

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - PSALTER WEEK 1 – 7TH 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	Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7	Psalms 146: 1-6	1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23	Mark 1: 29-35
Mon	Gn 1: 1-19	Psalms 103: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35		Mark 6: 53-56
Tues	Gn 1: 20-2: 4		Psalms 8: 4-9	Mark 7: 1-13
Wed	Gn 2: 4-9, 15-17		Psalms 103: 1-2, 27-30	Mark 7: 14-23
Thurs	Gn 2: 18-25		Psalms 127: 1-5	Mark 7: 24-30
Fri	Gn 3: 1-8		Psalms 31: 1-2, 5-7	Mark 7: 31-37
Sat	Gn 3: 9-24		Psalms 89: 2-6, 12-13	Mark 8: 1-10

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

John McCabe, Eva Summers

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

Lisa Parker, Veronica O'Connor, Robert Wilberforce, James Noonan, Marcella Saunders, Josephine Cross, Florence Dixon, Elsie Mullen, Florence Hasler, Sr. Mary Michael Hoddell, Yvonne Richmons, Jan Tolwinski, Annie Hodgkinson, Mother Mary Wright, Stella Holmes

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol

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

O happy man, St Joseph, to you it was given to see and hear the God whom many kings longed to see, but did not see and longed to hear but did not hear. You were even privileged to bear God in your hands and kiss him, to dress him and watch over him.
Pray for us, St Joseph, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

THOUGHT FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

To see and hear the God whom many kings longed to see
The feast of the Presentation of the Lord (this Tuesday) takes us into the temple where Simeon and Anna recognise, in the child brought there by Mary and Joseph, the long-awaited Messiah who would usher 'the fall and rise of many in Israel.' (Luke 2: 22ff)
We read directly how Simeon was attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and indirectly we discover the same of Anna. What wonderful examples of holiness and perseverance!

We can imagine ourselves in their place in the temple at the time, wondering at what was being said and filled with the joy of witnessing the breaking-through, into the very time and place where we stand, the person of the Son of God. We too can quite easily find ourselves swept up by the same Spirit that caused Anna to praise God.
What would we make of Simeon's prophesy as it fell upon Mary's ears and heart? How would we respond to it?

- Father Bill

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year's Racial Justice Sunday (31st January), is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

BISHOP DECLAN TALKS ABOUT THE HOLY LAND - PODCAST

Bishops from across Europe, North America and South Africa met remotely this week to reflect on and discuss the realities of life for the Christians and peoples of the Holy Land. Bishop Declan, Moderator of the Holy Land Coordination, said: "We thank all those in the Holy Land who shared their life stories with us and we stand in solidarity with them and all those who join them in the struggle for peace and justice for". They heard time and again, particularly when discussing the current realities in

Gaza, how Church-run organisations like hospitals, schools and charities, are punching well above their weight serving the wider community beyond the church walls. In Gaza, for example, the Catholic organisation Caritas facilitates 61% of all healthcare home visits in this Palestinian territory of 2m people. There are only 1,077 Christians in that number – of which 132 are Latin Catholics. Bishop Declan spoke with James Abbott from the Bishop's Conference about the online co-ordination meeting this week. "It's the model of the church as servant, as a servant to people in need," says Bishop Declan. "This love of neighbour is a very practical form of Christianity. Perhaps that's what we need in the Church in Western Europe – to become a 'servant church' – a church that is there to serve the wider community and its needs." Bishop Declan Lang also talks about the prospect of peace in the region and where, despite the bleak outlook, we can find hope for the future.

WELCOME THE STRANGER – CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA – 8TH FEBRUARY 2021, 5-6.30PM

All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom and you can register by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

BIBLE HUB

What do you do when life seems unfair? How do you feel when your results are not what you were hoping for? Do you believe in the promises God makes to you in the bible? The Bible Hub is created to enable young people to look up to *God as their father, Jesus as their friend and Holy Spirit as their guide* by exploring the bible scriptures. The Chosen youth team will upload new scriptures every month which will be based on themes and issues that the youth face. However, we're open to receiving any form of artworks around these bible scriptures or your favourite Bible verses – the ones that speak to you in the good times and the bad; the ones that have helped you through tough times. <https://www.hrymchosenyouth.co.uk/bible-hub>

THE ANNUNCIATION

RIP LISA PARKER

Lisa passed away peacefully at home on Monday, 25th January. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, 4th February at 11am at The Annunciation and immediate family will go to Westerleigh Crematorium afterwards. Friends and family from Essex are unable to travel due to lockdown so friends from Church would be most welcome. Ray, Sarah and Claire ask that you remember them in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

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