11:1	Mark 1: 40-45
Mon	Gn 4: 1-15, 25	Psalm 49: 1, 8, 16-17, 20-21		Mark 8: 11-13
Tues	Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10	Psalm 28: 1-4, 9-10		Mark 8: 14-21
Wed	Jl 2: 12-18	Psalm 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17	2Cor 5: 20- 6: 2	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs	Dt 30: 15-20	Psalm 1: 1-4, 6		Luke 9: 22-25
Fri	Is 58: 1-9	Psalm 50: 3-6, 18-19		Matthew 9: 14-15
Sat	Is 58: 9-14	Psalm 85: 1-6		Luke 5: 27-32

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

Madeleine Hellyer, Honorine Isaac, John McKeever, John Digby, Martin Fisher, Debbie Roberts, Alfred Sowls

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Alice Kingston, Stanley Brown, Edward Shelley, Hope Wilberforce, Irene Holbrow, Josephine Bogdanska, Charmaine Morris, Hugh Hope, Michael Stafford, Anthony Rawlinson, Ferdinand Valentine, Elizabeth Newman, May May, James Keogh, Martha Reid, Rosalie Trotman

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bishopston, Bristol: St Bonaventure

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: WE ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR MASS AT BOTH PARISHES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

(Attributed to Pope Leo XIII. d:1903)

To your, O blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother o God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humble beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

(to be continued)

- Father Bill

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

Clifton Diocese have announced that there will be no Diocesan and Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. The Pilgrimage, which was scheduled for 21-27 August 2021 has been cancelled in light of the on-going effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they will be announcing a schedule for special virtual events throughout 2021 and the virtual Pilgrimage programme very soon. They understand how disappointing this decision will be for many of their past pilgrims and those hoping to travel to Lourdes this year. Over the last number of years, they have offered an 'online presence' and 'Virtual Pilgrimage' experience whilst in Lourdes, where everyone is able to follow the Pilgrimage daily and experience the Homilies and reflections with those in Lourdes, at home. This year they are busy planning some special moments for 2021 that will enable us to still celebrate the miracle of Lourdes. They look forward to welcoming you all to our 'virtual Pilgrimage' once again and to our events programme throughout the year.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTIONS

The Pope Video is a global initiative developed by the Pope World Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) to assist in the dissemination of monthly intentions of the Holy Father related to the challenges facing humanity. This month's prayer intention is as follows:

Pope Francis – February 2021

Today, there continue to be women who suffer violence. Psychological violence, verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence.

It's shocking how many women are beaten, insulted, and raped.

The various forms of ill-treatment that many women suffer are acts of cowardice and a degradation of all humanity. Of men and of all humanity.

The testimonies of the victims who dare to break their silence are a cry for help that we cannot ignore.

We must not look the other away.

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

Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all.

STROUD FOODBANK

The foodbank re-opened on 4th January after a very busy pre-Christmas period. Due to financial support and food donations, they were able to deliver their hampers through 44 agencies and 17 schools to over 1540 people. Additionally, they were able to give 420 children Christmas gifts via Kids Stuff, over 500 books and craft packs via Nailsworth Rotary and Homestart and nearly 1200 Long Table Christmas meals. Currently stocks are very healthy in the foodbank, but they are asking for us to start collecting over Lent to replenish their stocks after Easter.

RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING

If you are experiencing relationship distress, 'Marriage Care' are a professional relationship counselling service can help make a real difference. They operate on a donation only basis and you can seek their help at whatever stage you are at. For more information go to <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk>

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD

On Saturday February 20th at 2pm, a few of us from the Woodchester Priory CAFOD Group will be taking part in the 'Big Walk for Water'. We will walk about 5 miles whatever the weather in order to raise funds for CAFOD's aims of bringing water to remote areas in Ethiopia. Angela has set up a Justgiving page which gives all the information. If you feel you can donate, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/woodchester-priory-cafod-group> or contact her on 832911. Thank you.

- Angela Middleditch

LENT FAST DAY

Lent Fast Day will be on Friday 26th February and if we are still unable to meet in church, you can go to the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> where you can donate on-line. Both these events will be also be on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woodchesterpriory>

- Angela Middleditch

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UPDATE ON PRESBYTERY GARAGE DOOR

You will remember that we put a note in the bulletin in early December saying that the presbytery garage door needed replacing after nearly 40 years of service. It nearly fell on Father Bill's car. Well, the new made to measure door was fitted this week and as soon as I am able I will let you see a picture.