

# ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - PROPER OF SEASON – 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>	11.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>
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	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Psalm 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Col 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11		Matthew 28: 8-15
Tues	Acts 2: 36-41	Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22		John 20: 11-18
Wed	Acts 3: 1-10	Psalm 104: 1-9		Luke 24: 13-35
Thurs	Acts 3: 11-26	Psalm 8: 2, 5-9		Luke 24: 35-48
Fri	Acts 4: 1-12	Psalm 117: 1-4, 22-27		John 21: 1-14
Sat	Acts 4: 13-21	Psalm 117: 1, 14-21		Mark 16: 9-15

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie, Janet Strong

#### AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Mary Camilleri, Lawrence Montagu, Timothy Coughlan, John Marsden, Ingrid Kronberg, Josie Byrne,  
Antonietta Gauchi, Patrick Byrne

#### 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

Sr. Mary Gabriel King, Patricia Freebury, Nellie Powell, Doreen Chapman, Marguerite Grant, Peter Rigby,  
Christopher Little

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes  
and even in democracies under crisis.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*Lawrence Weston: Our Lady of the Rosary; Shirehampton, Bristol: St Bernard*

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: WE ARE CURRENTLY OPEN FOR MASS AT 9AM AT STONEHOUSE AND 11AM AT WOODCHESTER. OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.**

## ———— IN GENERAL ————

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

On the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty and the stone rolled away and they proclaimed: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said....". (Mt. 28:6). Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his perfect obedience to God's will. St Paul writes: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:8-11).

### **FR. TOM DUBOIS OFFERS US FOUR REFLECTIONS ON THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

As part of the Catechists on-line formation programme currently running, Fr. Tom Dubois offers us four reflections on the Easter Triduum. They were filmed before he went on his sabbatical to France and before the pandemic prevented us from being in our churches last year. We hope you will enjoy his prayerful appreciation of these most holy of days and we pray for him as he continues his time of prayer and retreat.

Recommended Reading: Rosemary O'Toole's 'The Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery' Discern Books Denis McBride 'Stations of the Cross – then and Now' - Redemptorist Publications. Scripture: John 13: 1-17, Luke 24: 13-33. For Reflection: Have there been any moments that have been particularly powerful for you in your celebration of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, either in your personal prayer or celebrating in the church? Have these changed you at all? Jesus' dialogue with Peter completely changes Peter's perspective as he begins to understand his call to serve others. He begins to see his life and relationships in the light that Jesus is calling him to. Have your conversations with Jesus in prayer changed you in your perspective or relationships with others? 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. What is your experience of that forgiveness in your heart and relationships? How do you continue to celebrate the Easter season beyond

Easter day? Is there anything that has been particularly fruitful in this, or anything you'd like to try?

### **AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY**

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family", which will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The Year has now begun! Take a look at the dedicated website by following the link below:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

### **CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES**

The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees and to chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have a strong understanding of safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. The individual should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership in order to support the full activities of the main Board. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **BISHOP DECLAN: DON'T FORGET HOLY LAND AND MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS OVER EASTER**

Ahead of Holy Week, Bishop Declan Lang, chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, has issued a reminder that the Christians living in the lands of Christ should be held in prayer. Starved of pilgrim visitors to the Holy sites, and facing the daily realities of conflict and occupation, the Christians, as Pope Francis puts it, are suffering "the economic inequalities and regional tensions that threaten the stability of these lands." Bishop Declan is asking Christians to reaffirm their commitment to justice and peace in Middle East.

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### **PSALMS: INTRODUCING MORE THAN PILATES – A PILATES CLASS COMBINED WITH A BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday 20th, 27th April and 4th, 11th May from 9:15-10:30am on Zoom. Open to all ages and abilities with no cost. Take some time for your body, mind and spirit and get to know some new people! To book your place and to access the zoom link please email Emily: [emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net](mailto:emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net). If there is demand and in line with government restrictions easing, there is potential for this class to move in person after these 4 weeks.

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