

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - PSALTER WEEK 2 - 28TH 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	Gn 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Psalm 115: 10, 15-19	Rom 8: 31-34	Mark 9: 2-10
Mon	Phil 3: 8-14	Psalm 78: 8, 9, 11, 13		Matthew 5: 13-16
Tues	Isa 1: 10, 16-20	Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23		Matthew 23: 1-12
Wed	Jer 18: 18-20	Psalm 30: 5-6, 14-16		Matthew 20: 17-28
Thurs	Jer 17: 5-10	Psalm 1: 1-6		Luke 16: 19-31
Fri	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Psalm 104: 16-21		Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20	Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12		Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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

Martin Murray, Joseph Ryan, Harry Nash, Brian Smythe, Susan Clapham, Anthony Haywood, Mary Bonnici, Lorna Weston

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

Mary Sheen, Martin Fisher, Winifred Latham, Sr. Mary Bonaventure Chadwick, Sr. Mary Michael, Margaret Hearney, Amelia Dixon, Christopher Hulbert, Gerald Chandler, Bridget Sloan, Moya Sculthorpe

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bristol: St Mary-on-the-Quay with St James Priory

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: WE ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR MASS AT BOTH PARISHES UNTIL SUNDAY 14TH MARCH. SUNDAY OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

————— **IN GENERAL** —————

RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASSES AT THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST JOSEPHS

Thanks to the support of our Stewards, who have received their vaccinations, as from Sunday 14th March (Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothers' Day) we will re-start the regular 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's and 11.00am Mass at the Annunciation (but not the 5.00pm). It will be necessary, still, to comply with the limiting capacity of the church and to satisfy the requirements to clean after the Mass. We are also advised that we are not allowed to meet and 'socialize' outside the Mass. I hope this will help towards the lead-up to Easter (it being the turn of the Annunciation to hold the Easter Vigil this year).

- Father Bill

COUNTDOWN TO COP26 FOR CARE OF CREATION

Second week of Lent

Many, many people are warning of the fragility of the planet under human pressure and the need for change. We might consider this story in that context.

The parable of the Mustard Seed; Mark 4.30

The mustard seed produces a huge bush that shelters the birds. Life also emerges from tiny beginnings and the whole web of life supports all life, from insects and microbes to animals, fish, birds and people. What if the tree is shaken, so that branches are broken off, leaves ripped from the branches? This is not in the parable but is what is happening to our world. It no longer provides reliable seasons in many places, and indeed many people are suffering from repeated 'natural disasters' now, attributable to human activity by scientists. How sad this is.

SAINT ROSES'S SCHOOL

Saint Rose's School in Stroud is seeking to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. Saint Rose's is unique within our diocese for the help it gives children and young people with complex physical and other needs to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. Quentin House, named after Sister Quentin, the former long-serving, dedicated and inspirational headteacher, will help Saint Rose's continue its mission. For more information about this project and how to donate or fundraise please visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/> or contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk).

————— **THE ANNUNCIATION** —————

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, St George's will be hosting this ecumenical event via Zoom on Friday, 5th March at 11.00am. If you would like to participate, then please join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89218858205?pwd=NWUwcW5U>

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Meeting ID: 892 1885 8205, Passcode: 409975

If you would like to make any donations, then please send cheques, made payable to WDP, to WDP, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RR; or donate online at www.wwdp.org.uk, or text "2021WDP 5" to 70085 to donate £5.

LENT FAST DAY

Lent Fast Day was on Friday 26th February and you can still go to the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> where you can donate on-line. Alternatively you can find this event on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woodchesterpriory>

- Angela Middleditch

CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER

Thank you to all who walked and donated to help raise £436 (so far!) for this very worthy cause.

- Angela Middleditch

————— **ST JOSEPH'S** —————

CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER

CAFOD are suggesting that we might want to 'Walk for Water' during Lent, turning a daily walk into something positive. Could we walk 10000 steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of our solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. My wife Helene is taking part in this Challenge and walking 10 000 steps every day during Lent. She would welcome anyone who is willing to sponsor her at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/helenemcd-in-stonehouse>.

- Richard McDermott

PSALMS UPDATE

Thank you so much for your continued partnership with PSALMS. This update is to share some of the latest news that has emerged from conversations PSALMS have been involved with for the last three years. We are passionate about our continued mission to grow and support ministry reaching the 95% of children and young people who don't connect with existing forms of Church. In partnership with you we are excited to see this vision continue to take shape and grow in the local community. As part of this we are excited to tell you that PSALMS is merging to become part of a new organisation that will be formed called OneLife. This will create a greater scope for building upon the fantastic work that is already going on as well as providing capacity for new ministry. It's a privilege for PSALMS to fully live out one of the key values we've had from 16 years of history of 'giving away ministry'. We are in the process of working through transition issues but in the next few months we will make the switch to become OneLife. It's important to reiterate that our core values and DNA will very much remain and the way in which we operate will be largely consistent with current practice. We will keep you updated with the changes during this transition but in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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