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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - PSALTER WEEK 3 - 7TH MARCH 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>

LEC-TIONARY

Sun	Ex 20: 1-17	Psalm 18: 8-11	1Cor 1: 22-25	John 2: 13-25
Mon	2Kgs 5: 1-15	Psalm 41: 2-3; 43: 3-4		Luke 4: 24-30
Tues	Dn 3: 25, 34-43	Psalm 24: 4-9		Matthew 18: 21-35
Wed	Dt 4: 1, 5-9	Psalm 147: 12-20		Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs	Jer 7: 23-28	Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9		Luke 11: 14-23
Fri	Hos 14: 2-10	Psalm 80: 8-11, 14, 17		Mark 12: 28-34
Sat	Hos 5: 15- 6: 6	Psalm 50: 3-4, 18-21		Luke 18:9-14

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, Janet Strong

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Theresa Beales, Mary Bonnici, Lorna Weston, Maria Carcone, Gertrude Drew, Rita Everard, Mary Walsh

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

John Cadden, Nora Chown, Esther De Guingand, Beatrice Shorey, Kathleen Thompson, Elisabeth Dennis, Tadeusz Sowa, Marjory Hawtrey-Hicks, Albert Tandy, Samuel Ryan, Phillis Cheesmond, Victor Roditi, Michael Ricketts, Bessie Kelly, Joshua Workman

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

Downend: St Augustine of Canterbury; Kingswood: Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette; Chipping Sodbury: St Lawrence; Yate, Bristol: St Paul's

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

IN GENERAL

EASTER HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Last year as you know we were unable to celebrate any of the Holy Week Liturgies but we are now able to have the opportunity in 2021 to do so. A number of our stewards have now received their Covid-19 vaccinations at both parishes (as well as Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan) and so some work has taken place to see how we can accommodate the Holy Week Liturgies this year. I would like to let you know a few details so that you can make an informed choice about whether to attend the Holy Week Triduum. Our guidelines have been: The Diocesan requirements for minimising the Covid-19 risks during public worship, the Liturgical requirements as detailed in the Roman Missal, and ensuring that any changes to the Liturgy work in practice. There will be no Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers and no singing.

Palm Sunday – Approx 50 mins Stonehouse and Woodchester

No outside procession, no blessing of palms, Mass will start in church, a shortened Passion reading by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan.

Maundy Thursday – Approx 50 mins Woodchester
No washing of Feet, no procession for the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Sacristy. No Watching until Midnight.

Good Friday – Approx 45 mins Woodchester
A shortened Passion reading by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan
The Cross will be uncovered from the Sanctuary, the Cross will be held aloft for people to venerate from their seats – no kissing the wood.

Easter Vigil – Approx 1 hour Woodchester
No Easter Fire, no tapers for the congregation, Mass will start in church. Candle will be blessed at back of church, followed by procession to Sanctuary by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan. “Christ our Light” and its response “Thanks be to God” to be said not sung. A shortened Exultet to be said not sung. The seven readings will be reduced to the bare minimum number to be read by Deacon Bogdan. Blessing of water will take place in the Sanctuary. Water may be sprinkled from the Sanctuary steps only, no walking around church. Normal mass after this point.

Easter Sunday – Approx 40 mins Stonehouse and Woodchester

A normal mass with:
Blessing of water will take place in the Sanctuary. Water may be sprinkled from the Sanctuary steps only, no walking around church.

Stewards will be on duty with the required temperature checks, hand gel, social distancing, and church doors still need to be open for ventilation so warm coats are strongly advised. To gauge interest we once again ask that if you feel you would be attending, then please could you ring the presbytery on 01453 822121 and leave a message indicating which mass and how many will be attending (no more than 6 persons in a social or family group). You may also email in to either: Stonehouse –

stonehouse.stjosephs@cliftondiocese.com or Woodchester - woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com

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

I must remind you that this won't be a booking system so it will be first come – first served seating wise. The clocks will have changed at the end of March so the evenings should be lighter and hopefully warmer too.

COUNTDOWN TO COP26 FOR CARE OF CREATION

Third week of Lent

We have many reactions to news of the climate crisis. The Pope urges us that we can make change. The parable of the sower: What do we feel about climate catastrophe? Do we feel grief? Disbelief? Helplessness? This parable can help us understand different responses. Some seed fell on the path, we kind of hear and forget because it is all too difficult to take in and think someone else will sort it, or technology will solve it. Some fell on the rock, we hear with grief what is happening, but then our personal concerns take priority, and we find it difficult to focus on change. Some fell among thistles, we see the problem as so enormous, nothing we can do will make any difference, so our good intentions are swamped in helplessness and despair. Some fell on good soil and we decide to change. In time we discover a better, happier, healthier life.

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=NVUwcW5Uk2ZqTnU3dU9DMEFyOXIGdz09>

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.

ST JOSEPH'S

REQUIEM FOR TERESA BEALES

We are saddened to learn that Teresa died on Friday 26th Feb. We offer her family and friends our heartfelt condolences. Her Requiem takes place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 24th March at 2.45pm followed by committal at Westerleigh Crematorium at 4.15pm. After a long life of nursing service and latterly of commitment to our church and local community, may she be richly rewarded and come to rest in peace in the arms of her risen Lord Jesus.

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>.